



Wanamaker Early Learning Center Parent Guidelines and Covid-19 Response Plan 2020/ 2021

About this Guide

This Parent Guide is to supplement the policies included in the Franklin Township District-Wide Elementary Handbook located at <https://ftcsc.org/student-handbooks-k-12/>.

This Guide also supplements the FTCSC Return to School Plan located at <https://ftcsc.org/return-to-school-plan/>

Wanamaker ELC is a Licensed Childcare Center, thus subject to the laws, rules, and related policies set by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. Due to this, modifications to the district plan may occur to be compliant with state licensing requirements and appropriateness for the age group we serve.

These policies are intended to guide us in safely operating during a pandemic. These policies are fluid and may be adjusted based on current guidance issued by the state government and health authorities, as well as Indiana's Division of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning.

Student Health and Safety

WELC will follow the policies on the Franklin Township Return to School Plan. Please review this plan at <https://ftcsc.org/return-to-school-plan/>

WELC will follow the district plan. Below you will find information that is supplemental to the plan and specific to WELC. Some components of the plan require stricter measures due to the age group we serve and/or regulations that apply to a licensed childcare center.

Illness

Please take some time to review the illness policies that have been set by the Marion County Health Department. These flowcharts are very helpful in understanding when a child should not come to school and when they can return to school.

[COVID-19 Screening for Parents](#)

[COVID-19: When a student, faculty or staff member can return to school](#)

[COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree](#)

If your child becomes ill or develops symptoms at school, they will be isolated from the group and you will need to pick them up **as soon as possible and within one hour**. Please have plans that will allow your child to be picked up promptly. To release your child to someone other than the parent, the individual must be listed as an Emergency Contact and will be asked to show personal identification. Students who have symptoms listed in the screening tool will be isolated in an area separate from children visiting the clinic for other reasons.

If a child becomes sick at home and will not be coming to childcare, we ask that you notify us by calling the office at 317-860-4500 or emailing leslie.rowland@ftcsc.org.

If a case of COVID-19 were to be confirmed in a child or staff member at the Early Childhood Center, WELC would follow any orders given by the local Health Department, which may include temporarily closing some classrooms for sanitization and containment of the spread. The amount of time that WELC would be required to close or the extent of quarantining individuals would be determined on a case-by-case basis by local Health Department Officials.

WELC is following guidance provided to Child Care Centers issued by Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration to prevent the spread of disease as much as possible. It is equally as important that families keep their children home if **anyone** in their household has tested positive for Covid-19. We are truly all in this together and thank you for your cooperation.

Screening for Symptoms of Covid-19

All Children- Parents will screen their child using the [COVID-19 Screening for Parents](#) before bringing them to school.

Full-Day classes- We will take your child's temperature using a touchless forehead thermometer before entering the classroom.

Hygiene and Sanitization

Hand Washing

We will continue to follow proper hand hygiene guidance for adults and children, such as washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. It is required we wash hands:

- Upon arrival in the classroom/center
- Before and after eating meals and snacks
- After blowing noses, coughing, or sneezing or when in contact with body fluids
- After toileting or changing diapers

Hand Sanitizer

Due to Covid-19, we are able to use hand sanitizer when a handwashing sink is not readily available. Sanitizer **MUST** be kept out of reach of children and can only be administered under direct supervision. Students may **NOT** carry personal hand sanitizer on themselves. If a family wishes to donate hand sanitizer for use, they can give it to a WELC staff member.

Cleaning and Sanitization

- Surfaces are cleaned and sanitized before and after serving meals and snacks and between groups.
- Toys are sanitized regularly and we will remove plush items from our classroom.
- Items that are contaminated or placed in a child's mouth will be removed immediately for sanitizing.
- Classrooms and restrooms are cleaned and sanitized daily by our custodial staff and as needed throughout the school day.
- Playgrounds and equipment are sanitized between groups.
- We will no longer be having family-style meal services. Staff will plate meals and snacks for serving and provide seconds if the child requests.

