

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXTENDED SCHOOL PROGRAM
PARENT HANDBOOK
2022/2023**

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MISSION

Children will have a safe, stable and stimulating environment where the quality of experiences and guidance by trained staff will enhance their present and future well-being.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Enrollment is open to any child enrolled in TK through sixth grade in the school where the Extended School Program (ESP) is located. General principles of group care include a group size of 12 - 14 children and a 1-14 adult-child ratio. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to ensure that the needs of children are met.

ADMISSION PROCERURES

All registration must be done online or at the Parent Portal for current families and requires a \$60.00 registration fee. The person who signs the contract is responsible for all payments in full. Re-enrollment of a child who has withdrawn from the program during the school year will require payment of a new registration fee and only is space is available.

Parents must read and abide by the Parent Handbook policies. Questions or concerns need to be discussed with staff.

ATTENDANCE and ABSENCE PROCEDURES - After School

The ESP site must be notified each day that your child will be absent (see site phone numbers on the cover of the Parent Handbook). Accurate attendance records are maintained. A \$10.00 finder's fee will be charged if your child does not arrive at ESP on scheduled days within 10 minutes of dismissal time. You must leave a message at the ESP site BEFORE SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIME if your child is absent. If you are unable to reach the ESP site, you may inform the ESP Office. If your child is a no-show three times during the year, enrollment will be terminated.

If your child did not attend school due to illness, he will not be admitted to childcare. If your child is sent home from school because of illness or behavior problems, he will not be admitted to ESP.

Children will be allowed to attend ESP only at the contracted days and hours. Per state regulations, a designated adult must sign the child in and out daily, via electronic sign in/out.

Full-time enrollment is five days per week.

Children arriving before 7:30 may bring a nutritious breakfast or snack to be eaten upon arrival, i.e. boxed juice or individual cartons of milk, and food that has already been prepared. There is no microwave available. Your child must be able to eat and clean up after himself.

CHANGE IN ENROLLMENT

The Childcare Programs Office must be notified in writing or via e-mail (to Cindy Sullivan at sullivanc@fvsd.us for Courreges, Cox, Gisler and Plavan or Janice Valone at valonej@fvsd.us for Newland, Oka & Tamura) by the 15th of the month to make a change or to drop your child from the program for the upcoming month. All changes must be effective on the first of the month. We will not make changes or drops mid-month. Changes must stay in place for one month before another change may be made. **NO EXCEPTIONS !!** Changes to your child's schedule that are communicated by phone to the ESP sites, or at the ESP sites will not be honored.

REMEMBER: For the 2022/2023 school year, absolutely no changes may be made to your September schedule. You will not be able to make a change until October 1, with notification to the Childcare Programs Office by September 15. Please see Page 10 for additional Enrollment Policies.

CHILD ABUSE

The State of California requires that all employees of public schools report to the proper authorities any and all cases of suspected child abuse and neglect. The ESP staff is committed to reporting suspected abuse of any child enrolled in ESP.

COMMUNICATION

Tuition Notes

Tuition notes will be included on your tuition statement. These notes contain important program information and dates. The bulletin board close to the sign-in area will also announce special activities and information, as well as a calendar of activities and snacks.

Telephone

Phone messages may be left at each ESP site (see cover of Parent Handbook for phone numbers). We are happy to give messages to your child if your plans or plans for your child have changed. Children may not use the ESP phone to arrange play dates or to make other arrangements.

DISRUPTIONS BY ABUSIVE OR HOSTILE PERSONS

Education Code 44811 indicates that any parent, guardian, or other person who disrupts class work or extracurricular activities, or causes substantial disorder at the work site is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$100.00 or 10 days in jail, or both. California Penal Code 415.5 addresses disturbances of the peace of schools and carries with first conviction a fine not to exceed \$400.00 or 90 days in jail or both. Inform the school office or the ESP Office immediately if you have any contact with abusive, hostile, and threatening persons at the work site.

EDUCATION CODE 44811: Disruption of class work or extracurricular activities; punishment; exemptions.

