

PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LATCHKEY BEFORE AND AFTER CARE



LATCHKEY HANDBOOK 2020-2021 GRADES PRE K-6

AVAILABLE AT COUNTRY, FARLEY AND NAVIGATOR

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY AND SNOW DAYS

LATCHKEY CENTER TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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WELCOME

Welcome to Pinckney Education Latchkey Program. We strive to provide quality childcare programs through a variety of options. We hope to provide a service which meets the needs of working parents in our community. Pinckney's programs are self-supporting programs administered by Pinckney Community Education. These programs are licensed by the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services. Our program follows the Pinckney Community Schools calendar.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is necessary. **A \$75.00 registration fee per family for the school year is due at the time of registration.** Registration forms and emergency procedure cards must be completed prior to the child's attendance. If you have a child in both the elementary and Navigator programs, the registration fee will be collected at the elementary latchkey site.

FEES

Tuition will be paid on a weekly or monthly basis. Schedules, along with payment, must be received by 6:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the week your child will attend. A late fee of \$8.00 a day will be charged for any schedules submitted after this time. *Missed days cannot be refunded or transferred. When a child enrolls in the program, he/she is reserving space, staff, and program supplies. Snow credits are not given. If your child is scheduled to attend latchkey and a snow day is called you will not receive a credit however, you can use the program on the snow day and apply your daily fee towards the snow day fee. Fees are as follows:*

Monday – Thursday:

\$9.00 for each session (AM or PM)

\$8.00 for each session (AM or PM) for siblings

Friday (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM):

\$35.00

Includes 2 slices of pizza and drink.

Half Days:

\$9.00 for AM session

\$8.00 for AM session for siblings

\$21.00 for PM session

\$20.00 for PM session for siblings

Snow Days

Held at Country Elementary for all children in the district.

Snow day fees include 2 slices of pizza and drink.

\$40.00 for all children

SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

Parents are not allowed into the buildings. Each building will provide the sign-in and sign-out procedure to parents.

NON JOINT CUSTODY

Pinckney Latchkey must have a copy of any custody documents. Until the program receives such documents either parent may pick up the child and add names to the emergency list. In the case of joint custody, either parent may include names on the forms. Unless we have documentation, it is assumed that either parent may pick up the child.

ABSENCES

The coordinator of your program must be contacted if your child is ill and not attending. These absences will not be credited. If you have paid for any succeeding weeks that are effected, they will be credited.

HEALTH POLICY

The Pinckney Childcare health policy is designed to protect the well child and promote the best environment for the sick child. Children in good health are expected to attend each scheduled day. If a child shows obvious behavioral or dietary changes or symptoms, which could precede an illness, please consider keeping the child at home. Should a child exhibit any of the following symptoms within 24 hours before childcare, the child should remain at home: Fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, undiagnosed rash, boil, ongoing cough, congestion, runny nose or eyes, excessively pink or red, irritated eyes (which might indicate conjunctivitis, commonly known as "pink eye"), head lice, or any contagious disease. The Community Education office is to be informed at once if the child contracts a communicable disease. Should you decide to keep your child home from childcare, please contact your coordinator before the usual arrival time to let us know. If for some reason, you cannot contact us before the usual arrival time, please do so as soon as possible.

COVID-19 POLICY

The Pinckney Community Education Childcare COVID-19 health policy is in place to prevent the spread and transmission of COVID-19. Upon arrival, all students will be temperature checked with a touchless thermometer, parents will be asked to verbally complete a health questionnaire, and staff will complete a visual health assessment of each child. If your child's temperature exceeds 100.3 degree, and/or exhibits any COVID-19 indicator symptoms, they will not be admitted for participation until symptoms subside or a negative COVID-19 test result is provided. Pinckney Community Education will work in cooperation with the Livingston County Health Department to ensure that we create the safest educational environment for our children and staff.

MEDICATION PROCEDURES

Medication shall be given or applied only **with prior written permission from the parents. Sunscreen must also have written permission from parents.** Our staff will maintain a record as to the time and amount of medication given or applied. Prescription medication shall have the pharmacy label indicating the physician's name, child's name, instructions, and the strength of the medication and shall be given in accordance with those instructions. For the safety and well being of our children and the other children in the program, sick children shall be kept home. If a child does feel sick or looks sick, parents will be contacted to pick up their children.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Once weekly schedules have been submitted, days which were included but then cancelled cannot be credited. If schedules have been turned in for the weeks following, they may be altered, just not those in the immediate week. All schedule changes are to be made in writing by the parent or by a phone call to the school. Verbal requests on the part of the children will not be honored in order to insure the safety of all children. Schedules will be adhered to fully as scheduled unless formal notice is received from the parent.

