

Duchesne County School District Preschool Handbook

Updated 6/2021

SITES AND SESSION TIMES

- Altamont at AES: AM: 8:00 - 10:45 PM: 12:00 - 2:40
 - Duchesne at DES: 1 session only PM: 11:45 - 2:45
 - Myton at Con Amore: AM: 8:30 - 11:10 PM: 11:30 - 1:50
 - Roosevelt at EES: AM: 8:10 - 11:10 M: 12:00 - 2:53
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- Please **DON'T** bring your child more than 5-10 minutes before **class starts**. Be there on time to pick up your child after school.

FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

- Students who attend preschool four days a week (Pre-K) will begin school on the day after Labor Day.
- Twice a week students:
 - Monday/ Wednesday students begin Wednesday after Labor Day.
 - Tuesday/Thursday students begin Tuesday after Labor Day.
- Duchesne County School District Preschool follows the same calendar as Duchesne County School District. Preschool ends the week before regular school gets out in the spring.

School Telephone Numbers

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| • Con Amore | 435-725-4750 |
| • Altamont | 435-738-1375 |
| • Duchesne Elementary | 435-738-1290 |
| • East Elementary | 435-725-4665 |

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation will not be provided for students who live within 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the school.
- Typical students will not be provided transportation unless it has been approved by administration.
- Our buses are on a schedule. Please have your **child ready and waiting** for the bus. Our buses cannot honk and/or wait for your child, if they are not outside waiting.
- If you miss the bus, feel free to bring your child to preschool that day.
- Please be home when your child gets off the bus after school. We will not leave a child unattended. If no one is home the child will remain on the bus until the end of the route. If we have not heard from you, our only option will be to take your child to the police department.

- If an emergency comes up please make other arrangements for your child's pickup and call and let the school know.

Philosophy:

Duchesne County School District Preschool uses child directed, play based learning where academics are embedded in the play. For kids under 5, play is the foundation for creativity, constructive problem solving, self-regulation, and learning as a whole. Play also helps preschoolers master the skills they'll need for academic subjects later on.

Storytime advances pre-reading skills like rhyming, wordplay, and the ability to follow a plot. A simple activity like playing with soap bubbles can stimulate science learning, while building with blocks establishes a foundation for understanding geometry. Repetitive play (such as putting a puzzle together, taking it apart, and then reassembling it) hones motor acuity, while unstructured group play boosts kids' social skills.

Connect 4 Learning (C4L)

The Duchesne County School District Preschool has chosen to use the **Connect4Learning curriculum**. Connect4Learning begins with a sequence of math and science topics and integrates language, literacy and social-emotional skills as natural components of each lesson.

C4L features six curriculum units that are focused on supporting children's development of ten comprehensive cognitive processes: communicating and representing, cooperating, comparing and classifying, creating, imagining and innovating, asking questions and seeking new information, observing, persisting, attending and self-regulating, reasoning and problem solving, making sense, and using tools strategically. C4L is a student directed play based instruction.

Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS)

The Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale is used to ensure that the DCSD Preschool is a high quality program. ECERS is designed to assess group programs for preschool-kindergarten aged children, from 2 through 5 years of age.

The Scale consists of 43 items organized into 7 subscales:

- Space and Furnishings
- Personal Care Routines
- Language-Reasoning
- Activities
- Interactions
- Program Structure
- Parents and Staff

Recommended Practices for teachers and aides

Reaching Potentials Through Recommended Practices (RP2)

The teachers and aides are trained to reach student potentials through recommended practices. They are trained and observed in Environment Practices, Family Practices, Instruction Practices and Interaction Practices.

Student progress monitoring Tool

The Preschool Developmental Observation Tool (DOT)

This tool is used to track student growth in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Approaches to Learning and Science, Social/Emotional and Social Studies, Creative Arts, and Physical/Health & Safety.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

- Required by Utah State Law to have when enrolling in the school.
- A copy of your child's birth certificate must be on file at our school.
- We **CANNOT** accept the certificate you get from the hospital.
- We **CANNOT** accept the small wallet size.
- **MUST BE** an official birth certificate.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- Before entering Preschool you must provide to the school your child's immunization record.