Any parent, guardian, or other person whose conduct in a place where a school employee is required to be in the course of his or her duties materially disrupts class work or extracurricular activities or involves substantial disorder is guilty of a misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00), by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than 10 days, or both. This section does not apply to any otherwise lawful employee concerted activity, including, but not limited to, picketing and the distribution of handbills.

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE 415.5: Disturbance of peace of school, community or state college or state university; punishment.

- (a) Any person who (1) unlawfully fights within any building or upon the grounds of any school, community college, state college, or state university or challenges another person within any such building or upon such grounds to fight, or (2) maliciously and willfully disturbs another person within any such building or upon such grounds by loud and unreasonable

noise, or (3) uses offensive words within any such building or upon such grounds which are inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as follows:

Upon first conviction by a fine not exceeding four hundred dollars (\$400.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

If the defendant has been previously convicted once of a violation of this section or of any offense defined in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 626) of Title 15 of Part 1, by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than 10 days or more than six months, or by both imprisonment and a fine of not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000.00) and he shall not be released on probation, parole, or any other basis until he has serve not less than 10 days.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is based on the developmental needs, interests and abilities of the various age groups. Children choose from a variety of activities that are offered daily in an informal classroom setting. Indoor and outdoor experiences are provided with time for active play, as well as time to relax, read, do homework and participate in quiet activities. Reasonable accommodations are made to meet the developmental needs of children.

DISCIPLINE

Students and parents abide by our Discipline Policies (**See Page 11**) which outlines expected behavior of students attending the program. Behavioral expectations are consistent with district policies. Children are expected to respect the staff and follow their directions. Rules provide for the safety of persons and property.

Unacceptable behavior will be handled firmly by staff. Discipline procedures are assertive, rather than aggressive, and are designed to be fair, consistent and preserve the child's self-respect.

Positive reinforcement, warnings and assertive discipline that may include removal from a group situation or denial of a privilege, may be used. Positive conflict management strategies are taught to help the children deal with problems.

Staff will ask for a parent conference if disruptive or unacceptable behavior persists so we can plan and work together to change the behavior. If a child poses a direct threat to the safety of himself, another child or an adult, or if the child refuses to cooperate and follow directions from staff, parents will be contacted to pick up the child immediately. In addition, the child may be dismissed from the Extended School Program and will not be able to re-enroll.

Please note, if your child damages or destroys any property, i.e. materials, electronics, etc., you will be asked to replace the item.

DISCOUNTS

There is a 10% discount for the second sibling from the same family enrolled in the program and a 20% discount for additional siblings. The discount will be applied to the lowest fee.

DISMISSAL FROM ESP

Parents will be given notice in writing or by a phone call from the Childcare Program Director if a child is going to be dismissed from the program. Children will be dismissed for the following reasons:

Behavior, after intervention, continues to endanger the safety or security of the child or others in the Program.

Fees are not paid.

Policies outlined in this handbook are not followed.

DROPPING ESP

An e-mailed drop notice (to Cindy Sullivan at sullivanc@fvsd.us for Courreges, Cox, Gisler and Plavan or to Janice Valone at valonej@fvsd.us for Newland, Oka and Tamura) must be received by the 15th of the month. No mid-month drops or changes will be made. Withdrawal is considered a termination. In order to re-enter the program, space must be available and a new registration fee and current tuition fees must be paid. A child may not be re-enrolled until outstanding tuition and fees are paid.

ELECTRONICS

Cell Phone usage is prohibited during ESP time. Electronic equipment, (i.e., i-pods, game boys, electronic readers, i-touch, etc.) is allowed at the discretion of the Lead Instructors. Please note, while the children are using the electronics, they may not access the internet (except during virtual learning). Please also note the Extended School Program is not responsible for the lost, damaged or stolen electronic equipment.

EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, such as an earthquake or flood, the following procedures will be in effect: During the school day all children will follow the school site disaster plan.

Before or after the regular school day, all children will be kept at the ESP room until the parent or another authorized person indicated on the Emergency Card picks them up. A person authorized by the parent to pick up a child will be requested to present identification before the child is released to them. The name of the individual and time of pick up will be recorded.

Should it be necessary to evacuate children from a school, the evacuation site will be posted on the ESP door and every effort will be made to contact parents and guardians.

