



2017-2018 ESD-AM Program Parent Handbook



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Before School Care is currently a pilot program at Bell Elementary.

If a parent needs to contact their child while at the program for an emergency, the parent must call the ESD main office. The office will then contact the campus and relay the message. Parents are not to contact the school.

PHILOSOPHY

The ESD-AM Program provides a safe and nurturing environment that promotes the physical, social, and cognitive development of children grades K-5 while responding to their needs and the needs of their families. Children learn through concrete experiences, social interaction with peers and adults, and active participation. Children also need chances to make decisions and time to relax and think. Interactive play and experiences encourage social interactions and cooperation.

PURPOSE

The ESD-AM Program provides supervised group care for children before school by experienced staff to support parents' schedules. The ESD-AM Program is for school children grades K-5 and runs from 6:30am-7:10am on the days Denton Public Schools are in session.

PROGRAM

The ESD-AM Program provides a balance of physical, intellectual, and social experiences to meet the needs of the children.

In compliance with Board Policies FB (LEGAL) and FB (LOCAL), no qualified student shall, on the basis of disability, race, religion, color, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under Extended School Day.

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REGISTRATION

ESD Registration is completed 100% online. If you do not have access to the internet or a computer, parents can access a computer in the ESD main office for registration purposes. Registration must be done by the child's legal parent or guardian. Parents/legal guardians will be blocked from enrolling any child in future ESD programs until all past due payments are paid in full. Parents/legal guardians must complete the online registration form for each child in our program. The registration forms must include the child's personal information, emergency information, information for all authorized pick up persons, medical information, media release, and liability waiver. Parents must also sign a tuition agreement.

ESD students who are granted permission from an administrator for a transfer to another school will be able to transfer to that ESD program. Parent will need to call the main office before the transfer happens so that paperwork can be processed.

DE-ENROLLMENT

If a parent wishes to de-enroll their child from ESD, they need to fill out the [Notice of De-enrollment form](#) and email it to extendedschoolday@dentonisd.org. Telling a campus instructor or coordinator is not sufficient and will not be deemed as notification. If your child attends any number of days within a given month, you will be financially responsible for the full tuition amount. If a parent wishes to re-enroll their child after withdrawing, there will be a \$50 re-enrollment fee. Tuition will only be refunded if it was paid in advance. No refund will be given for the current month.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Parents are required to and are responsible for providing the ESD office with current information. Parents can update information by calling the main ESD office, emailing extendedschoolday@dentonisd.org, or by logging in to the Parent Portal.


Divorce/custody documents that prohibit or limits a parent or other individual from picking up a child from the ESD program must be on file in the main ESD office. These documents must have a judge's signature and seal. In the event that a child spends time with each parent during the week, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to furnish a schedule to the ESD office. Simply stating "my child is with her/his mom/dad every other week" is not acceptable. The child's schedule can be faxed, emailed, or brought into the main ESD office. Please note: These documents may be reviewed by the DISD attorney for clarification if necessary. If ESD is not provided these documents, the child's registration may be nullified.

ABSENCE

Parents must notify ESD if their child is going to be absent by calling the campus cell phone at 940-600-0186. If an instructor does not answer, leave a voicemail. No adjustments are made in tuition for absences. Drop-off time is between 6:30-6:40am and attendance will be taken at 6:45am. If a child is absent after attendance and the parent has not notified staff, staff will contact the parent to verify the child's absence.

BREAKFAST

ESD does not provide breakfast. If your child brings their own breakfast, they will be able to eat it when the school cafeteria opens at 7:10am and no earlier.

 **Please make sure that all food allergies are brought to the attention of your ESD instructors and that all allergies are properly documented in the main ESD office.** Please help us to remind students not to share food due to allergies. Please supply ESD with an Epi-Pen or inhaler if required for allergies or medical allergic reactions. ESD does not have access to the campus nursing office

SPECIAL NEEDS/HEALTH CONCERNS

Parents are responsible for informing the ESD office of any special needs, concerns, or information regarding their child's health and well-being. ESD will adhere to as many accommodations as possible so that the student can be successful. ESD is not given copies of 504 plans or IEPs. 504 plans and IEPs will require a meeting with an ESD coordinator and/or director to determine which accommodations ESD will be able to provide.