Social Distancing and Cohorting

We will teach the children concepts of personal space, hand washing, and preventing the spread of sickness. However, we recognize children will get close to each other when engaging in play, an important aspect of your child's experience and education. We do not want their experience to be adverse, scary, or counterproductive to their social development. We will implement social distancing and cohorting strategies to prevent the spread of illness such as:

- Children will stay with their assigned classroom (cohort) for the duration of their school day as much as possible.
- Limiting combining groups of children and keeping teachers with consistent groups as much as possible.
- Within classrooms, we will create "play cohorts"- a small group that will be together when seated and in play centers.
- Spread children out as much as possible when seated and during rest time, staying with our "play pod" as feasible.
- Maintaining a seating chart within the classroom and lunchroom

- Avoiding the mixing of cohorts in common areas. For example, when eating lunch groups will be well spread out and will not share areas in the cafeteria. Lunchtimes will be staggered to accommodate. Breakfast will be served in the classroom.
- Only one group at a time will use the playground or gym. The playground and any equipment used will be disinfected between groups. Due to this, we will utilize the field to ensure each group gets a recess/gross motor time daily. Classes will rotate from week to week if they get to use the playground or field. Each class will have their own play equipment to use in the field.
- Planning activities that do not require close physical contact between multiple children.
- Limiting item sharing, and if items are being shared, remind children not to touch their faces and wash their hands after using these items.
- Limiting the use of water or sensory tables and wash hands immediately after any use of these tools. We will be purchasing an individual sensory box for each child.

Cloth Facial Coverings, Masks, or Face Shields

- Any child under 2 should NOT wear a face-covering due to suffocation risk.
- The FTCSC Back to School Plan states: PreK-fifth grade students are encouraged to wear masks
- A mask is required for any child who takes a school bus unless an exemption applies
- If your child is going to wear a mask at school, we ask you to send a back up in a baggie to keep at school in case their mask gets wet or is soiled. We will send soiled masks home for washing.

Below are resources on mask-wearing and speaking to your children about Covid-19.

Stories/ Articles:

[I am a Superhero- a story about mask-wearing for kids](#)

[Wearing a Mask: a story for Kids](#)

[Tips for Helping Your Child 1](#)

[Tips for Helping Your Child 2](#)

Videos for Kids:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InP-uMn6q_U

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLO1GNXKmNE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgaKLpSxQag>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipvbNzK4nXc>

Speaking to Children about COVID-19

- [Back to School Story](#)
- [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) - A Parent Resource.](#)
- [Talking With Children: Tips for Caregivers, Parents, and Teachers During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)
- [CDC Guidance for talking with children](#)

Arrival and Pick-Up Procedures

Only parents, guardians, or authorized individuals listed as an emergency contact in Infinite Campus will be able to pick up students from school. Should someone else need to pick a child up, we will require advance notice from the parent and the individual will be required to present an ID. Anyone entering the building should be prepared to submit a state drivers license or ID to be scanned.

Full-Day Preschool/Childcare

Consistent with recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control, we will meet you outside to check in your child, conduct a screening, then escort them to class. **Parents will not enter the building.** At pick up time, we will bring your child to you. During drop off and pick up, students will be signed in/out using the KidReports application. Should this program not be available, paper records will be kept. Details of your child's day will be shared with the daily report in the KidReports application. If you need to reach the teacher, please send a message in Kid Reports or an email.

Important: VIEW A MAP AND FULL DIRECTIONS [HERE](#)

Infants and Toddlers

Parents of infants and toddlers may park in the spots at the front door. You will bring your child to their classroom door. The classroom staff will conduct the screening and accept your child. We ask that you wait at the door and do not enter the classroom. We will follow the same procedure for pick up.

Half-Day Preschool Arrival and Dismissal

Half-day students will be brought to school and picked up using a car rider line. Parents will be issued car rider numbers corresponding with their child's tag secured to their backpack. Children will only be released to individuals who are authorized for pick up AND have the car rider number displayed. Students will wait inside in the hallway to be supervised by staff, remaining in ratios at all times. As a parent's car approaches the curb, staff will bring individual children to their car. Parents will need to get out to buckle their child.

