

# LJPS Lion Childcare Handbook

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# Welcome to Liza Jackson Preparatory School's Lion Childcare Program



## Introduction

The purpose of the Lion Childcare Program is to provide a safe, fun, and activity-filled environment for your children. The program is open to all students currently enrolled at Liza Jackson Preparatory School.

## Philosophy

At Lion Childcare, we believe that a child's experiences enrich and stimulate future growth. Children deserve to be respected as individuals in an environment that welcomes reason, exploration, question, and imagination.

## Mission Statement

*"We are a caring community of learners, dedicated to making the world a better place, through academic preparation, good manners, common sense and 100% effort".*

## Hours of Operation

Monday- Friday	
Before Care	6:30 am – 7:30 am
After Care	From dismissal - 6:00 pm*
Early Release/Early Dismissal	From dismissal – 6:00 pm*

\*Everyday, our operations cease when the last child is picked-up.

## Signing In/Out Procedure

The Sign-in/out sheet for childcare is located in lobby of the Ron Crawford Recreation Center.

**Your child must be signed into Before Care and signed out from After Care each day. If someone other than the parent/guardian is picking a child up from After Care, their name must be on the authorized pick-up list. It will be understood if a person is on the list, they may pick-up the child at any time. The minimum age of an individual responsible for signing a child in/out of care is 18. These procedures are in place for the safety of the children in the program.**

*Lion Childcare staff may ask anyone who comes to pick up your child for a photo I.D.*

## Before Care Drop-Off Policy

The Lion Childcare Program opens at 6:30 A.M. There is **no early drop-off** as Lion Childcare Staff is unable to supervise children prior to this time.

## Late Pick-up Policy

The Lion Childcare Program closes at 6:00 P.M.\*

If a child is picked up after 6:00 P.M., the account will be charged a Late Pick-up Fee of \$10.00 for every 5 min. increment past 6:00 P.M. per child. Lion Childcare Staff will begin calling persons authorized to pick up the child if no communication is received by 6:10 P.M.

We understand that emergencies (sudden/urgent, unforeseen occurrences requiring immediate action) do occur. Emergency situations will be taken into consideration. **If an emergency does occur and you will be late picking up your child, please notify the Lion Childcare Staff by calling (850)863-0630.**

Continued late pick-up is considered abuse of the Lion Childcare Program and its staff; such abuse may result in Childcare privileges being revoked.

### Severe Weather Conditions

When the local area is under a hurricane watch/warning or a severe weather watch/warning, Lion Childcare may suspend operations in conjunction with the suspension of the Okaloosa County School operations. Notification of closure of the Lion Childcare Program will be given as early as possible. If notification occurs during hours of operation, your child is required to be picked up within 30 minutes of receiving notification regarding the closure.

## Early Release and Closures

During the 2021-2022 school year, Lion Childcare will offer care on early release days. There is an additional fee for early release care.

### Early Release Days

Date
October 8, 2021
November 5, 2021
January 14, 2022
March 4, 2022

**The week of 13-17 Dec, After Care is NOT available on December 17.** After care students will have a prorated bill for 1-day.

Please note that we will be **closed** on all school holidays and Teacher's Work Days.

September 6, 2021	Labor Day
October 11, 2021	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day
November 22-26, 2021	Thanksgiving Break
December 20, 2021 – 3 January 2022	Winter Break
January 4, 2022	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
January 17, 2022	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day
February 21, 2022	President's Day
March 21-25 ,2022	Spring Break
March 28, 2022	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday

### Fees

There is a \$30.00 non-refundable fee for students registering for the first time. There is a \$25.00 non-refundable fee for parents re-enrolling their child in Lion Childcare. Pre-registration and fee payment are mandatory. Parents or guardians may leave the completed registration packet at the Front Office or by contacting the Director during office hours. Registration fees paid for the 2021-2022 school year is not applicable for summer.

