

Star Care

Woodstation Elementary
After School Care Program



Parent Handbook

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Woodstation Elementary Star Care Program is a voluntary, self-sustaining program that provides care for students during after school hours. The safe and caring environment is intended to meet the needs of students who would otherwise be home alone after school. Our Star Care program is also intended to be a supervised place for students to play and interact with other students until their parents' work day is complete.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

To enroll in the Star Care Program, you must complete a registration form and return it to the school with a **\$5.00 non-refundable registration fee**. Each child **must be enrolled before attending the Star Care Program**. Please keep in mind that Woodstation Elementary School asks that you register your child for Star Care if he/she is participating in any after school clubs or activities OR if your child is a car rider. Please remember that NO transportation changes may be made over the phone. Each change MUST be in writing. Each child's safety is our top priority!

Please include all requested information on the enrollment form. Periodically, it is necessary to change information on your student's information sheet. It is possible to do this by sending in a signed note to your child's teacher with the applicable changes. Once the enrollment procedure is complete, a child may attend Star Care as follows:

FULL TIME: Child attends Monday through Friday of each week. Send a one-time note to your child's teacher instructing him/her to send the child to Star Care every day.

PART TIME: Child attends Star Care on designated days. Send a one-time note to your child's teacher instructing him/her which days your child will be in after school and how he/she will be going home on the other days.

DROP-IN: Child attends on an irregular basis as needed by parents. Send a note to your child's teacher on days you wish him/her to go to Star Care.

FEES

YEARLY ENROLLMENT FEE - \$5 per child (non-refundable)

The cost of the program is \$2.25 per half hour with a **flat rate of \$4.50 from 2:40-3:30**. The second child, and each child thereafter in the family, will be \$1.00 per half hour with a **flat rate of \$2.00 for 2:40 – 3:30**. Snack is provided daily to students at no extra charge.

	FULL PRICE	ADDITIONAL SIBLING(S)2
2:40 - 3:30	\$4.50	\$2.00
3:31 – 4:00	\$6.75	\$3.00
4:01 – 4:30	\$9.00	\$4.00
4:31 – 5:00	\$11.25	\$5.00
5:01 – 5:30	\$13.50	\$6.00
5:31 – 6:00	\$15.75	\$7.00
6:01 - ???	<u>\$2.00 PER MINUTE for EACH child</u>	

There is a late charge of \$2.00 per MINUTE per CHILD after 6:00PM. PAYMENT FOR A LATE PICK UP IS DUE WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

Parents should note that fees may increase after December of the school year, *if and only if actual* program expenses increase. For any questions concerning billing, please contact Andrea Brown or Jayne Black at the school at (706) 935-6700.

- **Weekly invoices cover Monday through Friday of the previous week.**
- **Statements will be given out each Wednesday in the student Wednesday folder. Please check the folder on Wednesday for your invoice.**
- **Payments are due in full no later than FRIDAY of each week.**
- **Parents will be notified/reminded of past due status the week it occurs. If a student's account is past due on the Monday of the following week the student will not be allowed to stay for Star Care. Parents must make other arrangements for after school care and transportation from the school.**
- **Please note that failure to pay any fees will result in termination of participation of the program. Any accounts that have a past due balance will be put on hold and the student will be withdrawn.**
- **STUDENTS CAN BE DENIED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM BASED ON AN UNPAID BALANCE. THIS DENIAL CAN BE BASED ON AN UNPAID BALANCE AT ANY CATOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL.**

RETURNED CHECK GUIDELINES

Catoosa County Board of Education uses an automated check recovery system, Envision, to manage the receipt of non-sufficient fund checks. Using Envision is an effort by the school District to be fiscally accountable in a more efficient and cost effective manner. Envision utilizes the federal and state laws allowing the electronic recovery process of NSF checks which results in a high rate of recovery at no cost to the school district. The cost becomes the responsibility of those who wrote the non-sufficient fund checks with the electronic recovery of the state fee from the bad check writer's bank account.

Catoosa County Board of Education will gladly accept checks. We ask that you include your full name, street address and phone number on each check. When a check is used as payment, the check writer authorizes us either to use the information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from the check writer's account or to process the payment as a check transaction. The check writer authorizes us to collect a fee through an electronic fund transfer from the check writer's account if the payment is returned unpaid. **The current fee rate is \$30 per returned item.**

TYPICAL DAILY ACTIVITIES

Woodstation's Star Care Program is open to all school- aged students enrolled in Woodstation Elementary. Children will be involved in activities such as organized playtime, computer time, reading time, and an opportunity to play physical and/or quiet games. Students will be under the supervision of Woodstation Elementary teachers and paraprofessionals /staff. A snack will be provided for the students each day.

ARRIVAL / ATTENDANCE /CHECK-OUT

Star Care operates from 2:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day that school is in session. Students attending the program will go directly to the designated Star Care area. Students will be “checked in” on the computer as soon as they arrive. Once students have checked in to the Star Care Program, they are under the supervision of the Star Care Staff. Once a child has been checked in to the program and had a snack, they are counted present and will be charged the 1 hour minimum stay for that day. **No student will be allowed to be checked out between 2:40 and 3:00 p.m. due to student check-in. If a parent arrives before 3:00 p.m. they will be asked to wait in the front office until 3:00 p.m. and then the student will be called up for dismissal. The student will be charged a flat rate to cover the expense of their snack for that day.**

*****The Star Care After-School Program will NOT be available during holidays, including in-service days, digital learning days, or days that school will be closed due to inclement weather.**

As a courtesy to our PTO members, there will not be a charge for PTO meetings only until 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. any students that are still checked in to Star Care after 4:00 p.m. will be charged the regular rate per our fees chart above.

DEPARTURE

A LATE CHARGE OF \$2.00 PER MINUTE IS CHARGED AFTER 6:00 PM FOR EACH CHILD.

DISCIPLINE

For the safety of all students and property, students are expected to comply with all school rules while participating in the Star Care After-School Program. Inappropriate behavior or failure to obey the teacher or staff member on duty will result in suspension from the program. Our discipline procedure will be in the following format:

- 1.) Discipline Referral: A student will receive a discipline referral for their first action contrary to school rules, which will be sent home and signed by the parent.
- 2.) Five-Day Suspension: If a student receives three discipline referrals, the child will be suspended from the Star Care Program for five school days.
- 3.) Ten-Day Suspension: If a student receives five discipline referrals, the child will be suspended from the Star Care Program for ten school days.
- 4.) Program Suspension: A sixth discipline referral will result in suspension from the Star Care Program for the remainder of the school year.

*****Regardless of the number of discipline referrals, repeated inappropriate behavior or failure to obey the teachers on duty can result in suspension from the program at the discretion of the administrators of the program/school.*****

Any questions about the program should be directed to Ms. Black or Mr. Crosby at 706-935-6700. Our school administrators are Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Still. Please be assured that each child attending this program will be engaging in activities that encourage creativity in a safe and caring environment. We look forward to providing opportunities for your child to grow and learn!