



Department of Extended Learning
Middle School Afterschool Program
Parent/Guardian Handbook
Conniston Middle School



EXTENDED LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of the Department of Extended Learning is to facilitate opportunities for quality afterschool programs which meet the fundamental needs common to all students during afterschool hours. It is important that students have access to the best possible opportunities to develop into healthy, well-adjusted and responsible adults.

REGISTRATION -THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO CONNISTON

All parents must submit a 2024-2025 afterschool program registration contract request in Eleyo. Once you create the contract request, you will receive an email that your contract request is waiting for staff approval and will be reviewed in the order that they were received.

A student cannot participate in the MSAS Program without an approved ELEYO registration contract.

In addition to an approved contract in Eleyo, a one-time registration fee of \$35.00 is due and secures a student's place in the program.

- The \$35.00 registration fee is non-refundable after the first day of school, but can be transferred to another District afterschool program.
- Students CANNOT register in any afterschool program if they have outstanding afterschool fee balances within the District.

Applicants are registered on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on space availability and staffing. A wait list is established when the program is at capacity. As students apply throughout the year their names are added to the wait list until additional staff can be hired to reduce the wait list.

AFTERSCHOOL HOURS

Afterschool is a quality enrichment program, located in a safe setting, offering scheduled academic and special activities and cannot accommodate occasional drop-in service.

Students must be enrolled and tuition must be paid in accordance to the fee payment schedule for any of the below programs:

- Afterschool (Monday through Thursday, 3:00 - 5:00 PM) (time varies)
- K-8 Programs (2:00 - 6:00 PM)
- Morning program (7:00 - 9:00 AM) (time varies)

PAYMENT POLICIES THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO CONNISTON

- Fees are calculated based on \$3.70 per hour.
- Tuition must be paid in full for the entire month; it cannot be paid for by the hour.
- Payments must be made prior to services rendered.
- All afterschool fees must be paid online in Eleyo.
- Afterschool fees may not be paid at the school front office or given to teachers. For any payments made in cash or money order, a receipt must be issued immediately.



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LATE PAYMENT FEES THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO CONNISTON

Failure to make payment on or before the due dates outlined on the Middle School Afterschool Program Fee Payment Schedule will result in a \$10.00 late payment charge per month.

If payment is not made, **services will be suspended/terminated**. In order for the child(ren) to return to the program the account must be current with payment made for all past due tuition charges as well as late payment fees. There will be no proration of fees for days missed due to termination for non-payment.

Parents can apply for a one time per school year Late Payment Fee Waiver by completing and submitting form **(PBSD 2577)** provided by the afterschool program.

LATE PICK-UP FEES

For every minute that a parent/guardian is late (after 5:15 pm) in picking up his/her child/children, a late pick-up fee of **\$1.00 is charged**. **Multiple late pick-ups can lead to a student being removed from the program**.

REFUND/CREDIT POLICIES

To withdraw a student from the afterschool program, parent must notify the director in writing two weeks prior to withdrawal in order to receive a refund payment.

Other requests for refunds will not be granted.

DISMISSAL/SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

- All students must report to afterschool directly after school dismissal.
- Attendance is taken and submitted to the afterschool office within the first fifteen minutes of programming.
- Students absent during the school day may still attend the afterschool program, provided they are healthy and a parent/guardian has signed them into the program.
- **Only authorized persons as designated in Eleyo can pick up the child**. For safety reasons, calls from parents/guardians are not adequate for dismissal. Authorized persons must be eighteen years of age or older and have a valid photo ID card to show daily to afterschool personnel upon release of student.

Unless there is a specific State of Florida (any other state is not valid) custody order on file with afterschool, a student may be released to the non-custodial parent/guardian if listed on the student's registration form. Parents/guardians are responsible for keeping information regarding authorized persons and custody orders current. Custody issues must be resolved outside of the school center. Inappropriate behavior from persons picking up a student, including threatening, hostile language will result in parents/guardians having to make other arrangements for student pick-up, or termination of afterschool services for their child. Parent/Guardian/Authorized Person must come to the school and utilize the Eleyo attendance app to sign his/her complete legal name. Date and time of pick up are recorded in Eleyo.