<b>First Time Registration</b>	\$30
<b>Re-Enrolling Student</b>	\$25
<b>Before and After Care</b>	\$75.00 per week per child
<b>Before Care only</b>	\$25.00 per week per child
<b>After Care only</b>	\$60.00 per week per child
<b>Early Release Drop-In</b>	\$25.00
<b>Drop-In Rates (No sibling discount)</b>	\$12.00 per day Before Care & \$20.00 per day After Care
<b>Late Pick-Up Fees</b>	\$10 per each 5 min. increment after 6 PM

### Payment Due Dates

Payments are due the **Friday** prior to the week of care. Accounts **will** incur a \$10.00 late fee each week there is an outstanding balance. If a payment is more than 2-weeks past due, care will not be provided by the program, and the parents/guardians will be responsible for all incurred fees. Payments may be made by check or money order, and placed in the locked drop box. The box is located inside of the Lion Childcare entry area. Also, credit card payments can be made online through E-funds. No cash will be accepted.

### Unpaid Balances

You cannot register your child for the next session of Lion Childcare if your account has an unpaid balance. You will be notified each week that there is an outstanding balance. If there is need for a special payment plan, please contact the Lion Childcare Director.

### Vacation

One week vacation per Lion Childcare session is provided to students who will attend full-time care for a minimum of 30-weeks. A written notice must be given to the Director at least 1-wk in advance. In the event your child does not attend the minimum of 30-weeks of care, you will be required to repay the week of vacation. Childhood illnesses (mumps, measles, and chicken pox) are exceptions.

### Disenrollment

Please provide 1-wk notice if terminating your contract. Example, child's last day is 14 May, the notice should be received by the director no later than 7 May.

### Medication

If a child is on medication, the parent will be required to fill out the proper forms so that the medication can be accurately administered to the child. Children cannot carry medication with them at the Lion Childcare Program or at school (this includes cough/throat lozenges). If your child takes medication at school or at home please indicate the name of the medication, dose, side effects and any other important information in the location specified on the registration paperwork. Please note that Lion Childcare must obtain its own medication separate from school. **Under no circumstances will school staff administer the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of any medication.**

## Illness and Emergencies

Children who are ill (runny nose, continuous cough, sore/red throat, unexplained rashes, swollen glands, headache) cannot be sent to Lion Childcare. Children who have a fever or have been sent home cannot return to school/childcare for 24 hours.

If a child becomes ill or seriously injured at Lion Childcare, the parent will be notified immediately. It will then be expected of the parent to pick-up or make arrangements for the child to be picked up within a reasonable amount of time. In case of an emergency as determined by Lion Childcare Staff, the paramedics will be called, and the parent will be notified immediately. Parents will be responsible for all costs incurred in such emergencies.

## Dress Code

Children must follow the schools dress code as outlined in your child's planner and on the LJPS website. If your child needs to change clothes for an after school activity, written notification must be given to the Director. Your child must be able to change clothes without assistance from Lion Childcare Staff. Children will be permitted to change clothes 10 minutes prior to the time they will be picked up. Please ensure the child is aware of the time they need to change and to ask permission to change clothes. On dress uniform days, the students may bring sneakers and other LJPS shirts to change into to avoid getting soiled.

## Labeling Belongings

Please label your child's clothing and belongings to eliminate confusion. Please note that Lion Childcare is not responsible for lost items.

## Homework Policy

Lion Childcare Staff will assist students with homework. Staff will review directions and answer questions the student may have about their homework. The children need to bring paper and homework supplies.

There is a 30-minute block immediately following snack-time. Students who do not have homework will be asked to read silently. Lion Childcare does not provide copies of school books.

