

EDUCARE
DreamWorks, INC



Handbook
2025-2026

EDUCARE

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ABOUT US

MISSION:

To foster and maintain a Christian educational environment where God is glorified and Biblical teachings are integrated into all areas of our lives.

VISION:

Equipping our students for righteous Christian living while providing academic excellence according to each student's needs.

MOTTO:

Foundations in Faith + Education.

VERSE:

Homeschool:

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he grows old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Day School:

See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children. 1 John 3:1

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Teachers & Staff

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<https://www.dreamworksbladen.com/meet-our-staff>

BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Bible clearly indicates that parents/guardians are responsible for their children's discipline (that is, training or instruction). DreamWorks Educare exists to assist parents/guardians in this God-given responsibility. DreamWorks Educare does not seek to assume the task that God gives to parents, but only to serve as the parents'/guardians' appointed and authorized representatives in the training process. DreamWorks Educare's system of student discipline and educational philosophy is structured in such a way as to mirror the Bible's guidelines for reproof and instruction

Attendance at DreamWorks Educare is a privilege and not a right. DreamWorks Educare reserves the right, at the sole discretion of the administration, to dismiss students from enrollment if at any time it is decided that the school feels they cannot assist the student further. Furthermore, DreamWorks Educare, the administration, reserves the right at their sole discretion to deny readmission to any student whose actions demonstrate that it is not in the school's best interest to allow re-admission.

Disciplinary Goals

DreamWorks Educare seeks to accomplish three primary disciplinary goals. The administration believes that these goals are integral to the personal development of every individual.

1. **Respect for those in authority.** Christ Himself cautioned against rebellious attitudes towards governing officials and in the book of Romans, Paul tells us to submit ourselves to those in authority over us. In chapter 13, verse 2, he tells us, "Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." Rebellious attitudes have no place in the hearts of the children of God, and DreamWorks Educare discourages any such attitudes, beliefs, doctrines, creeds, and actions. Micah 6:8 tells us that God desires our humble submission. So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves.
2. **Personal responsibility for one's own actions.** 2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." Every person is responsible for his or her own deeds. Personal responsibility is among the most important of our core values and as such is a part of our disciplinary goals. Regardless of those involved, when we find ourselves in the place of reproof, we must accept blame where blame is due and accept the resulting consequences as well. In this way, we as educators hope to develop in our students a strong work ethic and mature hearts willing to admit fault.

3. **Consideration of others.** With the development of new technologies every day, it becomes more and more apparent just how small our world is. Christ tells us in Matthew 22:37-40 He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Paul reaffirms this in Galatians 5:13 "For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love..." Clearly, Christ intends for us to show the love of God to all people, not just other Christians, and to be considerate of them. In Ephesians 4:25-32 Paul tells us "Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. 26 Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and don't give the devil an opportunity. 28 Let the thief no longer steal. Instead, he is to do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need. 29 No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. 30 And don't grieve God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, anger, and wrath, shouting, and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. 32 And be kind and

compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ..." DreamWorks Educare seeks to instill in each of its students a deep love for the world that Christ came to save. It is our primary goal to make them Micah 6:8 Christians, doing justice and loving mercy at all times with no lack of truth or grace.

Student Expectations and Behavior

- Students will respect the authority of all adults and the rights and property of others. Disrespect toward fellow students, teachers, or other staff in attitude, words, or actions will not be tolerated. Blatant disrespect resulting in the student being dismissed from the classroom or a school activity will result in a parent phone call.
- Students will maintain academic and personal integrity as previously described.
- No food or drinks, with the exception of water, will be allowed in the classroom except during approved times.
- Lying, cheating, or stealing will not be tolerated. This includes the taking and hiding of another student's belongings.
- Horseplay of any kind is prohibited in the building. This is a shared location. We must respect the property of Foundation Bible Church.

- Students should be punctual to class, arriving with all necessary materials.
- Foul and abusive language and fighting in any form is not acceptable.
- Use of physical force or verbal intimidation will not be tolerated.
- Leaving school property without permission is strictly prohibited.
- Defacement of school property or the personal property of another student is not acceptable and will be at the parent's expense.
- Misuse of school technology (i.e. computers, classroom televisions, teacher iPads, etc.) in a way that is unauthorized or deemed inappropriate (i.e. instant messaging, cheating, bullying, etc.) is prohibited.
- These same guidelines are expected of students at all DreamWorks Educare-sponsored events and field trips.

