



Preschool (K2 - K5)
Parent and Student Handbook
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This handbook sets forth the guidelines and policies that serve as the basis for the educational community at David Emanuel Academy. It is important to set forth the policies and procedures which are most important and necessary. Since the Administration cannot foresee every situation, we reserve the right to add or modify policies contained herein with reasonable allowance for communication to parents.

David Emanuel Academy Preschool Parent and Student Handbook

Welcome to David Emanuel Academy Preschool! Our preschool program is under the guidance of SAIS/Cognia accreditation.

This is the preschool specific Parent and Student Handbook. For complete school guidelines, please refer to the *David Emanuel Academy Parent and Student Handbook*.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Pursuant to the mission and philosophy of our school, DEA welcomes qualified students of either gender and of any race, color, religion, creed, disability, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, creed, disability, or national/ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, financial aid programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

As an independent school which does not provide comprehensive educational services such as special education or vocational training, the school reserves the right to deny admission or dismiss any student at any time when it determines that it cannot adequately serve the child.

Mission

The mission of David Emanuel Academy is to provide K2-12th grade students with an exceptional education under the guidance of Christian principles. Our school will develop ambitious individuals of strong character who are servant leaders and possess a biblical worldview.

Curriculum

The DEA preschool is proud to offer the Christian-based ABeka curriculum. ABeka is streamlined throughout all grades of David Emanuel Academy.

Enrollment/Admission Requirements

Acceptance depends on availability of spots in each grade and age/birthday of child (cutoff date is September 1). It is the guardian's responsibility to keep all forms updated with current data (see required forms below). Guardians must abide by the Tuition Schedule and Enrollment Agreement contracted between the family and David Emanuel Academy's business office.

Attendance Policy/Tardies

Regular daily attendance is a vital asset to your child's academic success. In order to fulfill curriculum requirements, students should be present and **on time** each day. Tardiness is interference in critical learning time for all ages and discouraged.

Personal Property at School

DEA recommends that no personal property be brought from home other than items needed in a normal school day. Items that should not be brought include, but are not limited to: bottles, pacifiers (allowed in K2 at naptime only), toys, radios, cell phones, knives or anything that could be considered a weapon. The school is not responsible for lost property. Your teacher may provide opportunities to bring items from home on special occasions. You will be notified of these opportunities.

Transportation

Bus Route to and from DEA:

Transportation is available to preschool students (K3-K5; K2 is not eligible for bus transportation). Guardians must drop child(ren) off at disclosed route location. If a guardian is not at the location for pick up, the bus driver will attempt to contact parent and remain with child(ren) until guardian arrives or other instructions are given. Please let teacher know your plan/changes for transportation through a note or phone call to the main office. Do NOT let child(ren) communicate this message. Students are asked to observe the same rules on the bus as they do in the classroom. Denial of bus privileges can result from inappropriate behavior on the bus. Please refer to the Bus Transportation sheet enclosed in the DEA enrollment packet or transportation section of the *Parent and Student Handbook* for further details.

Field Trips:

A permission slip must be signed for a child to be taken off campus. Permission slips must be returned before the day of the field trip. When a DEA bus is provided for a field trip, we require the children to ride the bus to the destination. Guardians are always encouraged to attend field trips. If a guardian attends, we offer the opportunity for the child(ren) to leave with the guardian. The child must be signed out for the child to leave with the guardian and the teacher must be notified of the guardian's intentions on the field trip permission form.

Morning Arrival Procedure

Lower school students that arrive prior to 7:50 am should report to the cafeteria (early arrival begins in the cafeteria at 7:30). Students will be escorted to their classroom by a staff member at 7:50 am. If you arrive after 8:05, please sign in through the front office. All bus-riding children will be escorted to their classroom upon arrival.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedure

The school will always inform all parents of afternoon dismissal carpool logistics. All bus-riding children (not K2) will be escorted to the bus. If you need to check your child out early for the day, please sign them out through the front office (where they will be dismissed). If your child is riding home with a friend, we will need a written note from home. Children will be released only to names provided on their Student Information Sheet.

Dress Code

David Emanuel Academy does follow a detailed dress code/uniform policy. For complete details, please refer to the *Parent and Student Handbook*.

K2→K-5 children are encouraged to wear closed-toe tennis shoes.

Secured Doors

The doors will remain secure during the school day for the security and safety of our children, teachers, and staff. We encourage and welcome families to be a part of the DEA experience. Please check in at the main office/entrance upon arrival on campus and receive a visitor's badge.

Fees

Tuition- (See *Schedule of Tuition and Fees* for David Emanuel Academy)

Lunch-

\$4.25/day - hot meal OR sack lunch- includes one milk or chocolate milk

You may pay for lunch daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly. But, all cafeteria services are pre-pay only. Please send pre-paid money to DEA's Main Office. You may check your Sycamore account for updated account balance information.

Snack- Children will have snack time each afternoon. Snacks must be sent from home daily.

Bus Route - (optional - not for K2 students) There is a \$75 one time Transportation Maintenance Fee per family. The fee for morning and afternoon bus pick up and drop off is \$100/month/family. If you wish to only have the morning pick up or the afternoon drop off the fee is \$50/month/family.