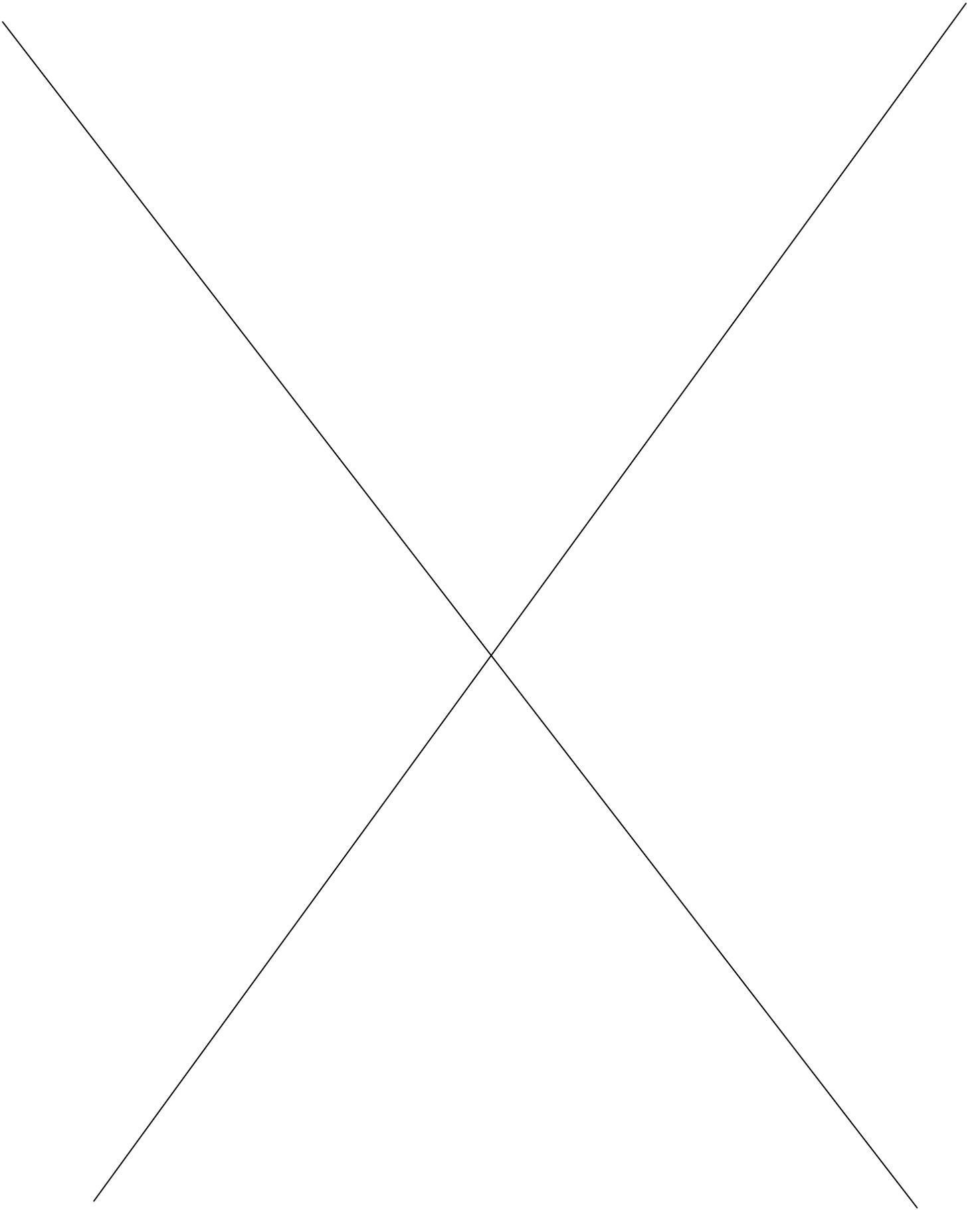
If your child must complete all homework before participating in other activities, a written notice must be given to the Lion Childcare Director. Also, if staffing is not

available, your child will not be able to stay indoors and complete his/her homework. However, he/she will be able to resume homework completion upon returning from outdoors.

### Snacks

A snack is provided daily after the 30-minutes homework session. We will provide a weekly snack calendar that is subject to change. A second option will not be offered unless medically required.

If you are concerned that your child may not like the snack that is provided, you may send one in with him/her. Please do not send anything that must be refrigerated or microwaved. Please keep in mind that we do not allow the children to eat candy or drink sodas while in Lion Childcare.



## Parent's and Child's Responsibilities 2021-2022

### I the Parent will:

- Work with the staff to solve any issues regarding my child.
- Sign all forms that pertain to my child.
- Reinforce all rules of LJPS Lion Childcare.
- Observe the 6:30 A.M. drop off time for students.
- Observe the 6:00 P.M. pick up time for students.
- Label all belongings. The childcare staff is not responsible for lost personal effects. Encourage your student to check lost and found areas periodically.
- Communicate with staff regarding any concerns.

