



Cherry Hill Public Schools SACC & EDCC

CHERRY HILL SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE EXTENDED DAY CHILD CARE (EDCC) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here are some questions that some of our EDCC parents have asked in the past. Perhaps these answers can help to alleviate some of your concerns as well!

Transportation:

- How will my child get to EDCC from Kindergarten? Or to Kindergarten from EDCC?
Transportation is provided mid-day as needed. This service is covered by your tuition.
- Can my child be transported from home to EDCC or from EDCC to home by bus?
No, children are entitled to bus service to and from Kindergarten, not EDCC.
- Is my child escorted on and off the bus?
Yes, an Aide from the home school walks the PM EDCC children onto the bus and they are met by an Aide. Our staff will escort the AM EDCC children onto the bus and an Aide from the children's home school will meet them at their school.
- Are there seat belts on the bus?
Yes, our staff buckle up each child before the bus departs
- How long is my child on the bus?
Children are typically on the bus between 15 – 30 minutes, depending on the distance to and from the EDCC site.

Lunch:

- Can lunch be purchased at EDCC?
Yes, your child may either bring or buy lunch. Monthly menus are provided and includes the main "hot" meal or a Bagel Box lunch. Lunch can be purchased anywhere between one and five days a week. Checks are given directly to your EDCC teacher by the date indicated on the menu.
- What happens if I pay for lunch and my child is absent?
If you pay for lunch and your child is absent, food service will credit your next payment.
- Can I buy only milk?
Yes, you can purchase only milk for your child.
- What do you do if my child won't eat their lunch?
We will encourage your child to eat at least a portion of their lunch and will notify you if this becomes a pattern.
- What happens if my child forgets or loses their lunch?
Occasionally, food service has "extra" lunch and we will provide a lunch in that manner. (Food service will charge the daily fee.) If the lunch is "lost" on the bus, we contact the bus company to retrieve it.

- Do the children have a snack time during EDCC?
Yes, a time is set aside for the children to enjoy healthy parent provided snacks. (No candy, soda, etc.) Milk or juice will be provided.

Changes In The Normal School Schedule:

- When school is closed (snow day, in-service) does the EDCC program still operate?
No, when school is closed EDCC does not operate. SACC operates its Holiday Program on specific holidays and in-service days. This program is not part of your normal tuition fees. Reservations need to be made. Refer to your Parent Handbook at www.chclc.org (Department Information > Child Care)
- What happens when there is a delayed morning opening?
***PM EDCC** children may attend the regular morning SACC program beginning, with a 2 hour delay, at **9AM** at their home school and will remain in their care until they are released to their AM Kindergarten Teacher. Their regular AM Kindergarten class will run from **11AM** until **1:30PM**. They will then be transported to the EDCC Program, which will provide care until **6PM**. **AM EDCC** will open with a two hour delay, at **9AM**, and then follow their regular schedule.*
- On delayed openings, where will my child eat lunch?
On delayed openings, your child will eat lunch in the EDCC Program.
- What happens when there is a Half Day Early Dismissal?
***AM EDCC** children begin their EDCC day at regular time and will be bussed to attend PM Kindergarten from **10:30AM – 1PM**. The children **MUST BRING THEIR LUNCH FROM HOME** to be eaten at PM SACC at **1PM**. **PM EDCC** follows their regular schedule attending AM Kindergarten, **9AM–11AM**.*

Pick Up and Drop Off:

- Can anyone from my emergency list pick up my child?
*No, unless you call or notify the SACC Office in writing, the adults on your emergency list are just that, **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**. They will be contacted only in the event that you cannot be reached. If you wish to allow an adult other than a parent/guardian to pick-up your child on a regular basis, you must have checked that preference off on your registration or notify the SACC office in writing. Please notify anyone who is picking up your child that they must bring and show identification (ex. driver's license, work picture ID).*
- Can I designate an older child to pick up or drop off my child to or from EDCC?
No, minors are allowed to sign-in or sign-out children.

Daily Activities:

- How will I be informed about daily activities?
EDCC teachers will post the monthly calendar of events on the Bulletin Board in each classroom. Calendars will also be available to take home.
- Do the children get to play with children from other classes?
The children have many opportunities to interact with other classes, both during active outdoor play and indoor community activities.
- What is your policy on bringing in toys from home?
We encourage children to share during “Show & Tell” days. Parents are requested to be aware of the appropriateness of the items that are brought into the program on these days. We encourage interesting and creative items (cultural material, educational toys, books, items that they have personally made, etc.).
- What is your bathroom procedure? *The children are usually brought to the bathroom as a group upon arrival to the PM program. They may go to the bathroom whenever needed during the day. An adult always escorts the children to the bathroom.*

Program Hours of Operation:

- When can I bring my child to the AM EDCC Program?
AM EDCC children may be signed in anytime between the hours of 7AM & Noon.
- When can I pick my child up from the PM EDCC Program?
PM EDCC children may be picked up anytime between Noon & 6PM.
- If my child attends AM kindergarten, is there a separate fee for AM child care at their home school?
No, your EDCC tuition covers child care from 7AM at their home school, bus transportation and PM EDCC.
- If my child attends PM kindergarten, is there a separate fee for PM child care at their home school?
No, your EDCC tuition covers child care from the time they are dismissed from PM kindergarten until 6 PM.