Illness

If your child is sick, please keep him/her at home. This pertains to fever, coughing, head lice, nausea, rashes from known/unknown causes or of contagious nature (ex. Impetigo), diarrhea, sore throat, or any other contagious symptom. Students must remain at home for a minimum of 24 hours after the last episode in the following cases:

1. Elevated temperature of 100 degrees or higher
2. Vomiting
3. Diarrhea

A child will not be allowed on campus or to remain on campus if the child has the equivalent of one hundred (100) degrees or higher temperature. If your child gets sick while at school, we will call guardians via telephone to come and pick him/her up. Your child will be placed in the front office to prevent infecting others.

Injury

In the event of a minor injury (no professional medical attention needed) or a major injury (professional medical attention needed) you will be notified immediately via telephone. In the event of minor injury, personnel will use the first aid kit available in each classroom. In the event of a major injury, the child will be transported by his/her guardian, indicated emergency contact, or ambulance only to the nearest medical facility.

Communicable Disease

In the event that your child has been exposed to a communicable disease in their classroom (Chicken Pox, head lice, Strep, pink eye, etc.) you will be notified immediately (a sign will be placed on the classroom door and a letter will be sent home to parents).

Medications

1. All medications should be brought to school office by the guardian.
2. Over-the-counter (OTC) medications may be distributed to student with guardian's written permission.
3. Prescription medications may be distributed to student with guardian's written permission. Guardian must fill out the Parental Authorization to Dispense Medication. If this form is not filled out completely, the medication will not be given. This form is critical in documenting drug facts, dosages, and adverse reactions. Prescription medications cannot be given for more than two weeks without a written note from the physician.

Toileting

All children who enroll in our K3, K4, and K5 program must be fully potty trained. This is not expected or required for the K2 classroom. Parents must provide diapers, wipes, and cream for the K2 program.

If a child is having accidents daily, they are not fully potty trained. Wearing pull ups or diapers is not considered potty trained. We do understand that even potty trained children will occasionally have toileting accidents. Accidents are not common incidents and should happen infrequently. When an accident occurs, the teacher will help the child to change clothes while encouraging independence from the child. Your child will be given many opportunities to use the bathroom throughout the day. A teacher will assist as needed but the children are encouraged to complete the process independently. Please avoid sending children in belts or clothing with snaps or straps which can cause frustration when developing these skills.

Biting

For children ages 24-36 months, biting is considered a normal developmental behavior. Children bite for many reasons and it is not always intended to harm or to hurt other children. During this stage of development, children are very orally fixated as this is how they continue to explore their world. Although this is something that is considered developmentally appropriate, it is also a behavior that will need to be addressed, redirected, and alternatives provided. As such, when disciplinary action is required, staff will take into consideration the developmental age of the child, the intent of the child, and the severity of the bite. For all children chronologically and developmentally age 4 and older, the following protocol will be followed:

- 1st offense – The child who bites will be quickly removed from the situation, while one teacher comforts the child who has been bitten and attends to cleaning the bite. Both sets of parents will be notified of the incident.
- 2nd offense – The child who bites must leave school for the remainder of the school day.
- 3rd offense – The child who bites must leave school for the remainder of the school day and will be asked to remain at home for a full week after the incident (5 school days).
- 4th offense – The child will be removed from the program for the remainder of the school year.

David Emanuel Academy reserves the right to immediately dismiss a child should the child cause physical harm to any child/employee or him/herself should it not be manageable by employee(s).

Behavior Management/ Discipline

Young children are still in the process of learning what behaviors are appropriate and inappropriate. Children are expected to treat classmates, adults, and school property with respect and consideration. Our preschool has classroom rules and procedures that are developmentally appropriate. Each child is expected to follow these rules. Our faculty will utilize re-direction and discussion as a method of discipline with children. If time-out is used, it will be used age-appropriately for no more than one minute per age of child.

When rules are continuously neglected, the child will meet with an available administrator and the parent will be contacted. The administrative team reserves the right to dismiss a student with no warning for destructive or extremely harmful behavior that threatens the safety or well-being of the school community. Every situation presents a unique set of circumstances and behaviors, which will be considered on a case by case basis to ensure the best interest of the student.

Lunch/Snack

Lunches are served daily in the cafeteria. This is optional and available for purchase (see lunch fees). Lunch choices (hot lunch meal or sack lunch meal) are nutritious and well-balanced and includes a milk. A menu is sent home at the beginning of each month. Our time in the cafeteria is limited. Please send non-microwavable food items. It is encouraged that lunches brought from home be nutritious and well-balanced. Please have your child's name on the lunch box or bag. Containers should be clearly labeled to keep home-prepared lunches from being swapped.

Your child will need to bring a snack from home each day. This should consist of one drink and one individual-sized, healthy snack item. Your child's drink and snack must be kept in his bookbag until the allowed time for snack. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day labeled with name.

Emergency Procedures

Please see David Emanuel Academy's Emergency Crisis Procedures manual posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Reporting

All personnel are required to report any suspected child abuse, neglect, exploitation or deprivation to the Department of Family and Children Services.

Enrichment Activities

Preschool students will be exposed to several extra enrichment opportunities. These could include, but are not limited to: chapel, music, art, STEAM activities, Day of Thanks, White Christmas, Grandparents' Day, holiday parties, birthday parties, and physical education.

Notice of Exemption

I acknowledge that I have been informed that this program is not a licensed child care facility. I also understand this program is not required to be licensed by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, and this program is exempt from state licensure requirements. David Emanuel Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

Please sign and return this sheet to the school.

Student(s) Name(s) (List any K2-K5 Student(s) separated by a comma)

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date: _____