Blue Wave After School Parent Handbook

Welcome to Blue Wave After School Program!

The information given in this handbook describes our program policies and daily operating procedures. We will be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

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**Price Guide**

Children who qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive discounted rates for after school. Those who qualify for free or reduced lunch will have to reapply each year through the Alachua County Food Services Program and supply documentation to after school in order for us to approve these rates.

Registration Fees are $50 per child for full lunch, and $30 per child for free or reduced lunch.

Our weekly rates are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Full Time (3-5 days) | Part Time (1-2 days) |
| Full Lunch | First Child | $50 | $25 |
|  | Siblings | $40 | $20 |
| Reduced Lunch | First Child | $35 | $19 |
|  | Siblings | $28 | $14 |
| Free Lunch | First Child | $23 | $12 |
|  | Siblings | $18 | $8 |

Weekly fees are due the week of attendance. Nonpayment will result in dismissal from the program until fees are paid.

Payments can be made in cash or check during pickup, or you may pay online through our Procare portal. Checks should be made payable to Blue Wave After School.

**Procare**

Blue Wave After School uses an online system, [Procare](https://www.kinderlime.com/), that will supply you with weekly invoices, sign in/out notifications for your child, and online billing, along with many other features. Upon registration, you will receive an email from Procare with a registration code and another email with your unique 4-digit pickup pin that will allow you to pick up your child at the end of the day.

Other Features: Notification and history of accident reports

 Adding emergency contacts to pick up list

 Annual tax reports

 Newsletters

 Easily message after school staff

**Pickup Procedures**

After school operates until 5:30 pm Monday-Friday. Pick up is in the front circle with Mrs. Janice. We are asking parents to stay in their cars for pickup to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please be ready to provide Mrs. Janice with your 4-digit pin. You must have your ID to pick up your child until we become familiar with you.

If your child is not picked up by 5:30, we will apply a fee of $5 per quarter hour that you are late. Habitual tardiness will result in dismissal from after school. No child will be released to anyone who has not been authorized in writing by the custodial parent on file.

**Notification of absences**

If your child will be absent we must be notified before noon on the day they will not be attending. This includes if they are going to parent pickup, are absent from school, or are participating in a club, sport, or tutoring after school. If your child is not present we must call you in order to locate them.

It is important that your child knows to come to after school on the days they are scheduled to attend.

**Discipline/Expulsion Policy**

The Blue Wave After School Program holds students accountable for their behavior. A number of factors will be considered in determining the level of misbehavior and the resulting consequences. These factors include, but are not limited to:

• Seriousness of offense

• Planning or impulse

• Age

• Disability, if any

• Reliability of evidence

• Cooperation/remorse

• Disciplinary history, if any

Behaviors and their consequences are divided into three levels, beginning with Level 1, each level represents progressively more serious misbehavior and consequence.

Level I

Behaviors:

* Inappropriate language
* Disruptive behavior
* Defiance
* Unsafe acts

Consequences: Parent Conference, Behavior Plan, Time out, withdrawal of privileges

Level II

Behaviors:

* Repeated Level I misconduct
* Fighting
* Bullying
* Theft
* Vandalism
* Sexual harassment

Consequences: Suspension, Parent/Director/Student conference prior to returning to the program, Behavior Plan, Withdrawal of privileges, Restitution

Level III

Behaviors:

* Repeated Level I or II misconduct
* Assault on fellow student/staff
* Battery on fellow student/staff
* Arson
* Possession or use of a weapon
* Possession or use of drugs

Consequences: Expulsion from program for remainder of school year, Parent/Director/Student conference prior to returning to the program, Report to Law Enforcement.

**Program Activities**

Blue Wave After School Program provides a wide range of enriching activities, including homework help, dance, French, sports, jewelry making, arts & crafts, gardening, and indoor games. Students will also have time for free play on the field, court, and playground.

Sample daily schedule:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2:30-3:15 | 3:15- 4:00 | 4:00-4:45 | 4:45-5:30 |
| Kindergarten | Playground | Snack/Art | Playground | Centers |
| 1st Grade | Snack | Playground | Centers | Court |
| 2nd Grade | Playground | Snack/Art | Court | Playground |
| 3rd Grade | Court | Snack/Art | Playground | Field |
| 4th Grade | Field | Snack/Art | Court | Playground |
| 5th Grade  | Field | Snack | Centers | Gaga Pit |

Our program is based on student choice. Students can choose any activity they would like to daily, as long as the classroom is not full due to capacity limits. In this case, they will have to choose another room.

**Contact Us**

Email: bluewaveafterschool@gmail.com

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Messages can also be sent through Procare.

We will respond to all emails, messages, and voicemails as soon as possible.