Parent Expectations and Behavior

- Parents are expected to dress modestly and appropriately at all on-campus, off-campus, and school-related events and field trips.
- Parents are expected to be respectful of school staff and students and display Christ-like behavior and speech that is edifying. Any school-related concerns should be addressed according to the Matthew 18 principle and should be voiced only to those concerned.
- Parents are responsible to know and adhere to all school policies and procedures.

At the beginning of each school year, students and parents will be required to sign a DreamWorks Educare Code of Conduct Agreement

Level 1 (L1) Conduct Violations

L1 conduct violations include minor class disruption or talking while in-class instruction, lack of supplies, and failure to do classwork. L1 discipline violations will result in a conference with the student.

Level 2 (L2) Conduct Violations

L2 conduct violations include horseplay, extreme disruption, lying, disrespect, foul or inappropriate language, and misuse of technology. L2 conduct violations will result in 1 day of no recess with a devotion on Ephesians 4:29 (Fruits of the Spirit)

Level 3 (L3) Conduct Violations

Level 3 Conduct violations include cheating, damage to personal or school property, fighting, and excessive disruption to other children from learning. L3 conduct violations will result in a conference with the parents and the teacher.

Level 4 (L4) Conduct Violations

Level 4 conduct violations include assaulting a staff member, bullying/harassment, and level 1-3 violations not being corrected. L4 conduct violations will result in a parent, teacher, student, and pastor conference. It could possibly lead to dismissal from the school.

HEALTH & SAFETY

SAFETY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Emergency Procedures

In each classroom and in the teacher workroom, a plan of action is posted for emergencies such as fire and severe weather. Our school's Emergency Response Plan book is located in the front office. In the event students need to be evacuated to a secure location, parents will be notified through DOJO/individual parent contact.

Emergency Drills

Educare will conduct various safety drills during our school year. Fire and severe weather drills will be conducted once a month. Intruder drills will be conducted twice a year. All staff, students, and visitors will participate in the drills if present during the drill.

Emergency Forms

DOJO is the school's primary source of communication. The parents are required to have a DOJO account and make sure their student's information is kept current. It is the parent's responsibility to keep abreast of current communications with the school and the child's teacher. Parents are responsible to review and update information at the school at the beginning, as well as during each school year.

INCIDENT/INJURY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Incident/Injury

MINOR: A minor incident/injury is any unexpected event where the student receives basic first aid, but the end result is that the student is able to return to all regular scheduled activities. When students have a minor injury/incident parents will be notified.

SERIOUS: A serious incident/injury is any unexpected event that requires emergency medical treatment or transport for emergency treatment. If a serious injury or incident were to occur the following procedures will take place:

- 911 will be called
- Parents will be immediately notified
- If needed, the student will be transported to an emergency medical facility. A staff member will accompany the student until a parent arrives.
- A medical incident/illness report will be emailed to parents and kept on file. A copy of the report will be printed and given to the parent.

First Aid

All Educare staff are certified in first aid and CPR practices and procedures. The first aid materials are located in all classroom's first aid kit.

MEDICATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Medication

The following policies and procedures will be followed when administering medication:

- No medication, prescription, or over-the-counter, will be administered by any Educare school personnel including teachers, directors, or volunteers for any reason.
- If your child needs medication during the school day, parents/guardians may come to the school and administer medication.
- **ANY STUDENT NEEDING AN INHALER** for any reason will need a **Permission to Carry and Self-Administer Asthma Inhaler Form** filled out with a parent/guardian signature as well as the signature of the prescribing physician. This form needs to be renewed each school year. The inhaler must be kept in the teacher workroom to be used on a case-by-case basis based upon parent, teacher, and director discussion.
- **ANY STUDENT NEEDING AN EPIPEN** for any reason will need a **Permission to Carry and Self Administer EpiPen Form** filled out and signed by their parent/guardian and the prescribing physician. This form needs to be renewed each school year. The EpiPen must be kept in the teacher workroom unless otherwise discussed by physician to be used on a case-by-case basis based upon parent, teacher, and director discussion.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT

All teachers and staff are certified in the recognition, prevention, and management of communicable disease or other illnesses and will observe each child daily as he/she enters the group. If a classroom has been exposed to any communicable disease, an email will be sent to each parent/guardian in that classroom. Students will be instructed in proper hand-washing procedures and are encouraged to practice them at school and at home to prevent the spreading of illness.

A communicable disease chart is posted in each classroom for teachers and staff to follow for appropriate management of suspected illness.