Important: VIEW A MAP AND FULL DIRECTIONS [HERE](#)

Supplies

- We are asking that each child keep at least 2 changes of clothes at school. We may ask for more if your child needs to be changed more. Please send clothing in a ziplock gallon bag labeled with your child's name. We will send them home if soiled and you will then send another set of clothes.
- To minimize sharing materials we are asking each child to bring an art box labeled with their name and the following items:
 - 2 boxes of crayons
 - 1 pair of blunt-tip scissors
 - 2 glue sticks
 - 2 dry erase markers
 - 1 pack of washable markers
 - 1 Watercolor tray
- Your child will also need a backpack appropriately sized for them to carry it independently. Please no oversized bags or bags on wheels.
- If your child attends a full day, they will need a blanket and a travel-size (small) pillow for rest time. Items will be sent home at the end of the week for washing. If soiled, it will be sent home on that day. Please avoid sending overly bulky blankets or pillows. This will help us store personal items so they do not touch other children's items.
- Please **DO NOT** send water bottles. We will have disposable cups available to serve your child water

Back to School

Due to Covid-19, we are unable to host a back to school night. We will send a video introduction to the school and some procedures to help your child. We will send pictures and biographies of the staff so your child can see their faces (with and without masks). Teachers will connect with parents through email to introduce themselves prior to the first day and give you general information about their class. The teacher will get in touch if you need to discuss any concerns. If you are new to our program and have never seen the building, you may call the office and schedule a private tour.

School Calendar and Hours

Half-Day Programs and Developmental Preschool

All half-day programs and developmental preschool follow the Franklin Township Community School Corporation Calendar, including all scheduled school breaks, holidays, delays, cancellations, and e-learning days. The school calendar can be found at <https://ftcsc.org/calendars/>. Half-day programs will begin on August 10, 2020.

Full-Day Programs

Full day programs will also follow the FTCSC school calendar. During Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer breaks, full-day childcare will be available as a camp for those who sign up. If families do not utilize this service over school breaks, there is no fee to hold your child's spot. If you do want childcare over the break, you will be signing up for a Childcare Camp. During Camp, your child may not be with their usual teacher. We will still serve meals and offer activities to supplement our curriculum. Due to limited availability, childcare camps are only available to students enrolled in a full-day program. Parents will be asked to sign up several weeks before the breaks so we can plan. If an adequate number of students are not enrolled for camp, the service may not be offered to certain age groups. Parents will be notified well in advance should this be the case.

Additionally, WELC will be closed on the following days to observe holidays: September 7, November 25, 26 and 27; December 23, 24, and 25; December 31, January 1, January 18, February 15, and May 31, and July 5.

Program Hours

Full-Day: Children enrolled for the full day can arrive as early as 6:30 AM and depart as late as 5:30 PM. Parents should communicate with staff a regular schedule of arrival and pick up. We understand there are occasions this may differ. We ask you to inform the staff at least 2 days prior so we can ensure we have adequate staff scheduled. To get the full benefit of the curriculum it is recommended that children arrive by 9:15 and stay until 3:15.

Half-Day Programs and Developmental Preschool: Children enrolled in a half-day program must arrive at the established start time. We are unable to accommodate early drop-offs or late pickups.

AM Classes: 9:20-11:50

PM Classes 12:40-3:10

Weather Delays and Cancellations

We will use Procure/ Kid Reports to issue WELC specific information on cancellations and closing due to severe weather. When you enroll in Procure, please be sure to enter your cell phone provider so we can add you to receive text messages from us. Please contact Leslie Rowland if you need assistance with this.

Half-Day Programs

Half-day programs will observe all 2-hour delays and cancellations in accordance with FTCSC. There will be no half-day classes if the school is canceled or an e-learning day is called due to weather or a planned e-learning day. If there is a 2-hour delay we will only be able to see one group of students during our usual PM class time slot: 12:40-3:10. When a call is made it will be indicated if the AM or PM preschool group will attend. This will alternate on any following delay days.

Full-Day Programs

When the township delays the start of school or cancels school due to weather, we will still offer childcare to students who attend full-day but will open at **7:30 AM** so long as our staff can safely travel.

Enrollment requirements

Students enrolled at WELC must be residents of the Franklin Township School District or the child or grandchild of a staff member. Should a family move out of the township or the employee no longer works for FTCSC, the enrollment will be terminated.

