

Twinkle Program Updates and Information



Drop Off Procedures

All of our Twinkle students get dropped off at the circle in front of the gym (past the main entrance). If you are driving your child, please wait in the circle with the school busses and vans until a staff member comes to your vehicle to get your child. Staff will go to each vehicle in the order in which they arrive and, for COVID-19 safety reasons, each staff member will only accompany 1 child at one time into the building. A staff member will take your child's temperature after your child exits the vehicle. Please be patient with us until we get to your vehicle.

- ★ If your child has a temperature of 100* Fahrenheit or higher you will need to take him/her home.
- ★ Children must be fever-free (without the aid of medicine) for 24 hours before returning to school.

FYI~ Due to the importance of both students and adults maintaining a structured schedule and ensuring student safety, staff may be unavailable to talk about your child during drop off/pick up times. A daily note will be sent home discussing important facts about his/her day. Please notify us via email if you would like to set up a time for us to meet and we will do our best to accommodate a meeting time that is convenient for you.

Pick Up Procedures

Pick up is similar to drop off. Please wait at the circle and we will bring the students out to the vehicles in the order in which they have arrived. In order to get all of the children safely on their way home as quickly as possible, please leave the circle once your child is safely in your vehicle to allow others to pull up.

Early/Late Days

If you are dropping off late or need to pick up early (ex. Medical appointment), please enter through the main doors of the Metzenbaum Center, ask the secretary to call down to the classroom, and wait in the lobby area. A staff member will come to get your child/bring your child to you. This is the same procedure we will follow if you need to pick your child up due to illness.

- ★ Our staff will take the temperature of your child by the main doors and will follow the same protocol listed above if your child has a temperature above 100* Fahrenheit.

Half Day Students

If your child only attends 1/2 day (per his/her IEP), a pick up process will be developed between the parent/guardian and your child's teacher. (Example: some parents have picked up his/her child in the main Metzenbaum lobby and others have been walked to his/her vehicle at the normal pick/up drop off location)

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The ESCWR has been working diligently over the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. Our preschool programs will follow the district Re-Start plans where the preschool classroom is housed (Metzenbaum will follow the West Geauga Re-Start plan) and the Early Childhood Re-Start Guidance from the Ohio Department of Education. Sometimes, the Early Childhood Re-Start Guidance will supersede the local district plan due to the unique needs of our preschool students.

Here are some examples of how we are preparing for this upcoming school year.

The ESCWR continues to purchase various forms of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and implement new processes/procedures to increase the safety in our classrooms.

- ★ Hand Sanitizer
- ★ Disinfectants and cleaning supplies
- ★ Face shields and face masks for staff

- ★ Plexiglass dividers when social distancing is not feasible. (example: when a staff member is working 1:1 with a student)
- ★ Students will wash their hands upon arrival and before dismissal
- ★ Any student exhibiting COVID-like symptoms during the school day will go to a designated COVID-like symptoms area/clinic until the child is picked up. Staff monitoring the students will wear protective PPE and will follow safety precautions.
- ★ Classroom routines and processes will be altered (some examples listed below)
 - Each student will have a designated learning area, social distancing will be followed to the greatest extent possible, high touch areas will be disinfected regularly, sharing of materials will be limited, students and staff will have required handwashing times and hand sanitizer will also be available in the classrooms (out of reach of students.)
 - Communal snacks are not permitted. Each child will need to bring in their own snacks. (Twinkle teachers will provide more information on this topic)

Snow/Calamity Days

- ★ If West Geauga Local Schools are closed, all ESCWR preschool classrooms located in Metzenbaum are closed.
- ★ If the Geauga Board of Developmental Disabilities are closed, we are also closed.
- ★ There are times when West Geauga closes but the Metzenbaum Center is open. Please follow the ESCWR preschool calendar for your child's school days.
- ★ If your child rides a district bus/van and your child's district of residence is closed, the bus or van will not pick your child up, even if West Geauga Local Schools are open. This can be confusing, we understand! On these days, you have the option of driving your child to school on your own. Remember, if a superintendent closes a school, (s)he has decided that it is not safe for children to travel to school in that particular area, so please be careful if you bring your child to Twinkle.

Questions? Just ask! :)

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