A parent/guardian will be notified by a teacher or preschool staff member if a child is not acting themselves and is experiencing any symptoms of minor illness.

A student with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness will be isolated and a parent/guardian will be immediately notified:

- Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a 24 hour period)
- Vomiting
- Severe coughing (making a whooping sound or red and blue in the face)
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Conjunctivitis (Redness of the eye, discharge or matted eyelashes)

- Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (taken by the auxiliary method)
- Untreated infected skin patch(es)
- Unusually dark urine and/or grey or white stool
- Stiff neck
- Evidence of lice, scabies or other parasitic infection

A child with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness shall be immediately isolated from other children and a parent/guardian will be notified. Decisions regarding whether the child should be discharged immediately or at some other time during the day, shall be determined by the director and parent/guardian.

- Unusual spots or rashes
- Sore throat or difficulty in swallowing
- Elevated temperature
- Vomiting

Students must be fever-free and without medication for 72 hours before returning to school. Students must be symptom-free and without medication, vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

A child will be isolated due to suspected communicable disease:

- by parent, guardian, or person designated by the parent or guardian with-in 30 minutes of notification of child's sickness.

Medical Statement and Immunization Requirements

Medical Statement for Homeschool and Day school Students Only:

The parent/guardian shall provide, **prior to the date of admission or no later than thirty days after date of admission**, and every twelve months from the date of examination thereafter, a medical statement affirming that the child is in suitable condition for enrollment in the program. The medical statement must be signed by your healthcare provider.

Immunization Requirements for Homeschool and Days school Students Only:

If your child is current on all immunizations, please provide a copy by 09/02/2025.
If your child is not current, please provide religious exemption letter by 09/02/2025.

EDUCARE PARENT INVOLVEMENT

EDUCARE believes that partnering with parents is a key to each child's success. We have an open-door policy, and welcome parents to visit at any time during operation hours. To help maintain the security of our school and limit disruptions to the academic program, all visitors will be required to present a photo ID and be issued a visitor's badge before entering the classroom.

Teachers want to work with parents to create the best partnership for each student's success. We believe open communication is a crucial component to the parent/school partnership. It is vital for parents to inform the teacher of any habits, concerns, special needs, and family updates as needed.

There are several ways parents can get involved throughout the school year. Parents that are interested in getting involved in any of the following areas, please contact the preschool director or your child's teacher.

- Holiday Party Volunteer
- Holiday Party Donations
- Field Trip Chaperone (Homeschool Only)
- Field Trip Approved Drivers (Homeschool Only)
- Occupation Presenter
- Guest Reader

DAY SCHOOL

Day School Admissions

Age Limit

Day School students must be 3 or 4 years old by the first day of school.

Non-Discriminatory Policy

EDUCARE recruits and admits students of any race, color, gender, or ethnic origin to all its rights, privileges, programs, and activities. In addition, the school does not discriminate based on race, color, gender, or activities. Furthermore, the school is not intended to be an alternative to court or administrative agency-ordered, or public school district-initiated desegregation. EDUCARE does not discriminate based on race, color, gender, or ethnic origin when hiring its certified or non-certified personnel.

Bathroom Assistance

All students must be completely potty-trained to enroll in our program. No pull-up or training pants of any kind are to be worn during the school day. Students should be encouraged to practice independent restroom skills at home. Because of liabilities, teachers are unable to assist children in the restroom. If a restroom accident occurs, students will need to clean up and change their clothes independently. If more than one restroom accident occurs or the student is without a change of clothes, the parents will be contacted to assist the child or bring a new set of clothes.

We understand that every child needs time to adjust to new environments. We feel a three-week grace period is enough time to adapt. If a student has repeated restroom accidents after the three-week grace period, a parent-teacher meeting will be held to discuss alternative options.

New Students

All students are accepted on academic and behavioral probation for their first 30 days.

Enrollment

Applications are completed and submitted online on the EDUCARE website at <https://www.dreamworksbladen.com/dayschool> . Applicants can sign up for a tour by emailing dreamworkseducare@gmail.com .

Acceptance of students is based on classroom openings, our screening program, and a family meeting all completed prior to student's first day of attendance.

Please note the following:

1. Students can be enrolled at any time throughout the first three quarters of the school year. The only students that are accepted during the last quarter of the school year are students moving into the area who have been previously enrolled in another pre-school/day school program and if space is available.
2. Parents are not permitted to enroll a child in EDUCARE if they still owe money for previously enrolled students.

