



**We are looking forward
to being your Junior Kindergarten Teachers
at Northpoint Christian School!!!**

We already love you and your family.

The first week of school we will have a "Beary" good time.

**We might go on a bear hunt or hunt for the Gingerbread Boy while
taking a tour of your new school!**



Junior Kindergarten Handbook

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You are each different and so special. Please ask Mama or Daddy to read this poem to you soon.

People are Different

It is exciting to meet so many different people in school.
Some will be tall or short, thin or big, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

Some children will learn quickly, and others will learn slowly.
A few will run very fast, and others will lag behind, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

Maybe there will be children in your classroom who have a different color skin than you have.
Some might be dark or light, their hair might be long, short,
Blond, black, brown, or red, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

Some children will get angry easily, a few will talk loudly,
Some will talk so softly you can barely hear them, but each child will be **Someone Special**.

No two children will be the same.
No one will be exactly like you.
You won't be exactly like anyone else.
There are different children where you live and where you go to church.
Now you will meet many more.

Do you ever wonder why God made us so different?
Aren't you glad He did?
Now you can meet 10 or 20 new people.
It will be interesting to know new people.
Each child will be **Someone Special**.

Jesus loved the little children.
That's why he held them closely.
"Then He took the children into His arms." (Mark 10:16, TLB)

by William L. Coleman, *GETTING READY FOR MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL*





MISSION STATEMENT

As a Christ-centered college preparatory school, Northpoint Christian School enables our students to:

- know and honor Jesus Christ
- grow in knowledge and wisdom
- reach their God-given potential



2020/2021 Preschool Handbook Addendum



Please take note of the following items. They have been revised for this school year due to the pandemic in our country.

Drop Off and Pick up Procedures

We are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child and family during this time. In saying this, we ask you to please follow these procedures and allow extra time in your day for this process.

Drop off for preschoolers - The PK, JK, and SK students may be taken to their classrooms the 1st week of school only by 1 parent. The parent must wear a mask upon entering the building. The student and parent will be asked a few questions and temperatures taken for both upon arrival at the preschool entrance. Following that, they can then take the child to the appropriate classroom and tell them goodbye at the door. **Parents will not be admitted into the classroom**, so please say your goodbyes and assure them you will see them soon and go about your day.

After the 1st week of school, the parent will drop off the child with preschool personnel to be escorted to the classroom at the preschool entrance. The child's temp. will be taken before entrance. **Please do not drop off your preschooler in the drop-off line or in the parking lot.** They need to be escorted to the door and remain with the parent or approved sibling before entrance into the building.

Pick Up Procedures for Preschoolers - This is brand new for us this year for our little ones. We are going to participate in a pick-up car rider line for students leaving after their school day. Extended childcare pick-up instructions will be coming as well. We will be dismissing the preschoolers from the north side of the church entrance near the playground. You will be given a tag to place on your dashboard that indicates the child you will be picking up. (Please remain in your vehicle.) Your child will then be escorted to your backseat passenger door. The preschool children will be dismissed and ready for pick up by 3:00 daily except on Wednesday when they will be ready by 2:30 due to all school early dismissal on this day. Please arrive early so this process will move effectively.

Preschool students with siblings - Siblings in 1st or 2nd grade may be picked up with the preschool student. If siblings are 3rd grade or above, please pick up your preschooler first in the preschool car rider line and park on the north side to wait on your older student. **Please make your teacher aware of your plans!**

Daily Class Times

Promptness to class is very important for your preschooler. Our daily class times are from 8:15 - 3:00 daily except for Wednesdays when they are dismissed at 2:30. Please make every attempt to get them to school on time. They miss out on valuable instruction when late. Due to the current world situation and the procedures established, it is extremely important for your child to be on time!!

Snacks - Treats, birthday, party treats, and classroom snacks may not be brought to school this year that are meant for sharing with the entire class.

Your child will need to bring 2 individually packaged snacks daily to class for snack time. Please indicate am or pm on snack. It is very important for them to have snack breaks throughout the day so please remember to pack something in their lunch box for this. We would suggest that you send nutrition-minded snacks instead of sugary snacks such as apples, popcorn, cheese cubes, etc. Keep in mind that from time to time, we have children allergic to peanut butter so please refrain from sending if possible. (Your teacher will make you aware of classroom allergies.)

We also ask each child to bring an insulated thermos water bottle with straw lid daily that is able to fit in their cubby labeled with their name.