### Guidelines children must follow:

- Always be honest.
- Speak nicely to others at all times. Disrespect to anyone will not be tolerated.
- A staff member must know where you are at all times.
- Appropriate language and gestures are expected. The use of inappropriate words and gestures are not acceptable.
- Fidget Spinners, toys, make-up, trading cards, and electronics should not be brought to LJPS Childcare. If such items are brought, they will be collected and will only be returned upon parent request.
- Cellphones must remain in a backpack.
- Watches are used only for telling time, not texting, talking, or taking pictures.
- Chewing gum, candy and sodas will not be permitted.
- Sticks, pinecones, rocks, dirt clods and small animals (frogs) may not be picked up or brought into the school at anytime.
- Speak for yourself. "Tattle-tales" are not necessary.
- Talk to our friends and teachers with our "inside voices"
- No name calling

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Discipline Policy 2021-2022

Age-appropriate behavior of the children is always taken into consideration when addressing behavior issues and discipline.

Disciplinary actions will be discussed with parents if the inappropriate behavior is severe or habitual. Severe inappropriate behavior will result in a parent meeting with the LJPS Childcare Director. Certain situations may require a parent to pick up his/her child from the program immediately such as but not limited to, altercations, disrespecting staff members, non-compliance, or destruction of property.

If a child exhibits regular inappropriate behavior after meetings with parents, the child can be suspended or expelled from the program.

If the Childcare Director determines the child should be expelled from childcare, a meeting with the Childcare Director, Principal, and parents will occur before the expulsion.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2021-2022  
Lion Childcare Registration

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Emergency Name and Phone number: If we are unable to reach you then the following persons will be contacted and have your permission to take custody of your child. Please indicate contact priority in order below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Illnesses, Handicaps, allergies, injuries, or special concerns your child has:

\_\_\_\_\_

List medication(s) your child is currently taking and any side effects it may have on your child:

\_\_\_\_\_

**ALL MEDICATION DISPENSED WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LJPS POLICIES.**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION**  
**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTORIZED**

Purpose: To enable Parents/Guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for students who become ill or injured while under school authority if parents cannot be reached.

**TO GRANT CONSENT**

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ at (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ or (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ at (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ have been unsuccessful, I give my consent for administration of any treatment deemed necessary and by another physician or dentist if the designated practitioner is not available. I also consent for the transfer of my child(ren) to (hospital) \_\_\_\_\_ or any hospital reasonably accessible by ambulance. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concurring in the necessity for such surgery are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

**Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, medication being taken and any physical impairment to which a physician should be alerted:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

**Notarization**

State of Florida County of Okaloosa

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

Notary Stamp

# LJPS Before and After Care 2021-2022

## Financial Policy Acknowledgement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ accept full responsibility toward the payment of fees for childcare services provided by the LJPS Before and After Care for 2021-2022

I understand the policies and procedures as outlined in the Childcare Handbook that I received upon registration of my child.

I understand that I am responsible for the payment I registered for, whether my child attends the program or not, unless specified in writing that my child will no longer be attending.

**Fees:**

New Student Registration Fee (non-refundable)

Returning Student Registration Fee (non-refundable)

**Initial Applicable Fees**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

**Initial Applicable Fee**

After Care Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ 1 child \$60.00/week

Before Care Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ 1 child \$25.00/week

Before and After Care Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ 1 child \$75.00/week

After Care Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ 2 or more \$55.00/week

Before Care Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ 2 or more \$22.00/week

Before and After Care Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ 2 or more \$70.00/week

Drop-In Rates Before Care \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 per day

Drop-In Rates After Care \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 per day

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**Payments are due on the Friday the week before care.** Accounts will incur a \$10.00 late fee each week there is an outstanding balance.

I acknowledge that if my account balance is more that two weeks past due my child may no longer attend the program, and I am still responsible for the amount owed. By signing, I agree to abide by the policies outlined on this page as well as in the childcare handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Liza Jackson Preparatory School

## Authorization for Childcare Release

I \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of the following children:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

authorize childcare personnel to release the children to the following adults:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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