Re-enrollment

Current students may enroll for the next school year beginning in January of each year. Teachers will send a letter of intent to parents/guardians to complete and return by end of January. Enrollment will be opened to the general public on February 1st, based on space available.

Withdrawal/Dismissal

- Withdrawal from school must be made by the parent via email to dreamworkseducare@gmail.com.
- School records will not be released or forwarded to another school until all financial obligations have been satisfied.
- A student will be dismissed from EDUCARE when he or she is found to be out of harmony with the rules and policies of the school.
- Students who are dismissed may be readmitted if they become compliant with our policies and classroom space is available.

Day School Overview

EDUCARE Day School offers an enjoyable, hands-on educational program designed to give your child a firm foundation for a lifetime of learning.

School Hours

EDUCARE Day School will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

Arrival

Students entering the building before 8:30 AM or after 9:15 AM **must be brought to the class by a parent.** It is very important to us that we give constant care and attention to your child(ren), so please do not drop off your child(ren) without escorting him/her into the building during those times.

If you need to drop off your child before 8:30 AM we can accept children beginning at 8:00 AM for an additional \$10 per week.

Staff must be notified and payment received by Friday of the week prior to early drop-off. Staffing of early drop-off is based on Friday numbers and payment.

Departure

Students will be brought to the door leading to the covered area on the side of the Foundation Church building, as teachers see cars approaching.

Please display name cards on the dash of your vehicle at pick-up. Two name cards will be provided per child, if more are needed, please make a request.

For Early pick-up (before 12 PM), please be prepared to show your I.D. to teachers. We appreciate your partnership as we follow these procedures for the safety and well-being of all of our students.

Emergency School Closings

School closings or delays will be announced by:

1. Email
2. Class DoJo
3. Facebook Post

Absence and Vacation Policy

Parents are responsible for contacting the school if their child will be absent for that school day. Tuition is established for the entire school year and includes scheduled holiday breaks. No adjustments will be made to the tuition due to absences of any nature including weather, sickness, vacation, holidays, etc.

Dress Code

There is no set dress code for day school students. Students should be dressed in comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. Students must be able to manage their clothing by themselves. Girls should wear shorts/leggings underneath all skirts and dresses. Sneakers are recommended for a safer indoor and outdoor play experience. Day School students are not permitted to wear flip-flops for safety reasons. Students should have an extra set of clothing in a labeled zip lock bag in their backpack each day at school. **Please label all clothing and personal items for identification.**

Backpacks

Our policy is that all students bring a standard-size book bag to school every day. This will help eliminate lost schoolwork, clothes, or important notes.

Curriculum

EDUCARE Day School uses [ABC Jesus Loves Me!](#) We will use the 4-year-old curriculum and adjust our requirements and goals for each student based on their age and academic needs.

Assessments

An assessment will be sent home twice a year for 3-year-old students and once a quarter for 4-year-old students.

Field Trips

There will be no field trips taken with the day school students.

Events

We will host two preschool events during each school year. Our Christmas program will be held in December and our Graduation/Awards ceremony will be held in May.

Snack Policy

A nutritious snack will be provided by parents for their child each day. Snacks must be healthy, but simple to serve. Children must be able to serve themselves. Snack time is 9:50 AM daily.

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SCHOOL SNACK GUIDANCE

Parents must provide snack and juice/water.

We will update parents on any allergy restrictions at open house.

What to AVOID:
Dyes & Added sugars

Approved Snack Suggestions:

- Cheese sticks
- Apple sauce
- Goldfish
- Raw veggies: pre-cut
- Fruit: pre-sliced and peeled
- Water
- Labeled water bottle/cup
- Yogurt
- Popcorn
- Fruit cups in 100% juice
- Pretzels
- Animal crackers
- Apple slices
- Raisins



EDUCARE: Day School Calendar 2025-2026

2025
SEPTEMBER

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Notes:

- 09/02: First day of school
- 10/03: Teacher Workday – NO school
- 11/11: Veteran's Day – NO school
- 11/24-11/28: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/22-01/02: Christmas Break
- 01/05: Return to School
- 01/19: MLK Day – NO School
- 04/06-04/10: Spring Break
- 05/15: Last Day/Graduation

Drop off: 8:30a  **Hours: 8:30a – 12:00p**  **Pick up: 12:00p**



DAILY SCHEDULE FOR DAY SCHOOL

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM: Arrival & Free Play

- Children arrive, hang up backpacks, and engage in free play with toys, puzzles, or blocks.

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM: Morning Circle & Welcome

- Gather in a circle for greetings, songs, and a brief introduction to the day's activities. Teachers may review the weather, date, and schedule.

