



Rocking Horse Academy

Preschool Parent Handbook Summary

This is a summary of policies discussed in our handbook. Parents are encouraged to read the entire handbook to understand all our policies, and when you sign the Parent Handbook declaration, you are stating that you have read the handbook and agree with our policies as stated. (A copy is available at www.rockinghorseacademy.com)

RULES OR POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The rules and regulations contained within are not exclusive. Other rules and regulations may be posted in and about the facility and shall be binding as described within this handbook in full. The academy may from time to time choose to adopt and make amendments to its rules and regulations. All enrolled participants will be obligated to observe these policies. (Tuition rates are subject to change.)

Hours of Operation: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

- **No drop off between 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** The front door access code will be turned off during this time.
- Late drop-off exceptions will be made for a Doctor's appointment with a note from the Dr.'s office
- Late pick-up 6:35 p.m. charged \$15 + \$1/minute
- Excessive late pick-ups (after 2 incidents within 30-day period) will be charged \$15 + \$2/minute

Tuition:

- As a service, invoices are emailed on Friday prior to tuition Monday (barring technical difficulties. Be sure to notify us of any change in email addresses.
- Charged and due every other Monday (no exceptions)
- Must be paid in full without deductions for absences, holidays, or vacations
- For us to comply with CDC Covid-19 guidelines and federal employment regulations, Rocking Horse Academy will charge ½ tuition rate for days our school is closed or partially closed due to Corona Virus.
- All families must sign up for EFT draft – no exceptions.
- Only ONE account will be made for each child/family. We can not split invoices or accounts. Both parents/guardians are legally liable for the full payment of tuition. We can not become involved in financial disputes between parents or guardians.
- EFT Drafts will be processed on the Tuesday following the Monday that tuition is due.
- NSF fees apply if a draft is declined.
- Tuition and NSF fees must be paid the next business day following bank notification in order to return to school.

Drop-off/Pick-up

- An adult **MUST** accompany the child to the classroom
- An adult **MUST** pick up the child from the teacher. Siblings may only pick up or drop off if they have a driver's license.
- An adult **MUST** sign the classroom roster at drop-off and pick-up times. (If your child is on the playground, you may NOT stand on the back porch and call your child to leave without going to the teacher and signing the child out.)
- If you arrange for someone else to pick up your child, please notify us.
- That person must check-in at the front desk and show a photo ID. Your child's file will be checked.
- No food after 7:15 a.m. All food removed at 7:30 a.m.

Clothing/Items from Home

- Children get dirty or have accidents. Please don't send them in "nice" clothes
- Please provide one extra set of clothes in case of an accident.
- Children must wear close-toed shoes for their safety. (No sandals, flip-flops, Crocs)
- Please LABEL all articles of clothing (especially sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts)
- Please LABEL all bedding, water cups, baby bottles, etc.
- Toys/personal items may NOT be brought to class unless requested by the teacher for Show and Share
- Bedding should be brought in the beginning of the week and taken home at the end of the week for laundry.
- Bedding should be a crib-sized sheet, travel sized small blanket, and small pillow. Larger, bulkier bedding is not allowed.
- Home lunches should be nutritious (no candy, no juice). Refer to the Parent Handbook regarding our food and beverage policy.
- Fresh water in a labeled water bottle must be provided every day. Only water can be in that bottle.

ROCKING HORSE ACADEMY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS

Enrollment/Withdrawal

- Parents may NOT change a child's enrollment status without permission from the director. (From full time to part time or vice versa or from MWF to TTH)
- Withdrawal requires 30-days written notice (4 tuition weeks) to have the deposit applied to your balance. Weekly tuition will not be prorated for partial weeks.

Holidays and Closures

New Year's Day		January 1 st
MLK Day	Teacher In-service	3 rd Monday in January
Good Friday	Teacher In-service	
Memorial Day		Last Monday in May
Independence Day		July 4 th
RHA Day	Teacher In-service	2 nd Friday in August
Labor Day		1 st Monday in September
Columbus Day	Teacher In-service	2 nd Monday in October
Thanksgiving & Friday after		4 th Thursday and Friday November
Christmas/Winter Holiday		December 25 th

- ❖ The Academy will be closed the previous Friday or the following Monday, if a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday
- ❖ We will close an additional 2 days during the winter break. Dates will be posted and specified depending on the day Christmas and New Year's Day fall.

Illness

We post contagious illnesses on our classroom doors and notify TX DFPS when applicable.

Parents must pick up or arrange to have their child picked up within 90 minutes of attempted notification. Failure to comply will result in an addition fee of \$1.00 per minute after the 90 minutes.

1. Fever underarm 100 degrees (without the added degree for underarm thermometers)
2. Rash – unexplained
3. Diarrhea – multiple
4. Vomiting – multiple
5. Eye infection or Pinkeye – constant discharge
6. Lice and/or Nits. (We have a NO NIT policy)
7. Unable to participate in classroom activities

If your child becomes ill at night, please notify the front desk the next day that you will not be attending school. Check our handbook for specific guidelines on our notification process, when you can return school. Generally, the child must be symptom-free, without medication, for 48-hours before returning or submit a doctor's note clearing the child to return to school. Whereas we take every precaution to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, Rocking Horse Academy is not liable if your child(ren) contract any contagious disease while attending our school.

Medication

- All medication must be in it's original container with the Rx number
- Medication will be administered according to the manufactured label, doctor's note, or prescribed instructions.
- Must be checked in at the front desk and logged into the Medication Logbook
- Must be accompanied by a doctor's note/current prescription
- Will be administered at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. We do not administer antibiotics twice a day. The first dose should be given before school.

By signing this document, I am certifying that I have read the FULL parent handbook and agree to comply with all of its policies and procedures. I understand that this is a brief summary of some of the policies and procedures stated in the Parent Handbook and does not cover all policies in effect.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____