

Lake and Peninsula School District: *Toilet Training Regulations*

A child enrolled in PK3 and PK4 in the Lake and Peninsula School District preschool programs must be toilet trained prior to attending the first day of school. With an understanding that each child arrives at this milestone differently, the District will allow 2 weeks from the first day of school for children to demonstrate accomplishment of this goal. However, if the situation is not manageable within the classroom environment, we will discuss the issue with the parents and reserve the right to suspend attendance of the child at such time until demonstration is apparent.

There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers/clothing, or handling bodily fluids and waste. Classrooms are not equipped for diaper changing. When an adult is busy changing a child's diaper or soiled clothing, they become removed from valuable instructional time for all students, in addition to being removed from direct supervision of and interaction with the rest of the children within the classroom. Additionally, such an event for the child being changed in front of peers could potentially be a traumatic event.

With the understanding that even toilet trained children will occasionally have toileting accidents, by definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the teacher should promptly contact a family member and request that they come to the school to assist children with changing their clothes, if needed, while also encouraging independence as much as possible. Again, teachers should not be taken away from direct supervision of the students within the classroom to support restroom assistance. Students will be provided multiple opportunities throughout the school day to go to the restroom.

Toilet Trained Children:

1. Communicate to the teacher that he/she needs to go to the restroom before they need to go.
2. Alert him/herself to stop what they are doing to go to the restroom.
3. Get dressed without assistance when in the bathroom.
4. Wear underwear with very few accidents. *Pull-ups are not considered being toilet trained.
5. Wipe him/herself independently after using the toilet.
6. Get on/off the toilet independently.
7. Wash and dry hands after restroom use.
8. Postpone going if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or if they are away from the classroom.