Once accepted into a program, parents must complete Infinite Campus Enrollment at <https://ftcsc.org/enrollment/>. This enrollment must be updated each school year. A birth certificate, vaccination records, and proof of residency must be obtained for each child.

Additionally, state licensing requires submission of a consent to report your child's birthdate and a Health Record Form to be completed within 30 days of enrollment. These forms will be available in the office. All state forms referenced in this handbook will be made available on the WELC website under parent resources.

Preschool Program Age Requirements

To participate in a preschool program a child must be 3 by October 1, 2020. This date is aligned with the

Kindergarten eligibility date so your child would have 2 years of preschool prior to Kindergarten. To start in the preschool classroom, the child will need to already be 3 years old. If your child turns 3 between August and October 1, they would be able to start on their 3rd birthday. If your child turns 3 after October 1, 2020, they are not eligible for a preschool class this school year. Exceptions apply to children who are eligible for services under an Individualized Education Plan.

Health Record Requirements

In order to be compliant with Indiana's state licensing standards, a completed Child Care Center Health Record form (state form 49969) must be submitted. This can be found at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/2733.htm> and copies will be made available in the office. This form needs to be completed with a physician's or nurse practitioner's signature, dated no earlier than twelve (12) months prior to the enrollment date. If you call your child's pediatrician's office, most often they keep a supply of these forms and can get them completed for you quickly. A copy of the child's immunizations is also required. If the child's immunizations are not up to date, a plan must be submitted to assure that immunizations are made current as quickly as possible. Families with religious or philosophical beliefs that prohibit immunizations must complete a Religious Exemption Form located at <https://ftcsc.org/immunization-requirements-2/>. Students who may have a health condition interfering with their ability to be fully vaccinated must submit documentation from a physician.

Health Record Forms and Immunizations must be turned in within 30 days of a child's enrollment. For children who are homeless and children in foster care, the Health Form must be provided within ninety (90) days of enrollment.

Clinic Information

School Nurse Consent to Treat

A consent to treat document must be updated each school year. These consents are provided electronically as a part of the online registration process for both existing students and new enrollments and should be completed prior to the start of the school year. Students must have a consent to treat signed by a parent or guardian to be seen in the school nurse clinic. All students will be treated in the case of an emergency.

If your child has a life-threatening allergy, asthma, seizure disorder, or other condition requiring medication or a specific health action plan, parents should contact the school nurse at (317)860-4500 or email betty.scheil@ftcsc.org.

If your child has a life-threatening food allergy, parents need to contact the Child Nutrition Assistant Director as soon as possible at 317-803-5050 to determine meal plan substitutions available.

Injury

Students who are injured at school will be assessed at the time of the injury. If a student has a deep laceration, cannot walk, has extreme swelling or pain, obvious deformity, head injury, or any other sign of an emergent/urgent need for further evaluation, the nurse or childcare staff will determine the best course of action for the situation, which may include a call for a parent to pick up, or to EMS. In order to enroll, parents must provide emergency medical authorization to provide transportation and obtain medical treatment for children when the parent cannot be contacted. This authorization is part of Infinite Campus Enrollment.

The clinic possesses wheelchairs for emergency response by school staff only. FTCSC cannot provide a wheelchair or any other medical supplies or devices which are necessary for student injuries or recuperation from surgeries, including crutches, dressing supplies, wraps, splints, etc. Parents should contact their healthcare provider or insurance carrier if these devices are needed beyond the school's initial response.

Lice

Once confirmed and sent home for treatment, students with head lice (live or nits) must have a parent bring them to the clinic to be checked in order to return to school. Nurses will assist parents with strategies for prevention and ways to enable the student to return to school as quickly as possible.

Medications

Medication consent forms are required for any medication to be given by the school nurse or a Caregiver during the school day. A parent or legal guardian must complete the form for each medication and bring the medication to the school with a signed physician's order, please use the RECORD OF MEDICATION ORDER (State Form 49968) located at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/2733.htm> and on the WELC website under parent forms. The form will be kept on file in the school clinic and/or classroom. Prescription medications must be brought with the current pharmacy label attached. Over the counter medications must be in the original container labeled with the student's name and date of birth. The school nurse or caregiver will follow the instructions given on a health care provider's written order.

