



**CSCA EARLY EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

(Pre-School – Kindergarten)

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EARLY EDUCATION APPENDIX:

Dress Code

All students are required to wear the standard CSCA uniform. Uniform policy is strictly enforced. Preschool students may wear Dockside type shorts, slack, or skirts without CSCA's logo, as long as they are plain navy blue or khaki. Girls are required to wear privacy shorts under dress or skirt.

Kindergarten P.E. Uniform:

- P.E. uniforms are to be worn only on the student's designated P.E. day.
- Official CSCA PE shorts and PE t-shirt must be worn.
- Appropriate sneakers and socks must be worn.
- Warm-ups in red, navy or gray may be worn as part of the PE uniform on cold weather days.
- P.E. T-shirts may reflect special clubs or events for the current school year only.

Daily Schedule

Classroom activities generally flow the routine listed below, with allowances for flexibility according to the needs and interests of children each day.

- Arrival/Greeting
- Bible lesson
- Circle Time
- Whole Group Activities
- Snack/Story Time
- Chapel/Specials
- Small Groups Instructions/ Learning Centers
- Outdoor Play/Physical Development
- Lunch
- Science/ Social Studies
- Small Group Instructions/Learning Centers
- Day in Review/Story Time
- Dismissal/Aftercare

Weekly Specials

- Art
- Chapel
- Media Center
- Music
- P.E.
- Spanish

Learning Centers

Learning centers are areas in the classroom, which define a special focus of development and offer specific learning opportunities. These areas allow children to make decisions and move freely and independently within developmentally appropriate and safe boundaries. Learning centers invite a child to come and see, come and do, and come and learn

Art Center – Uses a variety of material to stimulate creativity

Dramatic Play- Allows children to act out the day-to-day activities of home life and dress-up

Manipulative Center – Encourages fine motor skills development, as well as practice of eye and hand coordination

Science Center – provides experiments and opportunities to watch, wonder, inquire, and explore

Literacy Center – Fosters love for language and develops concept of print

Math Center- Provides a variety of hands-on learning opportunities to the discovery of numbers, patterns, geometry, and more.

Evaluation Scale

1 = Exceeds Expectations (has mastered skill(s) independently)

2 = Meets Expectations (performing on target)

3 = Working Towards Expectations (is learning with minimum assistance)

4 = Does Not Meet Expectations (area of concern)

Parent conference is scheduled to discuss student not meeting expectations on an as need basis.

Kindergarten Standardized Testing

Students in Kindergarten will be given the Terra Nova, Third Edition Complete Battery of standardized assessment. This test indicates a student's mastery of national academic skills at the student's grade level and also provides a comparison of your child with others in their age and type of school across the nation. **This is by far the most important objective assessment of your child's academic progress you will receive.** This data is one of the key planning tools used by CSCA in determining student placement. CSCA will send home a code for online access to a summary of each child's test results at the conclusion of the school year.

Attendance

In order for Coral Springs Christian Academy to maintain high Christian and academic standards, the following policies have been adopted.

All students must maintain regular attendance. This is necessary to successfully complete the daily academic requirements of Coral Springs Christian Academy and to conform to Florida attendance laws. **Any student who misses more than 18 days of school in any school year may be asked to repeat the entire year. Students participating in the free VPK program are required to comply to the Attendance Contract. Absences exceeding 18 days during the school year will result in dismissal of the program.**

It is important for students to be in school the entire day, and for parents to support the school attendance policy. Late sign-ins or early releases should be done only on an emergency basis and kept to a minimum. Please be aware that late sign-ins or early releases will cause your child to miss valuable classroom instruction and disrupt the teaching process. Please try to schedule doctor appointments after school.

Perfect Attendance

A student may only be tardy five times (excused or unexcused) during the school year in order to qualify for perfect attendance.

Absences

Parents must report their student's absence and the reason for the absence by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. Please call the Main Office when reporting your child absent.

A note stating the reason for the absence and signed by a parent is required on the day the student returns to school and should be given to the classroom teacher.

Examples of **valid excused** absences are:

- Sickness or injury
- Marriage or bereavement in the family
- Medical appointments, which cannot be scheduled outside of school

Physical Activity Statement

Coral Springs Christian Early Education Team believes that daily physical activity is imperative for the growing child. Physical activity helps children develop healthy, strong bodies, increases flexibility, and helps them maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity also helps children develop social skills, such as taking turns, sharing, cooperating and dealing with winning and losing.

Each day the children engage in physical activity through music and movement (approximately 15 minutes), outdoor playground time (30 minutes). We also provide Physical Education classes twice a week for 30 minutes each. The combination of these activities is equal to a minimum of 30 minutes daily for half-day (3 hours) students and 60 minutes daily for full-day (6 hours) students.

In the event of a rainy day, if we are unable to get to the playground, physical activity is provided through indoor exercises or games such as beanbag toss, Simon Says, obstacle course, Follow the Leader, dance and creative movement. For both indoor and outdoor physical activities we require the children to wear closed-toe, rubber-soled shoes.

Nut Free Policy

Due to the severity of allergies within CSCA's students, the Early Education Department has a nut-free policy. No peanut butter, Nutella, and nuts of any kind are to be sent to school.

Water Only Policy

The best drink for Preschoolers is water! According to TOUCH (Transforming Our Community's Health) initiative, juice should be limited to once a week. Too much juice can contribute to health issues such as, excess weight gain, diarrhea, and tooth decay.

Because most U.S. children consume a large portion of their daily food intake at school, the school environment can have an important influence on the diets of children. Therefore, in order to provide for a healthier school environment, the Early Education Department has adopted a Water Only Policy.

Each child attending CSCA is asked to bring a water bottle labeled with his/her name. The water bottles will be accessible to children at all times, including during lunch.

Lunch Bunch

Offered for occasional extended care beginning from 11:30 a.m. until 2: 30 p.m. See Main Office for registration and fee information.

Dismissal

Morning Half Day - 11:30 dismissal

Afternoon Half Day – 3:30 dismissal

Full Day – 2:30 dismissal

A fee will be applied to late pick-up.