Lunch - PK and JK students have lunch at 11:15 daily.

-Send nutritious lunches high in protein and vitamins

-Send hot or cold items in a thermos, teachers cannot leave classroom to heat lunches so please keep that in mind in sending lunch

-Provide everything your child needs in their lunch box, utensils, napkins, drinks, straws, condiments etc. (This is a safety issue; we will not be using corporate things to share in the classroom.)

-Please work with your child on opening the items in their lunches. The teacher is there to assist but it is very helpful if the child can do this as much as possible which is a safety plus a life skill.

-A sweet note from you is always appreciated too.

-Hot or cold meals are available through the cafeteria and may be purchased on a weekly basis. Order form and payment must be received in advance. Late payments are not accepted.

The cafeteria handles all payments and inquiries about the meal plan. These meals are served in their classroom when the school cafeteria is open.

During holidays from school or $\frac{1}{2}$ day dismissals meals are not served and a lunch must be brought from home.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK WITH TEACHERS ABOUT ANY FOOD ALLERGIES IN THEIR CLASSES. **Please let the school know if your child has a food allergy.**

Special Events

Classroom events, off campus field trips, and parties are suspended at this time. Your child's classroom teacher will make the events special for your child in their class. We will revisit this as the year progresses.

Illness of Children

We are unable to keep any child who is sick. You are **urged**, especially during this pandemic time, to keep your child at home if he/she shows signs of illness. If a child has a fever of 100 degrees or more, he should not come to school. The child must be free of fever (without the aid of medication like Tylenol) for 24 hours.

Please remember that your child's temperature will be taken daily on arrival to school and there will be no exceptions to this rule.



Northpoint Christian School

School Health Policies

The purpose of this policy is to outline the Northpoint Christian School's Health Office guidelines and re-opening of campus after the COVID-19 pandemic. These CDC guidelines have been carefully considered and adapted to address and promote the safety, health, and welfare of our students, faculty and community. Criteria may become more or less restrictive depending on most current guidelines.

When to stay home:

Staff and students should be kept at home with any of the following symptoms regardless of diagnosis of COVID-19. Any students presenting to school with the following symptoms will be isolated and sent home. We ask that you do NOT medicate your student with fever reducing medications prior to school. This includes Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Advil and Motrin) and Naproxen Sodium (Aleve). Parents should keep their child at home if they have any of the following symptoms. If a child is behaving as though he or she does not feel well or feels feverish (feels cold, staying under blankets, shivering) or hot to the touch, the child should be kept home.

- Fever- a temperature of 100 degrees or feeling feverish
- A low-grade fever or temperature less than 100 degrees **with** symptoms
- Persistent cough or a child that is unable to cover mouth during coughing
- New, worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Generalized body aches or muscle pain
- Severe sore throat or white patches visible upon inspection
- Headache with associated symptoms
- New loss of taste or smell
- Severe cold symptoms including copious nasal drainage
- Active vomiting or diarrhea/abdominal pain
- The first 24 hours after beginning of antibiotic treatment
- Eyes that are red, swollen or draining
- Undiagnosed, new and untreated rash or skin condition

If a student becomes ill at school, they will be referred to the school nurse. There will be a designated space that will function as a sick room separate from the well room for anyone displaying signs or symptoms of COVID-19, including fever.

The ill student should leave the school as soon as possible. Based on the symptoms present, the ill individual should call his or her primary care provider and be tested for COVID.

Please pick up your child within one hour. If there are siblings of the ill child in school, siblings will be dismissed as well. Please provide 2 or 3 emergency contacts with updated phone numbers for each family in case the parent cannot answer the phone or leave work. Avoid having a high-risk individual pick up the child if possible. The person picking up the child must wear a mask in the school.

Again students and staff should stay home if ill.

If staff or student is diagnosed with COVID-19 through positive laboratory confirmed testing, return to school may occur after:

- Self-isolation at home for 14 days from the day symptoms started.

AND

- Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- A negative test will not be required for return to school.

COVID cases will be reported to the local Health Department. Individuals who are identified as contacts of a possible case should be excluded from school until the suspected case is confirmed positive or negative. If the suspected case has a negative test, then contacts can return to school. If the suspected case has a positive test, the contacts will be excluded from school and quarantine at home for 14 days after last exposure. Contacts of exposure can return to school if remain symptom free for the 14-day quarantine.