Staff members will remain with the children until they are released to a parent or authorized person.

Each school is equipped with sufficient supplies to accommodate children in the event of an emergency.

All phone numbers for parents and authorized adults must be kept up-to-date by going onto your parent portal and making the necessary changes.

FEES

All fees, including registration fees, are non-refundable and non-transferable. This program is self-supporting. Fees are based on the operating costs of the program. Families who meet income eligibility may receive subsidized childcare through the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP).

Returned Checks

A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for a returned check or a returned transaction through our Parent Portal. **ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS for the duration of your children's stay in our program MUST BE MADE IN CASH OR BY MONEY ORDER AFTER A CHECK HAS BEEN RETURNED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS or after an incomplete or returned Parent Portal transaction. Cash payments for returned checks and returned portal transactions must be brought to the ESP Office.**

Tuition

Monthly tuition is calculated as follows:

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| Full Tuition | Months with 17 or more school days |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ Tuition | Months with 13 – 16 school days |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Tuition | Months with 12 or fewer school days. |

Checks or money orders are to be made payable to FVSD-ESP.

The child's last name and school must be written on the bottom left hand corner of the check. No cash is accepted at the school site. Cash in the exact amount must be brought to the ESP Office between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Tuition is due the first of each month at the site, whether or not you receive a tuition statement. You can see your tuition total due on the Parent Portal. After the first, you must bring the tuition with a \$10.00 late fee to the Childcare Programs Office at 9625 Warner Avenue. You will be responsible for payment for the days that your child does not attend ESP after the exclusion date.

Late tuition will not be accepted at the site and must be paid at the ESP Office. Please note, tuition not received by the 15th of the month will result in termination of the child from the program. In order to return to ESP you will be responsible for the unpaid balance due, as well as a \$60.00 registration fee.

TUITION CREDIT

No credit is given for days missed due to illness or vacation. See *Illness*, if your child will be out of school for more than two weeks. In the event of an unforeseen family emergency, please contact the ESP Office to discuss tuition and continued participation.

The parent or guardian who registers their student on the Parent Portal is responsible for payment. If two parents are responsible for payment, the parent who has registered the student will be responsible to coordinate with the other parent. ESP will not be responsible for collecting payments from anyone other than the person who has registered the student on the Portal.

HOURS

During the 2022/2023 school year the ESP hours will be 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

ILLNESS

Do not bring your child to the program if he/she has a cold, fever, cough, runny nose or eyes or any other signs of illness. A child who is ill will be refused admission. After a child has been ill, he needs to be free of fever for 24 hours before returning.

If a child will be absent due to illness or injury for a period of two weeks or more, contact the ESP Office immediately to make arrangements for a credit to your account (if applicable). A 25% tuition credit will be given from the date of notification, after a doctor's statement is submitted stating why the child cannot attend the program.

Staff will remove a child who becomes ill from the group during the program day. Children must be picked up within 30 minutes of notification. In case parents cannot be reached, adults listed on the Emergency Card will be called. **It is the parents' responsibility to be sure all phone numbers are kept up-to-date and accurate.** Notify staff immediately of any illness that may be communicable. All parents and guardians will be notified if their child is exposed to any communicable diseases.

INJURIES

Staff is trained in first aid to handle minor injuries. Staff will notify parents of minor injuries by providing the parent with an Injury Report form. In the case of more severe injury, parents will be notified by phone. If parents cannot be reached, the adults listed on the Emergency Card will be contacted.

If you child is seriously ill or injured, staff will take the following actions:

Give immediate care.

Call the paramedics for the following reasons:

 Stoppage of breathing, severe hemorrhage or serious fracture, etc.

 Poison

 Head, neck and back injury

Call the parents of the injured child.

INSURANCE

The Extended School Program is not liable for injuries due to accident. All expenses incurred in the treatment of injuries are the responsibility of the parent or guardian. Information on student accident insurance at parent cost is available from the school office.