All students must be able to participate in the full range of activities offered by ESD. All students are expected to participate in all rotations unless there is a health concern accompanied by a doctor's restriction. Any child meeting any of the following criteria will not be admitted to the program:

1. The needs of the child prevent him/her from participating comfortably in the program activities.
2. The needs of the child results in greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health, safety, and supervision of the other children or staff.
3. Children must be able to go outside with their group. They will not be allowed to stay inside or by themselves or with another age group.

ILLNESS/INJURY

Parents will be notified by phone if their child becomes ill while at the program. If the parent cannot be reached, the emergency contact will be called. Any child experiencing fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or contagious skin or eye infections will be removed from the common areas and should be picked up as soon as possible. If the student has not been picked up by 7:10am, the student will be taken to the nurse's office. The parent must provide a written statement from the doctor stating the child is free from contagion before returning to ESD. Medical information can be emailed to the ESD office at extendschoolday@dentonisd.org.

In the event of critical illness or injury, proper medical personnel and parents will be notified. At the discretion of the medical personnel, the child may be transported to an emergency room or clinic by ambulance or by the parent. Parent will be responsible for expenses incurred.

The ESD program follows the health guidelines set forth by the Denton ISD Health Services when applicable to the program.

MEDICATION

ESD adheres to the medication policy set forth by the [Denton ISD Health Services](#). The ESD program staff does not dispense medication. If your child requires medication during program hours, arrangements must be made with the campus nurse so medication can be given once the school opens. Emergency medication can be kept on campus and will be locked up by the lead instructor. Inhalers, EPI-pens, and diabetic supplies should be labeled and are to be given to the lead instructor of the campus. If your child has a life-threatening illness, please contact the campus nurse so that procedures may be put in place.

ELECTRONICS/PERSONAL ITEMS/TOYS

ESD adheres to the electronics and technology policy set forth by the District. Except when being used for teacher-approved purposes, telecommunications and electronic devices shall not be visible, audible, or used during ESD hours as determined by the instructor. If a student violates this policy, the device will be collected by ESD staff and kept until the end of the day or until an authorized pickup arrives to sign the child out. ESD is not liable for damage or loss of any electronic devices. Except as described above, students are not permitted to possess or use personal electronic devices such as but not limited to MP3 players, DVD players, or tablets without instructor permission. If electronics are in use for instructional purposes, they are not to be shared with other students.

Toys are prohibited at ESD. This includes any personal item deemed to be a distraction by ESD staff.

CHILD ABUSE

It is the obligation of any ESD staff to report any suspected child abuse to Child Protective Services.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

The ESD program follows the Denton ISD Public Schools [Code of Conduct](#). Due to staffing and budgetary restrictions, and because the Extended School Day is not part of the District curriculum or instructional day, certain restrictions apply to student participation. All students must be physically, emotionally, socially and mentally capable of handling a 1:15 (adult: child) ratio in all activities with the maximum of 1:20. Additionally, for the identified reasons, students must maintain appropriate behaviors in order to continue in Extended School Day. If students have persistent behavior problems that interfere with the general welfare of others, they may be temporarily or permanently removed from the program. Persistent inappropriate behaviors may include, but are not limited to, temper tantrums, rudeness, disrespect, noncompliance, and physical aggression with students or adults. Parents will be notified at pick-up times if behavioral problems have occurred. Students who continually disrupt or do not follow the Code of Conduct will be suspended or dismissed from the program. If you have questions regarding the behavior policies, please feel free to contact the campus coordinator.