In a classroom or group setting (such as a sports team or other activity) when it is difficult to determine specific contacts, then quarantine may be recommended for the whole group or classroom, rather than limiting to a few known close contacts.

The school will notify the parents of children in the affected group or classroom. The classroom where the exposure took place will be shut down for at least 24 hours for cleaning. Children who are not considered contacts (were not within 6 feet for >15 minutes) may be able to stay at school, but contacts will be immediately sent home.



UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENTAL GROWTH AND ACADEMIC SKILLS

We feel that it is important that a child be developmentally ready for Junior Kindergarten. His/Her chronological age is a guide, but we must remember that not all children develop at the same rate, and as parents and teachers, we should be ever conscious of this. We feel it is extremely important that a child be developmentally ready for tasks which will be required of him in senior kindergarten. A child may be cognitively capable, but not developmentally ready in other areas such as the physical, social and emotional. If he is developmentally young or immature, he would not be able to achieve at his maximum ability level. At the beginning of Junior Kindergarten and all through the year, we are constantly evaluating the child's natural cognitive abilities, experiential background, academic growth, and developmental or maturity level. All of these must be considered in "Readiness" for senior kindergarten.

NCS has a required age to enter our JK - must be 4 by August 1 and fully potty-trained.

LANAGUAGE SKILLS

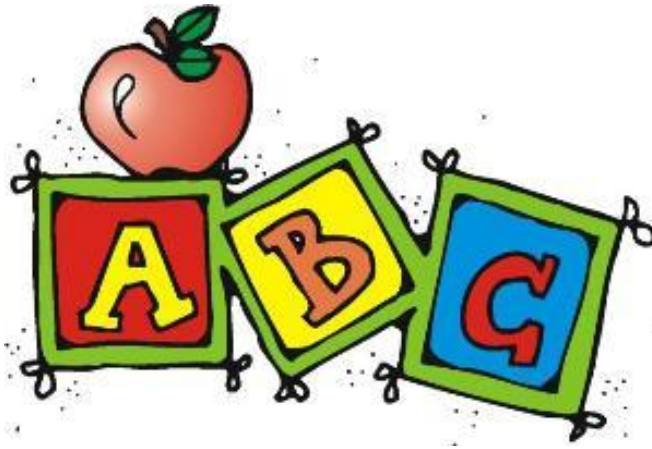
Language skills should be developing at a rapid rate at this age. Children should be using complete sentences and able to verbally communicate to the teacher and the children in an understandable way. Parents need to encourage verbal communication by allowing them to demonstrate these skills at home. Children learn by example.

TEACHERS AND STAFF

The NCS kindergarten teachers are degreed and dedicated early childhood development professionals with whom you have entrusted the care of your child for a large part of the day. Your child's ATTITUDE toward the teachers and school in general will be largely influenced by the RESPECT and DIGNITY your child sees in your comments and conduct toward the teachers and staff.

CHECK OUT

If it is necessary for your child to LEAVE SCHOOL OTHER THAN AT NORMAL TIMES, please report to the Preschool Reception Desk for check out. Students will be released only to their parents or a previously designated person. Do not go directly to the classroom. The teacher and student will be notified. If the child returns the same day, the student or parent should report to the Preschool Reception Desk to check back in.



TROJAN CARE

Hours are 7:00 am - 6:00 pm. Children that need to arrive at school earlier than 7:45 am before classes and/or be picked up later than 15 minutes after dismissal may enroll in Trojan Care at the Preschool Reception Desk and are charged an additional fee for this service. (A schedule of fees is available on our website). You may want to discuss your individual situation with the Trojan Care Director. Please feel free to do so.

ANY CHILD PICKED UP LATER THAN 15 minutes after class dismissal or arriving before 7:45 am for class without enrolling in Trojan Care will be charged the "drop-in" rate fee for Trojan Care. Additional late fees will apply for pickup after 6:05 p.m. Parents who have their children enrolled in Trojan Care before or after kindergarten class will need to make arrangements with the Finance Office to pay fees using your SMART Tuition Management online account.

Trojan Care students will receive a snack after school as they arrive for after care. Students will play outside (weather permitting) participate in crafts, coloring, puzzles, circle time, etc.

Trojan Care is also offered on Fall Break, three days at Thanksgiving, Christmas Break (not Christmas Eve or Christmas Day), Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Spring Break, and Easter Monday. You will receive a note hope for the opportunity to reserve a place for your child. Parents must reserve a spot in advance for staffing purposes on these holidays and are responsible for payment of the days requested. There must be at least 10 students wanting care for it to be offered. The care will be billed and paid through the SMART Tuition Management account. Students must bring a lunch.