9:15 AM - 9:40 AM: Learning Activity (Theme-Based)

- A short, focused activity related to the theme of the week (e.g., colors, animals, shapes). This could include storytime, a craft, or simple educational games.

9:40 AM - 10:00 AM: Snack Time

- Children wash hands and have a healthy snack, either provided by the school or brought from home.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Outdoor Play or Movement

- Time for outdoor play (weather permitting), such as running, climbing, or playing group games. If inside, an indoor movement activity like dancing or yoga can be done.

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM: Creative Play (Art/Music)

- A creative activity, like painting, drawing, or playing with musical instruments, fostering imagination and sensory exploration.

10:50 AM - 11:10 AM: Curriculum Lesson

- A short story or interactive reading session, followed by a group discussion or questions about the story.

11:10 AM - 11:30 AM: Free Play & Exploration

- Children engage in another free-play session where they can explore different stations (blocks, dolls, books, sensory bins).

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM: Quiet Time & Transition to Clean-Up

- Soft music or a calming activity (like a short video or relaxing songs) helps children transition to clean-up mode. This encourages them to tidy up the space.

11:50 AM - 12:00 PM: Wrap-Up & Goodbyes

- Gather for a final circle to reflect on the day's activities. Children may share something they enjoyed, and the session ends with a song or goodbye routine.



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents have 2 Options for purchasing school supplies.

Option 1: Purchase a School Supply Box [HERE](#).

Option 2: Purchase the items listed below.

Day School

- Sanitizing Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Liquid Hand Soap
- 1 Box Face Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Gallon Zip-lock bags
- 1 Pack White Copy Paper
- 1 Pack Cardstock
- 1 pack of Jumbo Crayola crayons
- Jumbo Pencils – Ticonderoga
- Crayola Watercolor Paint tray
- 1 Elmer's school glue stick
- Writing Paper Pack
- Lunch Box & Water bottle
- Safety Scissors
- Backpack
- Folder

Pack an extra change of clothes in a Ziplock bag to keep at school. Label with child's name