If the nurse is to administer medication in the clinic, the required district medication form and policies can be located here: <https://ftcsc.org/health-services/forms/>.

Medications for Children Under 3

Due to the district agreement with Community Health Services, the school nurse will not administer the medication to children under 3. Classroom caregivers will do so following a physician's orders. If a health care plan is needed for children under 3, the District Health Services Registered Nurse will provide consultation to develop an action plan if needed. Cathy Horning can be reached at 317-803-5011.

Medications for children under 3 will require the RECORD OF MEDICATION ORDER (State Form 49968) located at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/2733.htm> or on the WELC website.

***Please note this form is required even for commonly used treatments such as topical diaper rash cream, lip balm, and other over the counter medications to treat teething pain or gas.

Infant Feeding Plan

Prior to admission, a feeding plan shall be established and written for each infant (age six (6) weeks to twelve (12) months) in consultation with the parents and based on the written recommendation of the child's medical provider. Feeding plans must be continually updated by the child's medical provider or parent. The feeding plan form can be found on the WELC website under Parent Forms.

Meals and Snacks

Meal and Snack Food Services

WELC will be a state-licensed childcare facility. This requires we offer a food program consistent with the regulations the state has provided. This ensures your child receives well-balanced nutrition. The state also requires that all students participate in the food program, with the exception of infants who have separate policies.

There may be circumstances where a child may require substitutions made by the parent or WELC for medical reasons or dietary restrictions. To determine the possible substitutions to the menu, parents need to contact the Star Express Child Nutrition Assistant Director at 317-803-5050. An agreement will be made on the substitutions Star Express can provide. If Star Express is unable to accommodate, and the parent needs to substitute, you will be referred to Leslie Rowland to complete the forms necessary to do so (Leslie.Rowland@ftcsc.org). **Due to childcare center regulations, we are unable to serve food brought from home to your child unless you have gone through this process. If approved, you will be able to make substitutions.**

Food Program Costs

This year Star Express Child Nutrition Department at Franklin Township Schools will offer the Child and Adult Care Food Program at Wanamaker Early Learning Center. Families that qualify can fill out a Free and Reduced Meal Application at www.ezmealapp.com to receive discounted breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks for the 2020-2021 school year. One application is needed per household and includes all other children in Franklin Township Community Schools. If you have already filled out an application for your other students who attend FTCSC, do not fill out an additional application, but call the Child Nutrition Department at 317-803-5058.

Meals will also no longer be charged through tuition, rather, each student will have a meal account that money will need to be deposited into. Every family will need to register their account at www.ezschoollpay.com to be able to make online

payments, monitor account activity, and set up low balance alerts or automatic payments. Meals and snacks will be charged to the account based on what your child consumes. We will no longer apply it as a meal package.

Special Dietary Needs (medical) will be accommodated under the CACFP program. Please reach out to Audrey Banich, RD at 317-803-5050 for questions.

Please contact the Child Nutrition Department at 317-803-5058 with any questions.

All students in a half-day program will receive a snack and milk or water.

Full day classrooms will serve breakfast, two snacks, and lunch.

Students need to arrive no later than 8:00 AM in order to be served breakfast.

Service	Regular Price	Reduced Price
Breakfast	\$1.30	\$0.30
Lunch	\$2.00	\$0.40
Snack	\$0.75	\$0.15

Menu

Current menus will be posted in classrooms and available on our website at <http://welc.ftcsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Summer-menu.pdf>

Tuition Payments

WELC will be using Procure's Tuition Express to collect tuition payments. We will no longer be using Moment Path. This platform will allow parents to receive notification that a payment is due and provide the ability to submit payment via credit card or automatic bank account withdrawal for a nominal fee. Recurring automatic payments can also be scheduled using Tuition Express. Please email Leslie Rowland (leslie.rowland@ftcsc.org) for more information.