TROJAN CARE CLOSINGS

TROJAN CARE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

New Year's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day

Labor Day
Day Before Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving

Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

REQUIRED FORMS

A copy of a certified birth certificate and current Mississippi #121 immunization form are required **prior to** the first day of school. If there has been a delay, contact the school nurse. The forms must be submitted to the office **NO LATER** than one week after the beginning of school. If additional booster shots or inoculations are given, please send us a copy of the updated immunization form, signed by the health care giver, so that our files can remain current.

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES

Please make sure that your child's teacher is aware of any phone number or address changes immediately. This is very important especially in the event of an emergency. If information has changed since the online contract was completed, please contact the school office with the up-to-date information.

LIFE AT HOME

Be sure to let us know if there is an emotional disturbance or physical problem that might influence your child's school life and performance.

LEGAL DECISIONS

Legal decisions regarding issues of **CHILD CUSTODY** will be respected. In fairness to parents and children, legal documentation of the rights of each parent is required to be on file in the office in order to restrict pickup of a child.

CONFERENCES

FEEL FREE TO CALL whenever you feel a conference would be beneficial to you, and we will do the same. We encourage you to confer with the teacher concerning your child, but please do not do so in his/her presence. Be supportive and positive in your conversations about your child's school and teacher and he will be confident and positive also.

POTTY TRAINING

We require that each child be **FULLY POTTY TRAINED** before entering Junior K (this means no pull-ups worn at school). The child should not need assistance in cleaning himself/herself. If accidents occur on a regular basis, the situation will be evaluated by the Administration regarding further attendance at Northpoint.



NAP TIME

JK students will need a 1"x19"x 45" mat which folds to 10"x19" for compact storage. All mats must be covered with a mat cover for comfort and sanitary reasons. Also, send a small blanket and a small crib size pillow. We have very limited storage space and appreciate your cooperation. **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH A PERMANENT MARKER.** The mat covers, blankets and pillow cases will be sent home the last day of each week to be washed and returned the following school day. Please refrain sending nap toys with your child.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

We strive to maintain the school facilities and property in the most attractive and usable condition, and we expect students to assist in this effort. The parents of any student known to deface or destroy school property will be assessed the full cost of repairs and the student will be subject to discipline.

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Smocks are provided for activities such as painting. A change of uniform clothing will need to be left at school for each child (seasonal, i.e. shorts-summer, pants-winter) and placed in a labeled zip-lock bag. **PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING ITEMS ESPECIALLY SWEATSHIRTS AND JACKETS.**

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

All students in grades PK, JK, and SK must wear standardized uniform dress clothes purchased at Dennis Uniform. This includes all tops and polo-style shirts, skorts, and dresses. However, parents may purchase khaki or navy shorts and pants from any place as long as they are uniform style plain or pleated front shorts or pants. No cargo shorts, denim shorts or athletic shorts. The specific items must be purchased from one vendor - Dennis School Uniforms. Additional guidelines are as follows:

- Any coat may be worn to and from school and also on the playground.
- Preschool may wear NCS t-shirts and sweatshirts (that may be purchased in elementary office) along with their uniform bottoms.
- Hair must be neat at all times and such that it does not interfere with normal school activities.
- Boys' hair must be off the collar above the eyebrows, and a portion of the ear must show. Fads such as unusual color, cut or style (including Mohawks or "faux Mohawks) are not allowed.

NCS volunteers manage a Consignment Store where you may purchase slightly used uniforms and/or you may sell your child's uniforms as they out grow them. Dates and times will be announced in the INTOUCH, our weekly emailed newsletter.

NOTE: No dress code can address every issue, fad, or style that may arise; therefore, final authority for clarifying issue rests with the Administration.



DISCIPLINE

In the matter of discipline and child management, we want to help the child manage himself/herself in a positive way, always working toward self-control and good self-esteem. We respect the individual development of each child. Our teachers will use their best judgment when dealing with the children, understanding that individual personalities and situations require special methods and attention. When teachers need to help a child with his behavior, two basic ways are used - redirection (distraction) and time out (removal from the group). If these two things do not work, it may become necessary to confer with the parents.