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Drop Off Time: 8:30a

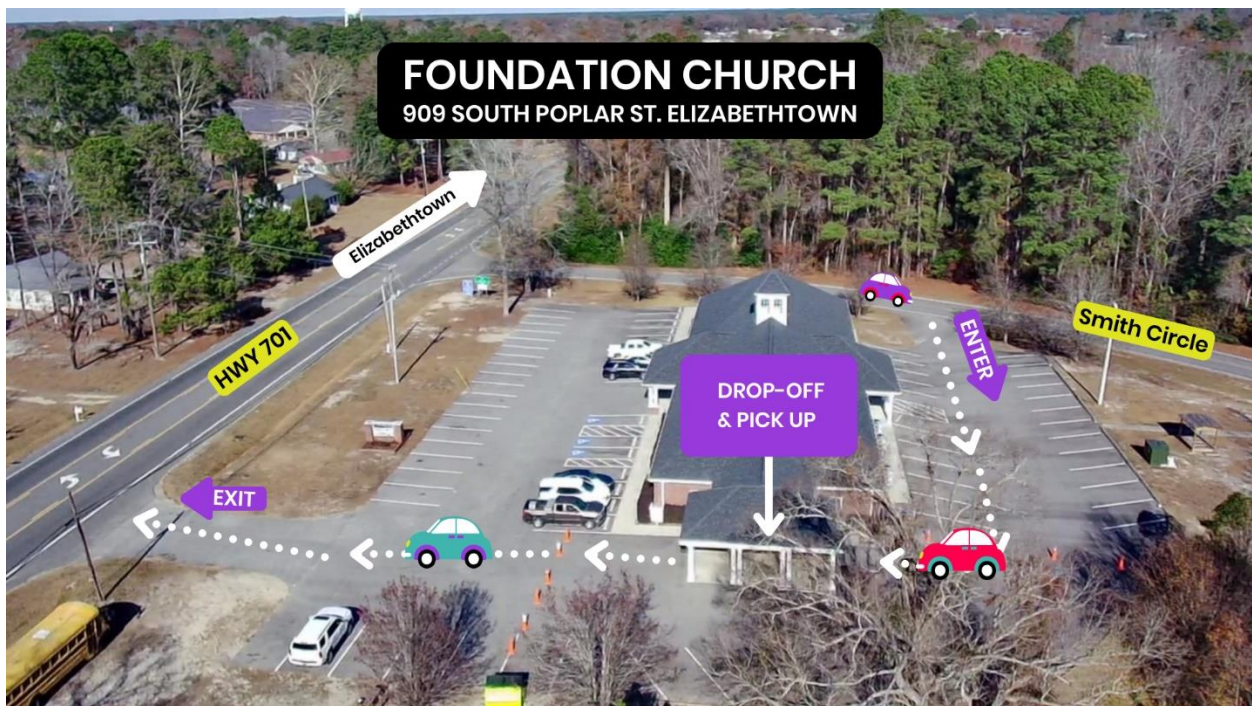
Pick-up Time: 12:00 pm

Early Drop-Off Time: 8:00 am

Early Drop-Off Cost: \$10 per week in addition to tuition.

Drop-Off and Pick-up ZONE/AREA:

Parents will enter the Foundation Church Parking lot from the back of the church off Smith Circle. The drop-off area will be under the shelter at the end of the Foundation Church Building. Then parents will leave the parking lot to exit onto HWY 701.



Payment Policy and Schedule

Payment Policy-

- **Registration Fee:** *For first-time students*
 - \$50 for Foundation Church Attendees OR
 - \$100 for Non-Foundation Church Attendees
 - Registration Fee is non-refundable.
 - Due at time of application - accepted via CashApp or check
- **Re-enrollment Fee:** *For returning students*
 - \$25 for Foundation Church Attendees OR
 - \$50 for Non-Foundation Church Attendees
 - Re-enrollment Fee is non-refundable
 - Due with letter of intent by January 31st.
- **Tuition:**
 - Due by the 5th of each month beginning in September.
 - A 5% late fee will be applied if paid after the 5th, without proper communication to administration.
 - Active Foundation Church attendees get a 10% discount on tuition.
 - If paid by Cash/Check:
 - annually: \$2,475.00 one-time payment, or \$2227.50 for Foundation Attendees
 - OR
 - \$275 a month for 9 months (September - May) or \$247.50/month for Foundation Attendees
 - If paid online through CashApp + 3% fee:
 - annually: \$2549.25 (\$2,295.33 for Foundation Attendees)
 - OR
 - \$283.25 per month for 9 months (September - May) (\$254.93/month for Foundation Attendees)
 - 8:00 am Early Drop Off Fee: \$10 per week.
 - Can be week specific if communicated in advance.
- Accepted Payment Methods:
 - Cash or Check:
 - payable to EDUCARE Dream Works, INC.
 - Online through Cash App +3% processing fee

Foundation Church Attendees-

- Defined as multiple church attendance within a month (minus sickness or vacation) and completion of the Engage Dinner. Determined on a case-by-case basis. Please confirm your attendee status before making your first payment.

HOMESCHOOL

EDUCARE: Homeschool Calendar 2025-2026

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AUGUST

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Notes:

- 08/13: First day of school
- 09/01: Labor Day - NO school
- 09/29 - 10/03: Fall Break
- 11/11: Veteran's Day - NO school
- 11/24-11/28: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/17-01/02: Christmas Break
- 01/05: Return to School
- 01/19: MLK Day - NO School
- 04/06-04/10: Spring Break
- 05/22: Last Day/Awards

- Drop off: 7:45a
- Hours: 8:30a - 2:30p
- Pick up: 2:30 - 3:00p
- After 3pm \$10/day for afterschool care

Homeschool Admissions

New Students

All students are accepted on academic and behavioral probation for their first 30 days.

Enrollment

Applications are completed and submitted online on the EDUCARE website at <https://www.dreamworksbladen.com/homeschool> . Applicants can sign up for a tour by emailing dreamworkseducare@gmail.com .

Acceptance of students is based on classroom openings, our screening program, the letter from the NC Department of Non-public Education approval for homeschooling, and a family meeting, all completed before the student's first day of attendance.

Please note the following:

3. Students can be enrolled at any time throughout the first three quarters of the school year. The only students accepted during the last quarter of the school year are students moving into the area who have been previously enrolled in another school, or home school, and if space is available.
4. Parents are not permitted to enroll a child in EDUCARE if they still owe money for previously enrolled students.

Re-enrollment

Current students may enroll for the next school year beginning in January of each year. Teachers will send a letter of intent to parents/guardians to complete and return by end of January. Enrollment will be opened to the general public on February 1st, based on space available.