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BEHAVIOR POLICIES

Students are encouraged to make responsible choices and are rewarded for appropriate behavior. Inappropriate decisions by students result in logical consequences. The goal is to shape responsible students who have the power to choose the best behavior.

Serious offenses may result in an Afterschool Behavior Report. Three Afterschool Behavior Reports during the school year may result in suspension or dismissal of a student from the program. If involved in any physical confrontation, and/or deemed dangerous to him/herself or others, immediate suspension or termination of the student from the program will be imposed. All child discipline practices are age-appropriate and consistent with School Board Policies 2.035 and 5.1812.

SNACK

Extended Learning's healthy snack program consists of a drink (milk, water or 100% juice) and at least two (2) healthy food choices.

HEALTH PROCEDURES

Students unable to stay with their groups due to injury or illness are held at the afterschool office or sign-out location. This program follows school day guidelines in dealing with emergencies. If necessary, minor first aid is administered by qualified staff and parents/guardians are notified at sign-out.

For serious illness or injury, the afterschool office contacts parents/guardians immediately and immediate pick-up is necessary. In order to avoid injury, students are expected to follow the school day dress code and to wear closed-toe shoes at all times for safety.

- Afterschool personnel cannot administer any type of medication unless a medical authorization form signed by a parent/guardian and the physician is on file in the afterschool office.
- **Students are not allowed to possess any medication at any time**, with the exception of prescribed asthma inhalers, Epi-Pen with physician authorization or headache medication to relieve headaches while on school property or at a school-sponsored event or activity without a physician's note or prescription.
- The medication must be regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for over-the-counter use to treat headaches.

Any child, or staff in the afterschool program suspected of having influenza or any communicable disease shall be removed from the program or placed in an isolation area until removed. Such person may not return without medical authorization, or until the signs and symptoms of the disease are no longer present.

Contact telephone numbers for all authorized pickup persons must be current and on file. Students must follow guidelines contained in School Board Policy 5.3213 and any additional guidance from the Florida Department of Health and the Superintendent.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

In striving to best serve families, please remember that the door to the afterschool program is always open. Authorized parents/guardians will be allowed access to the program in accordance with appropriate safety procedures, to include checking in to the front office and being escorted by staff to a designated



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location. Families are considered partners in this afterschool program. Parents wishing to share their talents with afterschool students should contact the afterschool site director.

RESOURCES

Additional information specific to the afterschool program will also be provided by the afterschool site director to include:

- Fee schedule
- Program schedule
- Telephone number for afterschool office and cell phone if applicable
- Off campus evacuation plan in case of emergency

Florida Department of Health (the Department) and influenza, or “flu,” activity levels. Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as young children, the elderly, and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious complications from flu. The Department encourages families to get vaccinated for the flu.

Vaccination is the best way to protect against the flu and severe complications from the flu. Vaccination is most crucial for children with underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions. The flu vaccine is offered in many locations including pharmacies, clinics, employers, and schools. Contact your healthcare provider, county health department, or visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/findaflushot> to find a flu vaccine center near you.

The flu vaccine is safe. The national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all individuals six months of age and older receive the flu vaccine **each year**. Since infants under six months of age are too young to get vaccinated against influenza, it is important that family members (including pregnant or breastfeeding mothers) and other caregivers for these children be vaccinated to help protect them from the disease.

It is especially important that parents **keep sick children at home** to prevent spreading the flu virus to others. Additional flu prevention steps include staying away from people who are sick, covering sneezes or coughs with a tissue or your elbow, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and frequent handwashing.

If your child becomes sick with flu-like illness, contact your health care provider as soon after symptoms begin as possible. Symptoms of the flu often include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headaches, or fatigue. Antiviral medication for flu has been shown to reduce severity and length of disease, decrease the risk of complications from influenza, and reduce the risk of death among hospitalized patients, particularly in those that start treatment early in their illness. Health care providers can prescribe antiviral treatment if appropriate. Treatment is most effective when started within 48 hours, so contacting your health care provider as soon as your child becomes ill is important, especially if your child has underlying health conditions.



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The best way to keep yourself and your family safe and healthy during flu season is to:

- **Get vaccinated;**
- **Keep sick family members home;**
- **Contact your health care provider if you or your child are experiencing flu-like symptoms; and**
Follow your doctor's guidance on treatment.