The campus coordinator will contact the parent after a student receives three (3) discipline reports. If there is a serious offense, parents will receive an immediate phone call.

REPORTS

All reports will be signed by the parent or authorized pick-up at the end of the day.

If a student is involved in an accident involving a head injury, regardless of how minor, the parent will be contacted for immediate pick up. A Care and Concern report will be written if a student has expressed an emotional concern with an instructor. Depending on the severity of the concern, ESD staff will contact the school counselors for follow-up support for the child and family.

TUITION

The cost of the Before School Care Program is \$95.00 per month per child regardless of how many days are in the month. There will be no refunds or credits given for bad weather days or when the school is closed. Tuition is due on the last day of the previous month. (i.e. November tuition due on Oct. 31). You can pay tuition online through your [parent portal](#) or by dropping off cash or check at the main office. **ESD does not have autopay.**

If cash payment is made, it must be in the exact amount. The ESD office does not keep cash on site to make change.

Mail-in payments must be received by the 3rd of the month to avoid any late fees.

Students may be withdrawn from the program for non-payment of fees.

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS

NSF checks will automatically be processed through our check recovery service Envision Payment Solutions. If your bank returns your check unpaid, Envision Payment Solutions may redeposit your check electronically. The use of check for payment of our program fees is your acknowledgement and acceptance of this policy and the terms of Envision Payment Solutions. After 2 NSF checks, tuition can only be paid by cash or money order.

Contact 1-877-290-5460 or 940-369-0080 if you have questions.

REFUND POLICY

In the event a child is suspended from ESD, tuition will not be refunded or pro-rated. If a parent chooses to withdraw their child in the middle of the month after tuition has been paid, there will be no refund.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

If parents have any concerns or questions, they are to call the main office and speak to the coordinator of their campus. Parents are not to discuss discipline actions or other issues with campus instructors.

ESD allows program observations by parents or legal guardians for periods up to 30 minutes, once a week. These observations must be pre-arranged and will be stopped if the instructor or coordinator thinks that they are disruptive to the program. These visits are observational only and parents will not be allowed to interact with the child. ESD will comply with any court documentation and timelines therein. For example, if a parent is allowed to pick up their child on Mondays and Thursdays, these are the only days they can schedule an observation.

WEATHER POLICY

The ESD program will follow the Denton ISD schedule for closing during bad weather. Cable TV channel 25, radio stations WBAP 820 AM, KRLD 1080 AM, KNTU 88.1 FM, or TV channels 4, 5, 8, and 11 will carry news about school closing in case of bad weather or some disaster. If bad weather develops during the school day and schools are closing early or if bad weather develops during ESD program hours, please make arrangements for your student(s) to be picked up immediately. ESD follows the same temperature limits as Denton ISD. Children will go outside to play unless the temperature is below 45 degrees or above 100 or if the air quality is not acceptable.

EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM
CALENDAR FOR THE 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Holidays/Closures	Dates
Staff Development/Bad Weather Makeup	Friday, October 13, 2017 Monday, October 16, 2017 Monday, March 19, 2017 Friday, April 13, 2017
Early Release	October 12, 2017 December 19-20, 2017 May 23-24, 2018
Labor Day	Monday September 4, 2017
Thanksgiving	Monday-Friday, November 20-24, 2017
Winter Break	Thursday-Wednesday, December 21-January 3, 2018
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15, 2018
Spring Break	March 12-16, 2018

Tuition Calendar 2017-2018

Month	Amount Due	Due Date	\$30 Late Fee Assessed
August	\$95	07/31/17	08/07/17
September	\$95	08/31/17	09/03/17
October	\$95	09/30/17	10/03/17
November	\$95	10/31/17	11/03/17
December	\$95	11/30/17	12/03/17
January	\$95	12/31/17	01/05/18
February	\$95	01/31/18	02/03/18
March	\$95	02/28/18	03/03/18
April	\$95	03/31/18	04/03/18
May	\$95	04/30/18	05/03/18