Withdrawal/Dismissal

- Withdrawal from school must be made by the parent via email to dreamworkseducare@gmail.com .
- School records will not be released or forwarded to another school until all financial obligations have been satisfied.
- A student will be dismissed from EDUCARE when he or she is found to be out of harmony with the rules and policies of the school.
- Students who are dismissed may be readmitted if they become compliant with our policies and classroom space is available.

Homeschool Overview

EDUCARE Homeschool offers a non-traditional setting that is enjoyable, a hands-on educational program that meets student needs, and is designed to give your child a firm foundation for a lifetime of learning.

School Hours

EDUCARE Homeschool will be open Monday-Thursday from 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM and Fridays from 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM. Kellye's office hours for conferences, returning messages, and handling school-related necessities will be from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Arrival

Students may **not** enter the building before 7:45 AM. If a student arrives after 8:30 AM, they **must be brought to the class by a parent and sign the log**. It is very important to us that we give constant care and attention to your child(ren), so please do not drop off your child(ren) without escorting him/her into the building during those times.

Departure

Students will be brought to the door leading to the covered area on the side of the Foundation Church building, as teachers see cars approaching.

Please display name cards on the dash of your vehicle at pick-up. Two name cards will be provided per child, if more are needed, please make a request.

For Early pick-up (before 2:30 PM), please be prepared to show your I.D. to teachers. We appreciate your partnership as we follow these procedures for the safety and well-being of all of our students.

Emergency School Closings

School closings or delays will be announced by:

4. Email
5. Class DoJo
6. Facebook Post

Absence and Vacation Policy

Parents are responsible for contacting the school if their child will be absent for that school day. Tuition is established for the entire school year and includes scheduled holiday breaks. No adjustments will be made to the tuition due to absences of any nature including weather, sickness, vacation, holidays, etc.

Dress Code

There is no set dress code for homeschool students. Students should be dressed in comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. Students must be able to manage their clothing by themselves. Girls

should wear shorts underneath all skirts and dresses. Sneakers are recommended for a safer indoor and outdoor play experience.

Backpacks

Our policy is that all students bring a standard-size book bag to school every day. This will help eliminate lost schoolwork, clothes, or important notes.

Curriculum

EDUCARE Homeschool currently uses Saxon Math and The Good and the Beautiful for reading and language.

Assessments

There will be a placement test given for new students at the beginning of the year. All students will have a mid-year benchmark in December and an End-of-Year assessment in May.

Field Trips

Field Trips will be determined.

Events

We will host different events during each school year. Our Grandparents Day recognition will be held in September, the Christmas program will be held in December, the Beta Induction will be held in January, and our Graduation/Awards ceremony will be held in May.

Lunch & Snack Policy

Parents will provide a nutritious snack for their child each day. Snacks must be healthy, but simple to serve. Please look at snack suggestion in handbook for guidance. We are trying to stay away from red dyes and added sugars. This affects learning and behaviors.

Cell Phone/Tablet Policy

Students are to leave all electronics turned OFF and in their bookbag until otherwise told by the teacher. Please do not message them or call them in class. If it is an emergency, please contact one of the teachers.

Homeschool Daily Schedule

Arrival

7:45-8:30 - Fact sheets, fluency check, start with individual students

8:30-9:30 - Devotion/Bible whole group in worship area

Students complete independent study activities between lessons.

9:30-10:30 - Reading/Math--small group/individual students

10:30-11:30 - Reading/Math--small group/individual students

11:30-12:00 - Reading/Math--small group/individual students

12:00-12:30 - Lunch

12:30-1:30 - Recess

1:30-2:00 - Story Writing

2:00-2:30 - STEM Activity/Life Skills

2:30-3:00 - Electronics

Departure



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents have 2 Options for purchasing school supplies.

Option 1: Purchase a School Supply Box [HERE](#).

Option 2: Purchase the items listed below.

- Pencil Pouch (not box)
- glue sticks
- wooden ruler
- Ticonderoga pencils
- pack of colored pens (not red)
- pack of highlighters
- pack of sticky notes
- pack of copy paper
- pack of white card stock
- 3-non spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Crayola colored pencils
- Crayola markers
- Sanitize wipes
- Box of tissues
- Students need to keep travel hand sanitizer in book bag
- Crayola watercolor paint set

Homeschool

- 7th and 8th Grade students---I would like for you to get a graphing calculator for math. (not in school supply box)

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Drop Off Time: 7:45 AM

Pick-up Time: 2:30 - 3:00 PM

Late pick-up: After 3:00 PM there will be a fee charged for afterschool care.