MEDICATION

If medication needs to be given during ESP hours, you and your physician must complete the Parent Notification for the Administration of Medicine form. All medications must be in the **original container.**

Staff cannot give medication without signed authorization from the parent **and** the physician. Forms are also available on the Fountain Valley School District web page www.fvdsd.us Children's medications (inhalers, epi pens, etc.) must be at the ESP site prior to the child's first day

of attendance. Please note: If your child has an asthma attack or an allergic reaction in the absence of a signed authorization form, we will call 911. All 911 expenses are the responsibility of the parent.

PERSONAL ITEMS

All personal items must be labeled with the child's name; lunchboxes, backpacks, jackets, sweaters, instruments, electronic devices, etc. If personal items are left at ESP for sharing on designated days, written parental permission is required so staff know the parent is aware that items have been brought into the program. Parents assume responsibility for any lost or damaged items.

PICKING UP CHILDREN

Authorization

Only adults (18 years or older), authorized in writing by the parents, may pick up the children. Staff will question those with whom they are unfamiliar and check their identification. Anyone without proper authorization and/or identification will be prevented from taking a child. If you wish to have someone pick up your child who is not on your approved list, you must notify the staff, in writing, in advance of the pick up. **In case of emergency, a phone call will be accepted, one time only,** authorizing pick up by someone not on the list. This will allow you time to add the name in writing to the Emergency Contacts on the parent portal. The law authorizes an employee of a childcare facility to deny access to a parent or guardian when that person is behaving in a way that poses a risk to children. **PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot legally prevent either parent from picking up a child unless we have a copy of current legal court orders.

Late Pick Up

If you are late picking up your child beyond the contracted hours, there is a fee assessed per child of \$10.00 per 15 minute segment or portion thereof. This fee is to be paid within 24 hours. **If you pick your child up after 6:00 three times, your child will be dropped from the program. Please note, once your child has been dismissed it is permanent.**

If a child has not been picked up by 6:05 pm and no communication has been received from the parent, authorized adults listed on the Emergency Card will be contacted. If no authorized adult can be reached to pick up the child by 6:30 pm, he/she will be considered abandoned, the police will be contacted and appropriate measures will be taken to ensure your child's safety.

Sign In/Sign Out

When you bring your child for before school care or pick up your child after school, you must enter the room to sign the attendance sheet electronically. You will need to use your electronic PIN on the i-pad to sign in and out. (Staff sign in children coming from their classrooms.) Staff use this information to determine which children are in attendance at any given time. We need to know where every child is in case there is an emergency. Failure to sign a child in or out may result in dismissal from the program.

PARTY INVITATIONS

We regret that we are unable to distribute party invitations to any of the children in ESP.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms used by ESP are restricted to use by children enrolled in ESP only. Use by adults, children or youths from the neighborhood is also prohibited.

SHOES AND DRESS CODE

Tennis shoes or similar closed-toe shoes must be worn daily. Children may not go barefoot. Sandals or thongs are allowed only on water days. **School dress standards will be maintained.**

SNACKS

Children in the program receive snacks each day that include two or more of the four major food groups. If your child has any dietary restrictions, be sure to indicate them on the Emergency Card. Food may not be brought into the after school program.

STAFF

All staff and substitutes are employees of the Fountain Valley School District, an equal opportunity employer. A student/staff ratio of fourteen to one or lower is maintained in order to ensure safety and individual attention. Staff is trained to provide an organized well-supervised and caring environment that is both educational and recreational. They participate in an ongoing program of in-service training, workshops by professional organizations or college classes.

TAX STATEMENTS

The Fountain Valley Tax Identification Number is 95-6001370. We **DO NOT** provide end of year tax statements. All information is available to you at the Parent Portal.