All serious discipline problems will be discussed with the parents (ex: biting, hitting, fighting or any harmful acts towards others.) A parent-teacher conference will be requested if deemed necessary to discuss the best way to handle the situation. If the behavior does not improve, the child may be placed on probation for a 2-week period. At the end of this period, the child will be re-evaluated to determine progress made during this time. Please remember that the Junior K program and the Trojan Care Program at Northpoint is a school setting not a childcare. Northpoint reserves the right to dismiss any child if after entering he/she seems unable to participate in a group setting.

Any junior kindergarten student receiving two out of four conduct grades of "N" or "U" on his/her skills checklist or who has received discipline by the faculty or administration for a pattern of three or more major offenses will be placed on behavioral probation with the possibility of suspension or dismissal from school should the behavior not improve.

If your child registers at Northpoint after the first 9 weeks of the school year, he/she will be admitted on a probationary basis. After a week of observation by the teacher and assistants, the decision will be made on whether the child is developmentally ready for the academic program that we offer.

COMMUNICATION

CALENDARS will be sent home monthly with important information. Please post these on your refrigerator or bulletin board. The Bible verse being studied each week will be on the calendar. The children are to memorize this verse each week. Please help them each day at home so they will feel good about themselves and be confident when it is their turn to say it on Friday. The calendars will also give the alphabetical letter/sound being studied for the week, the units of study, special happenings, and field trips (dates, times, etc). The calendar will also give the reading sound being studied for the week, the units of study, special happenings, field trips (dates and times) and parent helps. We think you will find the calendar a great source of information.

TAKE HOME FOLDER will be sent home each day with their work and notes. Please be sure this folder comes back to school each day. Occasionally, your child will bring home notices about special school or class events. Please read the notes and let your child know you have read them. Sometimes messages need to be returned. Be sure that the child knows about the notice and is reminded to give it to the teacher.

It is very important that forms needing your signature be returned promptly. It saves time when we do not have to call to remind.

LEAVE TOYS AT HOME PLEASE. Please encourage your child to leave toys at home. Do not allow your child to bring toys of violence. Also, small cars, stuffed animals and cartoon characters are easily lost and should be left at home. If your child has something of real educational value, he/she may bring it. We provide many items to help aide in their education. Toys are easily lost or damaged and it is very difficult to control this in a classroom environment. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS.

SKILLS CHECKLISTS are given four times during the school year recording the specific achievements and developmental levels of your child. If we feel that any child needs a "Gift of Time" to grow another year before entering senior kindergarten, this will be shared with you. We want to work hand in hand with you in giving your child the best opportunity for having a successful and rewarding school experience.

IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER will be sent to the email addresses of the parents each Wednesday. The newsletter is also available weekly at www.ncstrojans.com/NEWS/INTOUCH.

TROJAN TEXT is an opt-in program. Parents must text 'ncstrojans' to 955-77. You will receive a text confirming you succeeded registration. NCS will send texts alerting of school closings, special announcements, reminders, etc. This is the quickest way to hear about important information.

ONLINE PAYMENTS - Throughout the year there may be items offered for purchase like homecoming t-shirts and paying for a field trip parents want to attend. You will log into your SMART Tuition account and look for the "Purchase Optional Items" and search for the item and pay for the activity there.

LUNCHES

Lunch is at 12:00 pm. Please send a nutritious lunch, high in protein and vitamins. We recommend sending sandwiches, soups, pastas, fruits, and cut up vegetables. A small container of dip could be included. Please send a minimum of sweets. Send hot or cold things in a thermos. You may send a beverage in a thermos, i.e., fruit juice, but milk is provided. Please do not send soft drinks. Cut sandwiches in $\frac{1}{4}$'s. We find that the children will more readily eat the smaller portions. A neat note saying, "I love you and hope you're having a nice day," also adds joy to the members of the lunch bunch.

***A hot meal or a sandwich option is available through the school cafeteria and may be purchased on a monthly basis. Order form and payment must be received in advance. Late payments are not accepted. The cafeteria handles all payments and inquiries about the meal plan. These meals are served in their classroom when the school cafeteria is open.

During holidays from school or $\frac{1}{2}$ day dismissals meals are not served and a lunch must be brought from home.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK WITH TEACHERS ABOUT ANY FOOD ALLERGIES IN THEIR CLASSES.
Please let us know if your child has a food allergy.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED

Parents must complete a criminal background check (cost is \$20 for five years) in order to be involved in the classroom with the students or go on field trips. Form is available in the Elementary Office. You may pay online through your SMART Tuition Management account.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS' FORM

Each parent who will be driving on a field trip will need to submit a completed Volunteer Drivers' Form along with a copy of valid drivers' license and a copy of the insurance card. The license and insurance form are only required if you are carrying other students in your car.



