

Weatherstone Before and After School Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I pick up or drop off my child?

Before School Dropoff is in the cafeteria starting at 7:00 a.m. Parents/Guardians **MUST** come inside the building to sign their student(s) in on the “sign in sheet”.

After School Pick-up is between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. either in the cafeteria, the gym, or on the upper or lower playgrounds. If students are outside, kindergarten and first grade will be on the lower playground (at the back of the school). Second through fifth grade will be on the upper playground (on the field to the right of the parking lot). **Please look for the YELLOW SIGNS hanging on the cafeteria/gym door or posted on the easel outside.**

Parents/Guardians MUST come inside the building to sign their student(s) out the “sign out sheet”. If you are picking your student up between 4:00PM and 4:30PM, please park in a parking space before coming into the building. Our school buses are still operating during this time, and it is important to keep the bus lane open.

Does Weatherstone offer early drop-off or late pick-up?

No. The Before School Program does not open until 7:00 a.m. The After School Program closes promptly at 6:00 p.m. Late fees apply after 6:00 p.m. and habitual tardiness may result in removal from the program.

What happens in the case of inclement weather?

Before School The Before School Program will be delayed by the same amount of time that the opening of school is delayed. If school is delayed one hour, the Before School Program will open an hour late as well. If WCPSS cancels school due to inclement weather, the Before School Program **will not operate**. The program will operate on the make-up days(s) designated by the Board of Education.

After School If WCPSS cancels school due to inclement weather, the After School Program will not operate. Parents/Guardians are to pick up their student(s) at the same dismissal time as those students not attending the after school program. If the Superintendent cancels all after school activities, the After School Program **will not operate**. Parents/Guardians are to pick up their children at the close of school.

Does Weatherstone provide drop-in childcare?

No. Weatherstone does not offer drop-in childcare. The Before and After School Programs do offer a Daily Rate Program. Students enrolled in a Daily Rate Program can attend **ONLY** on the day(s) of the week they are registered for, and the day(s) of the week cannot be exchanged for alternate day(s).

For instance, if you only need child care on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, you pay the daily rate for those days only. However, your student could not attend on Tuesday or Thursday.

Does Weatherstone prorate fees for partial months?

No. Weatherstone does not prorate partial months. The full monthly fee is due regardless of the date of program enrollment or the number of days the student is absent from the program for illness, family trips, etc. You can, however, receive a refund from WCPSS for leaving the program early. You will need to complete a **TERMINATION FORM** and submit it to the program(s) coordinator(s). Refunds from the WCPSS district take about 6-8 weeks.

May I pay my fee online?

Yes. Once your student's registration information has been entered into the system, you may make payments through OSP, Wake County Public Schools online payment system. The link may be found on the Weatherstone School website by clicking on the information link listed under the Before & After School Programs information page.

Are the fees divided monthly?

Eight payments cover 20 school days. The ninth payment covers 17 school days. School is in session for a total of 177 days. You do not pay for teacher workdays or holidays when children are not in school. Payment due dates vary. Please be sure to refer to the payment schedule.

What happens if I cannot pay my fee on time?

*The payment schedule lists a “**payment due date**” and a “**late after date**”. If payment is not made by the “**late after date**” listed on the payment schedule, a reminder notice will be sent, and a \$10.00 “late payment” fee will be charged. If payment is not made five days after the “**late after date**”, the student shall be withdrawn from the program. Any past due fees are still required to be paid. As always, do your best to pay on time and communicate with us if you are having difficulty.*

What happens if a check is returned due to insufficient funds?

When any check is returned, WCPSS charges a \$10.00 NSF fee, and ALL subsequent payments must be made only by money order. Cash cannot be accepted.

What kind of activities do the Before School and After School Programs offer?

The Before and After School Programs vary but each offers supervised activities including STEM, arts & crafts, sports, reading, movies, games, and enrichment activities. Students in kindergarten and first grade will play outside on the lower playground located toward the back of the school. Students in second through fifth grade will play outside on the upper playground which is located immediately to the right as you enter the Weatherstone parking lot.

What is the student to staff ratio?

Staff, which includes certified teachers and teacher assistants, is never more than 20 students per 1 adult. On average, most days, the ratio is 15 students per 1 adult.

What is the Discipline and Behavior Management Policy in the Before and After School Programs?

The WCPSS Code of Student Conduct applies to all programs operated by WCPSS and occurring on school campuses. The Discipline and Behavior Management Policy is included in the registration packet.

What is the best way to contact the program coordinators or get updates from the Before and After School Programs?

Before School

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After School

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