**EXTENDED SCHOOL PROGRAM
ENROLLMENT POLICIES**

- 1. Online registration must be completed and fees paid prior to admission.**
- 2. I will pay tuition by the 1st (first) of the month at the ESP site. After the first, I will bring the payment to the ESP Office, and I will pay a \$10 late fee. If my tuition is still not paid by the first Friday of the month, my child will be temporarily excluded from ESP until the tuition is paid. I will be responsible for payment for the days that my child is not attending ESP after this date. I will pay my tuition on time whether or not I receive a statement.**
- 3. I will make other child care arrangements if my tuition has not been paid by the Friday of the same week, and I will be responsible for payment of any days missed due to unpaid tuition.**
- 4. There is no reduction in tuition or refund for absences.**
- 5. An additional fee will be charged for all-day child care on Staff Development Days and school vacations.**
- 6. A check returned for insufficient funds or Parent Portal returned transactions will require all future payments to be made by cash or money order. A \$15 fee will be charged for a returned check or a returned Parent Portal transaction. After one returned check or returned Parent Portal transaction, only cash will be accepted as payment.**
- 7. Cash payment of tuition will not be accepted at the school. Cash (exact amount) must be brought to the ESP office between 7:30 am & 4 pm. The ESP Office does not have change.**
- 8. I will pay a late pick up fee of \$10 per child for each 15 minutes or portion thereof if I am later than 6:00. Payment will be made at the ESP site within 24 hours and may be made in cash.**
- 9. If I pick up my child after 6:00 three times, my child will be dropped from enrollment. Please note, dismissal from the Extended School Program is permanent.**
- 10. If I cannot pick up my child on time, it is my responsibility to call the ESP site and to call another authorized adult to pick him/her up.**
- 11. I will personally notify the ESP office in writing or via e-mail by the 15th of the month for any schedule changes or drops. No mid-month changes or drops may be made.**
- 12. I will personally notify the ESP office in writing or via e-mail by the 15th of the month to withdraw from ESP. I understand I must pay for tuition during this two-week period.**
- 13. I will notify the ESP site if my child will be absent for any reason on a day he is scheduled for child care.**
- 14. I will be contacted and agree to pick up my child immediately if his/her behavior poses a direct threat to himself or others and he/she refuses to cooperate and follow directions from staff.**
- 15. I understand that my child will be dismissed from ESP if his behavior endangers the physical safety or emotional well-being of others and that he is expected to follow the rules outlined in the Discipline Contract.**
- 16. My child will be signed in and out by an authorized adult, via electronic sign out, each day to protect his/her safety.**
- 17. I will keep all phone numbers current and give written permission for other adults to pick up my child for any reason, i.e., scouts, sports, doctor, etc., by making changes on the Parent Portal.**
- 18. If I have not completed the proper Fountain Valley School District Medication Form, my child will not be given medication at ESP**
- 19. I agree to read and abide by the policies and procedures in the Parent Handbook.**

EXTENDED SCHOOL PROGRAM DISCIPLINE POLICIES

- 1. Your child is expected to treat themselves, the other children, and the adults at ESP with respect. Your child is to be polite and courteous in his/her actions and conversation with others...(do not use bad language).**
- 2. Your child is expected to keep themselves safe and to help their friends keep themselves safe by following ESP and school rules...(if your child or someone else's child might get hurt, don't do it).**
- 3. Your child is expected to use personal and school materials and equipment in a safe manner so it is not damaged or lost.**
- 4. Your child is expected to listen to and respond to directions given to them by adults the first time.**
- 5. Your child is expected to use his/her best behavior on field trips, including on the bus.**
- 6. What happens if your child's behavior is inappropriate? He/she will receive a reminder of the rules. If they do not respond to the reminder, they will be given time out to discuss and think about their behavior. They may owe a consequence for their behavior. A phone call or written warning to parents will be followed by dismissal from the program. Dismissal from the Extended School Program is permanent.**
- 7. If your child is given a consequence, remind them that while their behavior is being corrected, the adults still like them as a person.**
- 8. Remind your child to treat everyone the way they like to be treated.**
- 9. If someone hits your child, threatens them, teases them, or plays unfairly, have your child tell them how they feel. If they won't listen, have them ask an adult to help them. Remind your child not to hit or yell. The adult will help them learn ways to take care of themselves in these situations.**
- 10. Remind your child everyone has bad days. Sometimes something is happening in our lives that makes us sad or mad. Have them learn to talk to an adult or a friend about the things that are bothering them, so that they will feel better and get along at ESP and home better.**
- 11. Remind your child that if they have any questions about how they are expected to behave, please have them ask an adult.**
- 12. If your child damages or destroys any property, i.e. materials, electronics, etc., You will be expected to replace the item.**