Payments can also be submitted by a check made out to Franklin Township Community School Corporation or FTCSC. Please hand the check to staff when they receive your child at drop off. We can also run a credit card. We will take your credit card then bring it back out to your car. Please note you may need to wait if you use this option as our staff's first priority will be getting children to class. All receipts will be delivered to you through Tuition Express. We are unable to accept cash payments exceeding \$25.00.

If payment is not received by the due date, a \$15 late fee will be assessed. If you are unable to make the payment at that time, please contact us with a plan for when you will pay the balance. Failure to keep accounts current will result in dismissal from the program if exceeding 14 days of nonpayment.

If your account becomes past due, you are responsible for all collections costs including, but not limited to, late fees, attorney fees, court costs, and any other costs incurred as a result of attempting to collect the debt.

Parents are required to give two weeks written notice prior to terminating their child's enrollment. Should notice not be served two weeks before withdrawal, the full tuition will be charged. Once a child is withdrawn, a registration fee must be paid prior to re-enrollment.

There will be no deductions or refunds of tuition due to illness, quarantine, holidays, emergency closures due to weather, or parent-elected vacation time outside the school calendar breaks.

If we were ordered to close the center or specific classrooms due to a confirmed COVID-19 case by the order of the Health Department or state officials, we will not be able to refund or credit tuition. Please understand we have to

continue paying our staff to be able to quickly resume childcare once we are allowed to reopen. If an order to close a room or suspend services exceeds two weeks, we will revisit this plan.

Schedule of Tuition Due Dates 2020/2021

Half-Day Programs

Tuition will be billed to parents on the 26th day of the month prior to the month of service through ProCare. Tuition will be due on the 1st business day of the Month. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed on the next business day should tuition not be received. The first payment will be due August 1st and the last will be due May 1st.

Tuition is based on an annual amount divided into ten monthly payments. Each month, the tuition is the same regardless of the number of days of school.

Program	Annual Tuition	10 monthly installments
2 half days	\$1200	\$120
3 half days	\$1700	\$170
5 half days	\$2500	\$250

Month of Service	Invoice sent to parent through ProCare	Payment due
August 10-31	August 1	August 10
September	August 26	September 1
October	September 26	October 1
November	October 26	November 2
December	November 26	December 1
January	December 26	January 1
February	January 26	February 1
March	February 26	March 1
April	March 26	April 1
May	April 26	May 1

Full-Day Programs

Tuition is billed through ProCare the Thursday before a two week period of service. Payment is due by Sunday before the given 2 week period begins. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed on Monday at the start of the business day should payment not be received.

Weeks of Service	Invoice sent to parent through Procure	Payment due
August 3- August 14	July 30	August 2
August 17- August 28	August 13	August 16
August 31 - September 11	August 27	August 30
September 14 - September 25	September 10	September 13
September 28 - October 9	September 24	September 27
October 12 - October 23	October 8	October 11
October 26 - November 6	October 22	October 25
November 9 - November 20	November 5	November 8
November 23 - December 4	November 19	November 22
December 7 - December 18	December 3	December 6
December 21 - January 1	December 17	December 20
January 4 - January 15	December 31	January 3
January 18 - January 29	January 14	January 17
February 1 - February 12	January 28	January 31
February 15 - February 26	February 11	February 14
March 1 - March 12	February 25	February 28
March 15 - March 26	March 11	March 14
March 29 - April 9	March 25	March 28
April 12 - April 23	April 8	April 11
April 26 - May 7	April 22	April 25
May 10 - May 21	May 6	May 9
May 24 - June 4	May 20	May 23
June 7 - June 18	June 3	June 6
June 21 - July 2	June 17	June 20
July 5 - July 16	July 1	July 4
July 19 - July 30	July 15	July 18

Late Pick-up Fees

If a child is picked up beyond their programs end time, a late pickup fee will be assessed as follows:

Late Pickup First 15 Minutes \$25.00

Late Pickup Every Additional 5 Minutes \$10.00

If any child is not picked up 30 minutes after closing time and no contact can be achieved, Child Protective Services will be contacted to pick up your child.