THE FIELD TRIPS AND PARTIES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN CASE WE ARE ABLE TO RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES.

Guideline for Field Trips and Parties:

Things learned through a variety of life experiences are often more valuable than what is learned in an academic setting alone, especially at the kindergarten and primary levels. What may appear to be merely a trip to the zoo or pumpkin patch is an important part of language development. For example, studies show one of the most important factors in reading comprehension is that students be exposed to a broad range of activities and experiences strategically planned. Field trips can also supplement other areas of the curriculum, including math, social studies, and science as well as social skills. You will be notified of the dates and times of field trips. Times will be posted on the scheduled day of each month's calendar. Let the teacher know if you are interested in driving for the field trip. If you would like to attend any of the field trips and are not scheduled to drive, please let the teacher know and feel free to join us.

IT WILL BE BEST IF SIBLINGS ARE NOT BROUGHT ON FIELD TRIPS, AS THEY CAN DIVIDE ATTENTION FROM THE STUDENTS. Also, later when the younger siblings are in this grade, the field trip will not be special for them.

A. Safety Rules to Enforce During Transportation

1. Students are to wear their class Northpoint t-shirts for identification.
2. Students must remain seated in their booster seat.
3. Students must keep hands, heads, or belongings away from windows.
4. Students must return from the trip with the same driver/vehicle unless other arrangements are made with the teacher.

B. Parent-Chaperone/Drivers Responsibilities:

1. Please refrain from purchasing items (toys, food, etc.) for yourself or your child when others have none on field trips. The teacher will make provisions for purchases of this nature prior to the trip, if this is to be done.
2. You might be entrusted with the care of several children. Keep these students with you at all times. Please continually "count heads" to make certain your group is intact.
3. Please return promptly to school following every field trip. There should not be any extra stops when you are transporting others to and from field trips. (ex. McDonald's, Wal-Mart, banks, gas stations, etc.) Please plan ahead so no unnecessary stops will be needed.
4. An adult must accompany children into restrooms. If you need to take a child to the restroom, ask a nearby chaperone to watch the remainder of your group or take the whole group with you.
5. Please refrain from smoking while on field trips or playing loud music in the car.
6. Assume the role of the teacher and talk with your group about things being seen in such a way that the trip will have been a good learning experience for the children.
7. Always check in the extra children you are transporting with a teacher upon arrival at the school.

IMPORTANT MEMO FOR CHILD SAFETY

TO: NORTHPOINT PARENTS, GRADES PreK-6th GRADE
FROM: Allison Moffett, Elementary Principal
RE: BOOSTER SEAT LAW

[Mississippi Dept. of Health site simply states](#), "children under the age of 7 years are now required to ride in a **properly-fitting child restraint** at all times."

The actual statute says:

- Children under the age of 4 years must be protected by properly using a child passenger restraint device or system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- Children at least 4 years of age but less than 7 and who measure less than 4'9" or weigh less than 65 pounds shall use a belt positioning booster seat system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. *Although the RideSafer® does properly position the vehicle's seat belt system it is not technically a booster seat. (The RideSafer brings the seat belt down to the child vs "boosting" them up.) However, the manufacturer, Safe Traffic System, will be releasing a booster seat which has been tested with the RideSafer® just for such cases. This would allow parents the additional safety of the energy absorbing materials of the vest while working within the letter of the law in the few states where the language actually does say "booster seat" rather than a more inclusive language of "child restraint". Of course, if followed to the letter, this Mississippi law would not allow children 4 and older to continue using a forward-facing 5-point child restraint even if they still fit appropriately.*

For the sake of consistency, all field trips that grades PreK-3rd grade take, whether in Tennessee or Mississippi, will require that all affected students (age 3 through age 8 and under 5 feet in height) be in a booster seat in the rear seat of your automobile. Likewise, all field trips that grades 4-6 take into the State of Tennessee or Mississippi will require that students be in a seat belt system in the rear seat.

