

VIRGINIA SWIMMING POOL ADDENDUM

CADENCE EDUCATION FAMILY HANDBOOK

POOL/WATER PLAY SAFETY

Cadence Swimming Pools

Cadence schools with onsite pools have specific safety standards that must be met at all times. These safety standards are the responsibility of all employees at a location with a pool on the grounds. Parents as well are asked to follow all school rules regarding water play. Please speak with your school director for any specific or additional requirements.

Pool Safety Requirements

Pool fence and gate structure requirements must be maintained per local code and licensing regulations. Underwater drains and outlets must have secure safety covers to prevent entrapment, and required life-saving equipment and first aid materials must be kept conspicuous, accessible and in good condition.

Instruction signs: “No Running”, “No Lifeguard on Duty”, “Hours of Use” and pool rules must be posted conspicuously around the pool and enforced by all staff members.

Required Safety Practices for Pool Use

A Pool Safety Checklist will be completed daily, prior to pool use. Children are never left unattended in the pool area, and staff are required to actively supervise children in the pool. At least one employee with current pediatric CPR/First Aid certification must be present at all times when children are present in the pool area. Additionally, a “Water Watcher” must be assigned any time children are in the water, even if there is a lifeguard present. The Water Watcher observes the entire pool area, including the pool deck and water, from a position on the pool deck. This Water Watcher switches every 15 minutes with another responsible adult.

The pool gate must be locked at all times when not being used, and staff must check the lock, tugging on the gate to ensure that both the gate and the lock are properly engaged.

Water Play Safety (Other than Swimming Pools)

Seasonally, prior to using a Splash Pad or playground sprinklers, a maintenance check of all equipment is completed. Defective equipment will be discarded.

If mini-pools, water bins, or any container with standing water is used, close adult supervision is required. Water play containers are separated in a manner to prevent diapered children from sitting in water that others are splashing in with hands and toys, and all containers and mini-pools are emptied immediately after use.

Sun protection for all children is required, following state regulations regarding sunscreen application. Sun hats and water shoes are recommended.