Effective July 1, 2008

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

(Include children in the licensed day care center, nursery or preschool, childcare facility, family home care, or Head Start Program).

**Diphtheria
Tetanus
Pertussis
Measles
Mumps
Rubella**

**Polio
Haemophilus Influenza Type B
Hepatitis A*
Hepatitis B*
Pneumococcal*
Varicella* (Chickenpox)**

***New Requirements**

NOTE: Rotavirus and Influenza vaccines are recommended, but are not required for students in early childhood programs.

- Children attending early childhood programs are required to be immunized appropriately for their age.
- This means a child has received all doses of each vaccine appropriate for his/her age.
- Children should be immunized according to current immunization schedules.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL!

- FEVER
- VOMITING OR DIARRHEA
- “HACKY” cough (deep sounding)
- NOSE DISCHARGE (yellow/green)
- PINK EYE
- MATTED EYELASHES

**** Please teach your child to cough/sneeze in their elbow or use a tissue****

MEDICATIONS

- No Medications are to be given by staff at the school unless we have a medications form filled out from the doctor. Please get the required form from the secretary.
- Do not send cough syrup, Tylenol, etc without proper forms signed by the doctor.
- If medications are to be given at school, it must be in the original container and is properly labeled.
- Please try to give required medications at home before and/or afterschool if possible.

DONATIONS

- An optional \$10 donation is welcome to help pay for snacks and supplies.

SNACK/MEALS

- Students will receive either a snack or a meal depending on funding.

PLEASE LABEL WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME

- Child’s coat or jackets.
- Backpack - Please send a backpack each day with your child so they can take their papers home from school each day.

EXTRA CLOTHES

- Please send a set of extra clothes for your child.
*Pre-K students will need to keep their extra clothes in their backpacks.
*The students that come twice a week will leave theirs in a labeled cubby at school.
- Please label all extra clothes with your child's name.
- If your child wears diapers, please send extra diapers and wipes. Please label both with your child's name.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Birthday Treats
 - If you choose to bring a birthday treat for your child's birthday, please bring **"STORE BOUGHT"** treats that are wrapped (health department guidelines). Also, please check with the classroom teacher before bringing treats to set up the time for the treats. We are a peanut/ tree nut free school.
- Safe School Violations
 - No guns or weapons (including knives) may be brought to school, on the bus, or anywhere on school property (real, toy or look-alikes).
- Reminder
 - Please **DO NOT** send toys with your child on the bus or to school unless the teacher has specified a "Show and Tell Day." We cannot be responsible for lost or broken toys.

DRESS CODE

The following dress code applies at Con Amore and Duchesne County Preschools. If a student chooses to wear clothing in violation of the dress code, the student may be asked to call a parent to bring an appropriate change of clothes or wear a shirt/ sweat pants provided by the school.

- **Clothing:**
 - All students are to wear clean properly fitted clothing.
 - Clothing shall not expose the abdomen or chest and shall be of sufficient size to conceal undergarments.
 - Shorts, skirts, and dresses cannot exceed two inches above the knee.
- **Unacceptable clothing includes:**
 - Any clothing that does not reflect the dignity of learning, modesty, and principles of education.

- Any clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol or displays inappropriate, vulgar or demeaning language or design.
 - Clothing with holes, baggy, saggy or excessively long pants.
 - Crop tops showing the midriff, tube and tank tops.
 - Sheer or skin tight clothing.
 - Hats, sunglasses or chains.
 - Gang symbols of any kind that signify affiliation with, participation in, or approval of a gang.
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- **Hair and Body:**
 - Hair and body are expected to be clean and neat.
 - Distraction hair color or distracting make-up is prohibited.
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- **Safe Footwear:**
 - Safe footwear will be worn at **ALL TIMES** in the interest of hygiene and safety.
 - All students have P.E. and recess/playtime. Please consider footwear that is appropriate for the activities.
 - Black soled shoes have a tendency to mark floors.