The driver of the car is responsible for making sure those children under the age of sixteen are properly restrained and may be charged and fined \$50.00 for violation of the law. If the child's parent or legal guardian is present in the car but not driving, the parent or legal guardian is responsible for making sure that the child is properly transported and may be fined for non-compliance. This law applies to all automobiles that are driven in the State of Tennessee or Mississippi, whether your car is licensed in Tennessee or Mississippi.

On the day of a field trip for students in grades PreK -3rd grade (for those students affected), parents will be asked to bring or send the booster seats to school. If a student does not have his/her booster seat, they will not be allowed to go on the field trip.

ACCIDENTS - INSURANCE

Student Accident Insurance Coverage

NCS has purchased the IS/IT Student Accident Insurance Coverage for each student which covers students in an accidental injury sustained while he/she is under the care and direction of the school. Claim forms and additional information is available in the school nurse's office

In case of an accident or illness to the child, the school nurse/ worker will promptly take such reasonable measures as are, in their judgment, in the best interest of the child and will notify the parent as soon as possible.



ILLNESS OF THE CHILD

We are not able to keep any child who is sick. You would not want us to let someone else's sick child infect yours. You are urged to keep your child at home if he/she shows signs of illness. If a child has a fever of 100 degrees or more, he should not come to school. The child must be free of fever (without the aid of medication like Tylenol) for 24 hours. You are urged to keep your child at home.

If there are excessive amounts of yellowish green nasal discharge, severe or persistent cough, or a sore throat with swollen lymph nodes the child should be kept at home or see a doctor. The child needs to be free of symptoms or have clinical clearance to return to school.

Untreated, watery or draining eyes need clinical clearance to return to school.

If vomiting and diarrhea (two or more loose, watery stools) child must be free of symptoms for 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to school.

Untreated, exposed, and draining skin lesions should be covered with a clean dry bandage and taped on all four sides or have clinical clearance to return to school.

When your child stays home, please call and let us know the reason for the absence. Please send a note explaining his absence upon his return. Should the child have a serious and contagious illness, we need be notified immediately. The child will not be allowed to return until all danger of contagion is past.



Certain diseases or medical conditions may require the attention of a physician. We want to be notified of this illness.

- **Impetigo** - a skin infection consisting of blisters, surrounded by a reddened area.
- **Conjunctivitis** - an eye infection commonly referred to as "pink-eye". The eye will have unexplained redness and there may be a thick yellow drainage. The child may return when treated and free of symptoms.
- **Strep throat** - a serious throat infection usually accompanied by fever and requiring antibiotics. The child may return after fever is gone for at least 24 hours and the medication has been taken for 24 hours.
- **Chicken Pox, measles, mumps, rubella** and other childhood contagious diseases require careful monitoring and treatment. Children with chicken pox may return when the eruptions have dried and scabbed over.
- **Head lice** - a parasitic infection unrelated to cleanliness or quality of care. The child may return after receiving treatment, provided that the child is free of all "nits" in their hair.
- **Pinworms** - an intestinal parasite, the child may become restless and irritable and complain or be observed as having rectal itching. Children may return after treatment with prescription medications.
- **Bronchitis** - a condition characterized by a severe continuous cough that interferes with activity and well-being.
- **Fifth Disease** - A contagious virus usually occurring in the spring in which intense rosy cheeks may be the only symptom. A doctor's visit may be necessary to rule out scarlet fever. There may be a low grade fever and usually there is intense itching. The rash will disappear in 5 - 10 days. If a pregnant woman becomes infected, it can harm her unborn baby. Your child may return when fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD BECOME SICK DURING THE SCHOOL DAY YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.



GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS AT NORTHPOINT

Medications should be limited to those required during school hours and necessary to maintain the student in school. The following guidelines are to protect the safety of your child.

- All medications, both prescription and over the counter, must have written parental consent.
- NO medications will be administered at school without written consent. Handwritten notes from home are not acceptable. The necessary authorization forms are provided in the nursing office and it is the parent's responsibility to complete the form and return it to the school nurse. These forms must be updated every school year and anytime a medication or dosage changes, you must submit an updated form. No changes in the administration of medication will be made until the form is submitted. A physician's signature is required on the authorization form for prescription medications.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Prescription medications must be brought to school in the original pharmacy labeled container.

The container shall display:

- Student's name
- Prescription number
- Medication name and dosage
- Administration route or other directions
- Date of expiration
- Licensed prescriber's name
- Pharmacy name, address, and phone number

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

All non-prescription medications must be in the original container with a label identifying the medication and dosage schedules listed on the container. No medication may be brought to school in a zip lock bag.