Fees and Tuition for Students with IEP Services

Students who receive special education services are not assessed a registration fee for a half-day program if that program is included in the services of their IEP at the time of enrollment. A registration fee may be assessed should a parent elect a full day program to supplement a child's services determined by their case conference committee. A supply fee and food program fee is assessed for all students regardless of IEP qualification. Services written in a child's IEP are provided at no cost to the parent. If a parent elects to enroll a child in childcare beyond the scope of an IEP, tuition will be assessed. Parents can speak with the Director to determine if tuition is due.

Annual Fees

A non-refundable registration fee and supply fee are due at the time an enrollment application is accepted and will hold your child's spot. The full amount is due for each child enrolled. At this time, we are not able to offer multi-child discounts or accepted vouchers such as CCDF or On My Way Pre-K.

	Registration Fee	Supply Fee	Total due at enrollment
Half-Day Programs	\$60	\$75	\$135
Full-Day Programs	\$60	\$100	\$160

Tuition Rates can be found at <https://welc.ftcsc.org/enrollment-information/>

Communication

With limiting your access to the building, we want to assure you we are committed to good communication. We are switching to a communication program called Kid Reports to send you updates about your child's day and classroom activities, as well as pictures. It will also allow you to directly communicate with classroom staff. If you have not yet set up a Kid Reports account, please contact Leslie Rowland- Leslie.Rowland@ftcsc.org

Teachers can be available by email, phone, or through Kid Reports. Kid Reports is the best way to notify us of your child's day to day needs. Questions and concerns are best addressed through a direct email to the teacher. During the school day, will be largely focused on instruction. Please allow time to respond to questions and concerns.

Toilet Training

Children should be toilet trained to attend a preschool classroom. It is understandable that some may be working on independence and need a pull up during nap, or have occasional accidents. If your child is still working on it, contact Meli Drier to discuss their progress- melissa.drier@ftcsc.org. Children who are receiving services for disability or delay are not required to be toilet trained to participate in classroom services listed in their Individualized Education Plan.

Court Orders

If a court order exists preventing a particular individual from having contact with a child, the center shall comply with the order. There shall be a copy of the court order in the child's file.

RELEASE OF CHILDREN TO INTOXICATED OR IMPAIRED PERSONS

Please be advised that should a person authorized for pick-up insist on removing a child or children from the care of WELC while intoxicated or otherwise impaired, the Center shall immediately report the incident to the local police agency.

Birthday Treats

In all Franklin Township schools, NO FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT IN FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. This is for the safety of all students due to unknown allergies for kids this young, and to keep the focus on school. Birthdays will still be acknowledged, but no food treats are allowed. Students can bring in the following for a birthday celebration if they choose: pencils, stickers, bookmarks, a signed book to donate to the classroom, or other non-edible items that are approved by the teacher.

Visitation to Classes

We encourage parents to visit our facility anytime within operations. Unscheduled visits by a custodial parent or guardian of a child shall be permitted at any time the child care center is in operation. All visitors must sign in and show their picture I.D at the front office. In order to avoid disruption to instruction time, arrangements should be made with the classroom teacher prior to volunteering, at least 24 hours in advance. All volunteers must have a limited background check on file before assisting students in any way. Background check information can be found at <https://ftcsc.org/safevisitor/>. Classroom volunteers are limited to two hours per week in order to meet state regulations.

NOTE: Due to Covid-19, non-essential visitors and volunteers are prohibited from entering classrooms. If a parent wishes to visit the Center at any time, they can enter and check-in at the front office. Parents are restricted from entering the classroom at this time.

Classroom Ratios

Each classroom will follow the child/staff ratio guidelines established by the licensed childcare requirements of the state. These ratios are determined by the age group and will be posted in each classroom. In the event that a staff member is not able to be in a classroom, a substitute will be called in or another staff member will cover to maintain appropriate ratios.

Attendance

Attendance and being on time is important to maximize the benefit of the program. If your child will be absent, please call the office as soon as possible to report the absence.

Policy on Tobacco, Alcohol, Firearms/Knives, and Illegal Substances

The use or possession of Tobacco, Alcohol, Firearms/Knives, and Illegal Substances on school property is strictly prohibited.

Policy on Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

All staff at WELC are required by law to report any suspected child abuse or neglect to the Department of Child Services.

