



Parent Handbook- COVID addendum August 25, 2021

In order to protect all teachers, staff, and students, ADS will implement certain procedures and policies to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We will inform you as changes occur and how they affect our program. Failure to follow COVID-19 guidelines can be grounds for removal from the ADS program.

COVID Consent Form

Prior to the first day of school, each family is required to sign a COVID consent form .

Daily Health Screening

Each day when signing your child in, you will review the Daily Health Screener to verify that you can answer "No" to every question. Your signature confirms that you are answering "No".

Masks for Teachers & Parents

Teachers will maximize time spent wearing masks or face coverings when indoors with students, regardless of their vaccination status. Any parent or caregiver dropping off or picking up a child is required to wear a mask or face covering for the duration of their time at ADS.

Masks for Children ages Pre-K and Up

To begin the school year, masks are required to be worn by children in our pre-k classes and kinder class when indoors. Masks are recommended, but not required, for other students at ADS. No masks will be worn by students during rest time. The ADS Board will regularly revisit the issue of student masking throughout the year, and implement changes as may be decided based on student, teacher, and parent feedback, as well as by state and local requirements.

Arrivals

Teachers will be at designated school areas to receive child/ren between 8:45-9:00. The designated time is dependent on the class. These areas include, but are not limited to: classroom entrance, small playground, large playground, courtyard, and other school areas.

Dismissals

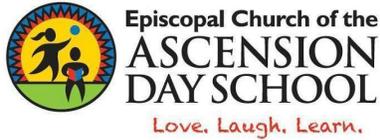
Teachers will be at designated school areas to release child/ren. The areas include, but are not limited to small playground, large playground, courtyard, main church entrance and other school areas. A late fee of \$1 per minute will be assessed beginning one minute after dismissal time.

Temperature Checks

Temperatures will be taken periodically during the day or as needed. Any child whose temperature reads over 99.4. will be sent home.

Outside Vendors:

Rainbow Dance, a former outside vendor also known as White Rock Dance, will resume this school year if enough students enroll.



Snacks

Family-style snacks will not be permitted this year due to allowing more opportunities to eat in outside areas. Parents/caregivers are responsible for packing their child's own HEALTHY snack for each day the child is enrolled. This snack must be in a prepackaged, disposable container that can be thrown away after consumption (Ziploc baggie, etc.). Classes will be eating snacks outside when weather permits. A separate snack ideas list is found here:

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Specials Classes:

Weather permitting, ADS will attempt to maximize the use of outdoor space for special classes (Chapel & Music, Library, Spanish, Yoga, Science & Gardening). These classes will be held outside in the courtyard, in the garden, or in another safe space around Ascension. If COVID prohibits a Specials teacher from teaching in-person classes, technology may be used for lessons.

Visitors

Due to Covid, we anticipate limiting visitors as much as possible.

Special Events (class parties, etc.)

We will continue to hold special events. Classroom teachers will be in touch with room moms about providing suggested items for the class party. If we are able to hold classroom parties outside, we will invite parents to participate.

Rest Time and Nap Mats

Parents have the option to pick up their child/ren before rest time - between 12 and 1 PM to reduce illnesses. Due to COVID, nap mats must go home with the student at the end of each week, washed in hot water, and brought back to school the following week.

Backpacks

We ask that parents wash their child's backpack and lunchbox at the end of each week.

Extra Items from home

Items from home such as toys, baby dolls, etc., with the exception of lovies and pacis (in the toddler and 2s class only), are prohibited at school. Any items that ARE allowed must be sanitized at home each day. Please reach out if we need to discuss a case-by-case exception to this rule.