LATE PICK-UP FEES

The Pinckney Childcare Program closes at 6:00 pm (6:15 pm at Navigator). Families whose children remain in care after closing are charged \$10.00 for the first 5 minutes and \$1.00 per minute thereafter per family. **Parents are encouraged to call the center in the event they will be late.** Phone calls do not exempt late fees. If the parent has not called the center and the latchkey staff has not been able to reach the persons designated on the emergency card by 6:30 pm, department administrators will be called to handle the situation. The deciding clock regarding time is the clock in the childcare room. If continued lateness becomes a problem we reserve the right to remove your child from the latchkey program.

DISCIPLINE

We encourage and guide children to release their energy through positive activities. If there are any incidents where we feel a more structured discipline is necessary, the child will be counseled and isolated in an open area away from other children. Disciplinary action will be taken if a child hurts themselves, hurts another child, is interfering with the daily schedule or is misusing materials. If a disciplinary action is necessary, it will also be handled in a positive manner which encourages self-control, self-direction, and self-esteem. Parents will be informed of any continued discipline problems.

TERMINATION

The coordinator of the childcare program will have the right to suspend and/or expel any child who exhibits destructive or inappropriate behavior which interferes with the quality and/or process of the child care program. This will not be done, however, without prior consultation with the child's parents or guardians. The child may be withdrawn from the program after the conference. Any prepaid tuition which has not been used by the date of withdrawal will be refunded. Any tuition due will be billed to the person responsible for the tuition. A child's attendance may also be discontinued if the parent does not abide by our published tuition policy.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

It is the policy of Pinckney Community Schools that once school is in session, children are not released early except in cases of an emergency resulting from circumstances such as severe inclement weather, building programs, i.e. or boiler failure, power outages, etc. All efforts will be made by the District to avoid this, but in the event of such an emergency, our programs would follow school policy for release of students. Should it be necessary to send children home, contact persons designated on emergency cards would be called. Children will be kept at the childcare center until picked up.

WITHDRAWAL

Students that no longer need the childcare program may be withdrawn from the program with a ***minimum of two weeks notice***. If any prepaid tuition has not been used, a refund will be made. Refunds or prepaid tuition may be forfeited with less than a two week notice.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Involvement of the parents in the program is essential. Cooperation with all policies and procedures is basic. Take every opportunity to talk with the center staff each day and ask your child about the program. You can also volunteer to help with the program--offer special talents or provide items from your home to use as a craft or supplies.

CLOTHING/WHAT TO WEAR

Think of your child's comfort and provide simple clothing that is free of complicated fastening. We get involved in activities and should not be overly concerned with staying clean. Clothing with difficult belts and fastenings should be avoided. Footwear such as sandals, jellies and clogs are not recommended for active play. We go outside, weather permitting, every day, and your child will need clothing that is sturdy and appropriate. Provide sweaters and jackets even on the first sunny fall days. It is much easier to remove an unneeded item that to put on something you do not have.

SNACKS

Parents will need to provide a snack for their children in the morning sessions and in the afternoon sessions. Snacks will not be provided by the childcare program but there will be a time in the program schedule for quiet time and snacks for the students. Please do not send foods containing liquids or drinks that are in glass bottles. Containers must be unbreakable. **Silverware and microwaves are not available.**

PROGRAM PLAN

The center will provide a program for daily activities and relationships that offer opportunities for developmental growth for each child in the following areas: physical development including small and large muscle group activities, social development including communication skills, emotional development including positive self-concept, and intellectual development, including reading and writing activities.

PROGRAM STAFFING

Comprehensive Criminal background checks are required for all staff in accordance with state law.

REPORTING TO PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Pinckney Community Schools Childcare Program is mandated by Michigan Law, Act No. 238, governing all schools and child care programs to report any suspected abuse or neglect of children in their care.

It is the policy of the Pinckney Community School District that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, handicap or limited English proficiency shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to, discrimination in any program or activity to which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.

Further, the Pinckney Community School District is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to its own nondiscrimination policy as well as State and Federal law. This policy will prevail in all matters concerning staff, students, educational programs and services, and persons with whom the Board does business.

All questions, requests for information, or complaints relating to discrimination in the Pinckney Community School District should be directed to the following address: Personnel Director, Pinckney Community Schools, 2130 East M-36, Pinckney, MI 48169 (810) 225-3900.

Michigan State Licensed Facility

Latchkey is held in a state licensed facility. The center's licensing notebook is available to parents during regular business hours. The licensing notebook contains all the licensing inspections and reports. Licensing inspections and special reports from the past 2 years are available on the child care licensing website at www.michigan.gov/michildcare.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PINCKNEY COMMUNITY EDUCATION (810) 225-3950. Pinckney Community Education is located at the Board of Education Office, 2130 E. M-36, Pinckney, MI. 48169