Confidentiality Policy

All information pertaining to admission, health, family, or discharge of a child is confidential. All records are kept secure and only released to other agencies with the family's signed permission.

Discipline Policy

Positive behavior intervention supports will be utilized to help students be successful. This includes teaching students the expectations and routines for the different demands they encounter throughout the school day. Students experiencing difficulty being safe may be away from the group for a short period of time in order to regain control. Staff will talk with a child to process a situation to reflect and teach as developmentally appropriate. If physical behaviors persist a conference will be held to develop a plan to help the child be more successful.

All Misbehavior will be addressed in the following manner

- Respect for the child
- Clear expectations
- Consistent reinforcement of expectations

- Use of positive language to explain the desired behavior
- Speak calmly while on the child's eye level
- Give clear choices
- Redirection

Field trips/ Transportation/ Extracurricular activities:

In the event of a field trip or extracurricular activities, parents will be informed prior and asked to sign written permission to participate. At this time, we are not planning any field trips due to Covid-19.

Curriculum and Assessment

Preschool programs will be using the Big Day PreK Curriculum. This research-based program is designed around child-friendly themes, hands-on activities, and engaging literature. This program is inclusive of language arts, mathematics, writing, science, social-emotional learning, and much more. You can learn more about Big Day PreK at <https://www.hmhco.com/programs/big-day-for-prek>

We will conduct assessments and report on your child's progress three times per year.

WELC also follows the principles of Conscious Discipline. Conscious Discipline, created by Dr. Becky Bailey, a renowned expert in child developmental psychology, is built on the premise of developing self-discipline within children rather than applying discipline to them. You can learn more about Conscious Discipline at <https://consciousdiscipline.com/about>

WELCOME to our School Family

We are humbled at the privilege of working with families and their children at such a critical time for brain development and growth. Selecting a provider for education and care for your child is a big decision. We thank you for choosing Franklin Township as a provider.

Wanamaker ELC (WELC) is the home of the Trailblazers. A Trailblazer can be defined as a pioneer, an innovator, or one who forges a new path. We believe young children possess a curiosity we must nurture to develop confidence and independence. When children enter school, they are developing an identity about what it means to be a learner. We want your child's first school experience to be positive and memorable, forging the path of success for many years to come.

At Wanamaker ELC, we believe in the development of the whole child including academic, social, motor, self-help, and social-emotional skills aligned with [Indiana's Early Learning Foundation](#) (state standards). Activities will be developmentally appropriate with hands-on learning experiences. Children will be offered plenty of opportunities to learn through play and choices balanced with structured experiences led by an instructor.

Guiding Principals for WELC Staff

We are all Trailblazers:

We encourage staff creativity and a personal drive to innovate, in addition to implementing evidence-based practices to maximize student learning. We encourage all staff to pursue ways to improve their craft and recognize we are learners as much as our students.

It takes a Village - At WELC, all staff, parents, and community members are a part of our school family. We seek collaboration actively and recognize the importance of parents as the child's first teacher. We support each other and address the needs of our students as a collective team.

We are facilitators of learning and relationships - Learning is our fundamental purpose. Learning cannot take place unless basic needs are met. This includes physiological needs, safety and security, and strong relationships with adults and peers.

We are inclusive of ALL kids: Our classrooms, instruction, and practices seek to ensure all children's needs can be met and all children know they belong to our family.

Our Core Beliefs about Early Learning

- Play and hands-on experience is the natural way for young children to learn.
- Structure and predictable routines are important features of a child's day and serve to maximize the effectiveness of our learning environment.
- Every minute counts - there are opportunities for instruction in every part of our day. While eating snacks, we can learn important self-help and socialization skills. While at gross motor time, we can learn about teamwork and cooperation.

Wanamaker Early Learning Center Parent Agreement to Written Guidelines

In Lieu of asking to turn in a paper form, we ask you to use the link below to "sign" electronically to confirm you have read the guidelines. It will also include a field where you can ask questions. Please note: It is required that you submit confirmation of the guidelines prior to your child's first day.

Guidelines Agreement Form: <https://forms.gle/MAVgqt1U3k5YVb3S6>