Drop-Off and Pick-up ZONE/AREA:

Parents will enter the Foundation Church Parking lot from the back of the church off Smith Circle. The drop-off area will be under the shelter at the end of the Foundation Church Building. Then parents will leave the parking lot to exit onto HWY 701.



2025-2026 Homeschool Co-op PAYMENT POLICY & SCHEDULE

Payment Policy-

- **Registration Fee:** *For first-time students*
 - \$50 for Foundation Church Attendees OR
 - \$100 for Non-Foundation Church Attendees
 - Registration Fee is non-refundable.
 - Due at time of application
- **Re-enrollment Fee:** *For returning students*
 - \$25 for Foundation Church Attendees OR
 - \$50 for Non-Foundation Church Attendees
 - Re-enrollment Fee is non-refundable
 - Due with letter of intent by January 31st.
- **Tuition is \$5000 for the school year (August-May)**
 - **Option 1: \$125/week - If paid via CashApp \$128.75**
 - Due each Monday for the current week.
 - If not paid, your child cannot return until payments are current.
 - **Option 2: \$500/month - If paid via CashApp \$515**
 - Due by the 5th of each month.
 - If not paid, your child cannot return until payments are current.
 - **Option 3: Pay per semester - If paid via CashApp \$2575**
 - First payment due in August: \$2500
 - Second payment due in January: \$2500
 - **After School Care:**
 - \$10 per day in addition to tuition
 - \$10.30 per day if paid via CashApp

We accept online payments or checks (no cash). When you pay online, there is a 3% service fee for CashApp. See the amounts above for the correct payment.

Hours of Operation-

- **Homeschool hours:**
 - Drop-off: 7:45 AM - 8:30 AM
 - Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM.

- 2:30 - 3:00 PM Pick-Up
 - Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (noon)
 - 12:00 PM (noon) Pick-Up
- **After school hours (for homeschool students):**
 - Monday - Thursday: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
 - 5:30 PM Pick-Up
 - Friday: none

MEALS

▪ **Snacks--**

- Must be healthy, quick, and easy to eat. This should not be a meal.
- Make sure you have water, Gatorade, or flavored water to drink with a snack.

▪ **Lunch--**

- Must be something that your child can eat without heating up. We cannot heat food, due to many students and health guidelines.
- Recommendations—place in a thermos if it is something that needs to stay warm.
- **WE CAN NOT ACCEPT DOORDASH.** Having preschool on campus, we have to be very cautious.
- You can bring your child lunch from somewhere if you choose. Please make sure they have it by 12:00.
- Please make sure they have a drink with lunch as well.

▪ **Hot Lunch Thursday--**

- We will order from a local restaurant on Thursdays for a hot lunch. If you want to participate, the cost will be \$7. This must be cash only. We will order the food on Wednesday. All money must be turned in by then.
- Hot Lunch Parent Pick-Up—If you can help pick up lunch on Thursday, please sign up with Kellye. This will help us out tremendously.

**AFTER SCHOOL
&
EXTENDED CARE**

2025-2026 After School & Extended Care PAYMENT POLICY & SCHEDULE

Payment Policy-

- **After School: \$100 per week (not by the day) - If paid by CashApp \$103**
 - Due each Monday for the current week.
 - If not paid, your child cannot return until payments are current.
 - Days/weeks do NOT roll over or accumulate.
 - Staffing is based on numbers/slots paid for.
- **Extended Care: \$150 per week. - If paid by CashApp \$154.50**
 - Due each Monday for the current week.
 - If not paid, your child cannot return until payments are current.
 - Days/weeks do NOT roll over or accumulate.
 - Staffing is based on numbers/slots paid for.

We accept online payments or checks (no cash). When you pay online, there is a 3% service fee for CashApp. See the amounts above for the correct payment.

Schedule-

- **After School:**
 - Monday - Friday: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- **Extended Care:**
 - Hours: 7:45 AM - 5:00 PM
 - Dates:
 - September 29th - October 3rd, 2025 (Fall Break)
 - December 2nd - 19th, 2025 (Christmas Break)
 - April 6th - 10th, 2026 (2nd week--Spring Break only)

Afterschool/Extended care will be CLOSED on the following dates:

- September 1, 2025--Labor Day
- November 11, 2025--Veterans Day
- November 24-28, 2025--Thanksgiving Break
- December 22-January 2, 2026--Christmas Break
- January 19, 2026--MLK
- March 30-April 3rd--Spring Break (1st week-we will still be in school)
- **Last day of Educare (After School & Extended Care) is May 21st, 2026**