

ILLINOIS ADDENDUM

CADENCE EDUCATION FAMILY HANDBOOK

BPA-FREE PRODUCTS

Bisphenol A-free (BPA-free) plastics are used for serving and storing food and drinks. Families are encouraged to use and provide their child's school with baby bottles or sippy cups that are labeled as "BPA-free." Glass bottles may also be used if they are covered with silicone sleeves to prevent breaking.

INFANT AND TODDLER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Formula must be milk-based, with iron, unless otherwise indicated in writing by the child's physician.
- Only sanitized bottles and nipples may be used. We request that parents bring in prepared bottles or clean bottles that school staff can prepare and send home at the end of the day to be washed.
- Bottles must be marked with the child's name, the date, and an initial of the contents. You will be contacted if bottles provided do not meet these requirements, as unmarked bottles cannot be given.
- No food other than formula, milk, breast milk, or water shall be placed in bottles for infant feedings unless otherwise indicated by the child's physician.
- Children under the age of two will not be fed berries, candies, raisins, corn kernels, raw carrots, whole grapes, hot dogs, nuts, seeds, popcorn, raw peas, or peanut butter as these foods may cause choking.
- Whole milk is served to children under the age of two unless low-fat milk is requested by the child's physician.
- Children are not permitted to carry a bottle throughout the day.

OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY

Managers will monitor the outdoor air quality index at www.airnow.gov. If the air quality is on code orange, which is unhealthy for sensitive populations such as children, we will minimize strenuous outdoor activities, or we may keep the children indoors. On days where the air quality index is higher than code orange, children will remain indoors.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Semi-annually our schools offer Parent Teacher Conferences to review your child's progress and assessments. The teacher, with input from the family, will set short and long-term goals for the child. We work to make the conferences convenient for families' work and school schedules and encourage your participation. If you are unable to attend in person, a phone conference can be arranged.

PEST CONTROL MANAGEMENT

Pesticide applications are applied once a month by a licensed pest control operator to help control insects. These applications are done on a Saturday or an evening and never in the presence of children or staff. All pesticides used meet the standard of the Department of Public Health. Parents and staff are given at least a two-day notice prior to any pesticide application, which is posted in the front foyer area of each school.

VEHICLE ANTI-IDLING POLICY

Car exhaust releases pollutants that are harmful to health (especially to children) and the environment. Pollution from idling vehicles can also enter our facilities, thus affecting the indoor air quality. We request that all vehicle engines are turned off when parked in our parking lots to protect children from inhaling harmful car exhaust.