The child's name, grade, and teacher must be affixed to the container.

Please send a note if your child needs to stay in the room during our playground time. Otherwise he/she will be required to go outside. We feel outdoor play is important. We go out weather permitting as long as the temperature is 40 degrees or above.



A Junior Kindergarten Day

8:15-8:45	Greetings and Free Choice of Activities
8:45-9:00	Bible (Pledge, Calendar, and Bible)
9:00-9:30	SMILA and guided related activity
9:30-9:45	Snack
9:45-10:15	Outside Play
10:15-10:30	Story Time (Large Group) Related to Unit of study
10:30-11:00	Center Time
11:05-11:15	Prepare for Lunch
11:15-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:15	Storytime and prepare for rest time
12:30-1:30	Rest time
1:30-2:00	Math time
2:00-2:30	Outside time
2:30-3:00	Afternoon snack and story time
3:00	Dismissal except for Wednesday and dismissal is at 2:30

*Music, Library, Physical Education, and Computer classes meet weekly

CHAPEL IS 8:45 AM ON THURSDAY

We ask students to bring \$.25 weekly for mission money. Elementary chooses a different missionary each month to support with our missions money.



PARTIIPATE IN THESE SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HELP NORTHPOINT



- Register your Kroger Plus Shoppers Card and choose Northpoint Christian School as the school to receive funds through their Community Rewards Program. This is the link to the Kroger website to register your card: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>. Cards must be re-enrolled each year. The school name is notated on the bottom of your Kroger receipts.
- Collect nature items for science areas so that we can change displays frequently and keep the area interesting.
- Collect recyclable items for art and other projects. Any of the following would be helpful: computer paper, yarn, scraps of rickrack or any items that you might think safe and educationally useful. We also recycle "Happy Meal" toys and similar items for the treat box.



PARENTS ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Dear V.V.I.P.:

It has been said, there are only two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is **ROOTS** and the other is **WINGS**. (copied)

HELPS FOR WING BUILDERS:

Be math conscious. Count objects, assigning one number to each object as your count. Add and subtract using concrete objects like beans, buttons or larger objects the child happens to be interested in.

Read, read, read to your child at home. Talk about the story as you read. Ask questions about the stories to develop listening comprehension.

Please screen the television programs that your child watches. We see so much evidence of the violence to which they are exposed and influenced on television and movies.

Bedtime: Most children are happier the next day if they have bedtime around 8:00 p.m.

Read to your child each night.

Help your child learn about his environment. Take him on trips to the fair, parks, farms, historical places, museums, and other places of interest. Don't overlook your own backyard!

Develop self-confidence and social interaction by visiting friends and having friends over.

Give them tasks to do at home such as taking care of clothing, books and toys, helping with simple housekeeping chores, and maybe helping to care for a pet.

Use clear, correct speech. Encourage your child to speak plainly and clearly.

When your child draws a picture, ask him about it by saying "tell me about your picture." (don't say, "what is that?". It's an implied put-down, since you've said you can't see what it is.)

When letters begin to appear on their pictures, they are beginning written language. Accept their spelling. Ask them to tell you what their letters say, explaining that sometimes adults don't understand children's words, but that is okay. You might even ask them if they'd like you to write what they've written in another way. The important thing is not to tie down their creative thinking and expression to "accurate adult spelling". It is enough that they are beginning to put sounds together; often just beginning, sometimes ending, and occasionally a middle sound. Display the children's work. Grow a good self-concept in your child!

Answer the child's questions. This is one of his ways of finding out about the world around him.

Begin each day with a good breakfast and encourage your child to brush his teeth after every meal.

Teach your child their name, birthday, address and phone number.

Teach your child to dress himself and to be independent in his toilet habits.

Teach your child to tie his/her own shoes.

Take time with your child. Nothing can be a substitute for this. Affirm good expectations in your child. Be realistic, but positive in your expectations of him. Build good self- esteem. At this point he becomes free to learn.

Talk with your child so that he will look forward with pleasure to his new adventure in school. Have a positive attitude about school with your child. Please do not adopt the attitude that "it's just kindergarten", and casually let him miss school. School begins with kindergarten, and each day is important.

Teach him first and foremost at a very young age this basic truth for all living and learning:

"THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT." Deuteronomy 6:5

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING NCS FOR YOUR CHILD!!!



Thank
You!