



Department of Extended Learning Afterschool Program  
Emerald Cove Middle School  
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## **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**

All parents must submit a 2025-2026 afterschool program registration contract request in Eleyo as well as email Mr. Burke the Parent Consent form found on our aftercare page to be considered for this program prior to being approved.. 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. If possible, select 'Autopay' in Eleyo when adding your credit card to alleviate the 415.00 late fee charged if the monthly invoice is not paid by the 3rd day of the month

**\*\*If you apply, qualify and receive an Income Survey Letter from the SDPBC, you must email it to Mr. Burke immediately for consideration prior to any contract being approved.**

**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 waitlist until additional staff can be hired to reduce the wait list.

## **AFTERCARE HOURS [Monday through Thursday, 4:05 pm - 5:10 pm]**

**\*\*\*No Aftercare Friday afternoons\*\*\***

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 to participate in any program:



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## **PAYMENT POLICIES**

- Fees are calculated based on a daily rate of \$4.63 per day.
  - 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.
  - After School fees may not be paid at the school front office or given to teachers. You can pay by check on ELEYO [ you can enter the routing number, etc]; no cash will be accepted.
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## **LATE PAYMENT FEES**

**Failure to make payment on or before the due dates outlined on the Middle School Afterschool Program Fee Payment Schedule will result in a \$15.00 late payment charge per month.**

Invoices are sent out through Eleyo approximately 4 days prior to the end of the previous month; **if payment is not made by the 3rd day of the current month, services will be suspended/terminated and a mandatory \$15.00 late fee will automatically be charged to your account** . 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 prior to being admitted back into the program. 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 and LATE FEES:**

**FOR EVERY MINUTE AFTER 5:30PM THAT A PARENT/GUARDIAN IS LATE IN PICKING UP HIS/HER CHILD/CHILDREN, A LATE PICK-UP FEE OF \$1.00/ MINUTE IS CHARGED. IF YOU DO NOT PICK UP YOUR CHILD BY 6:00PM, SCHOOL POLICE WILL BE CALLED AND PBSO WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT.**

**\*\*STUDENTS THAT ARE PICKED UP PAST THE 5:30PM DEADLINE MORE THAN 6 TIMES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.\*\***



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### **REFUND/CREDIT POLICIES:**

To withdraw a student from the afterschool program, parents 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.

## ***MORNING /AFTERCARE SIGN-IN AND DISMISSAL/SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES***

### **MORNINGCARE: [7:45am - 8:55 am]**

- ❖ All students must be in school dress code, have their ID badge on and dropped off prior to 8:45 am to be able to be signed into the program in the morning care room.

### **AFTERCARE: [4:05 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.]**

- All students must report to Room 3-111 [in the courtyard by the 8th grade stairwell] immediately after dismissal by 4:05pm for aftercare. [it is your child's responsibility to attend as we cannot control whether or not they leave the open campus due to various school activities or any other reason. If you have a question about their attendance that day, kindly email the aftercare director, Mr. Burke.
- Attendance is taken and submitted to the afterschool office within the first 10 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.
- At the 5:10 pm dismissal time, as students get picked up, take the bus, etc, it can be quite busy with all of the other after school activities. If you want your child to walk home, he or she must let the aftercare director know that they are walking and have your permission
- **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.



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**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.

### **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. **Two Morning or Afterschool Behavior Reports during the school year may result in suspension or dismissal of a student from the program for the remainder of the school year.** 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 ( water or juice) and a choice from at least two (2) 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.



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- 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 a 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**

Parents wishing to share their talents with afterschool students should contact the afterschool site director.

### **RESOURCES**

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

- Fee schedule Below
- Rotating program schedule
- Telephone number for afterschool office 561-803-8027
- 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.



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**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, avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and frequent handwashing.

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**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.

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.**

**Fee schedule FY26:**

**Stay Tuned**