



Preschool Parent Handbook

School Year 2026-2027



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Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
CENTER PARENT INFORMATION
REQUIRED BY OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

The center is licensed to operate legally by the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY). This license is posted in a noticeable place for review.

A toll-free telephone number is listed on the center's license and may be used to report a suspected violation of the licensing law or administrative rules. The licensing rules governing child care are available for review-online at <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-5180:22-12>

Administrators and each employee of the center is required, under Section 2151.421 of the Ohio Revised Code, to report their suspicions of child abuse or child neglect to the local public children's services agency.

Any parent of a child enrolled in the center shall be permitted unlimited access to the center during all hours of operation for the purpose of contacting their children, evaluating the care provided by the center, or evaluating the premises. Upon entering the premises, the parent or guardian shall notify the Administrator of their presence.

Licensing records, including licensing inspection reports, complaint investigation reports, and evaluation forms from the building and fire departments, are available for review upon written request from DCY. Early care and education program information and Inspections are also online using the Child Care Search Tool on the DCY website at <https://childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/for-families/early-care-education/child-care-search>

It is unlawful for the center to discriminate in the enrollment of children upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin or disability in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 104 Stat. 32, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. To file a discrimination complaint, write or call Health and Human Services (HHS) or DCY. HHS and DCY are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Write or Call:
OCC/ACF/HHS
Southwest Region
1301 Young Street, Suite 958
Dallas, TX 75202
214-767-3849

Write or Call:
DCY
Bureau of Civil Rights
30 E. Broad St., 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3414
(614) 644-2703 (voice)
1-866-277-6353 (toll free)
(614) 752-6381 (fax)
1-866-221-6700 (TTY) or (614) 995-9961
Bcr-fax@jfs.ohio.gov (e-fax)
Civil_Rights@jfs.ohio.gov (e-mail)

For more information about child care licensing requirements as well as how to apply for child care assistance, please visit <https://childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/for-families>

For more information on Medicaid health screenings and early intervention services for your child, please visit <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/families-and-individuals/citizen-programs-and-initiatives/healthchek> and <https://ohioearlyintervention.org>

For information on cash food assistance, please visit <https://jfs.ohio.gov/cash-food-assistance>

This information must be given in writing to all parents, guardians and employees as required in 5101: 2-12-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). Please refer to the license, which is posted in the Director's office for the number and ages of the children we are licensed to serve. A record of our license, including but not limited to, compliance report forms from ODJFS and evaluation forms from the health, building, and fire departments that inspected our preschool is available from the Preschool Director upon request. Copies of the laws and rules governing child day care shall also be made available to any parent upon request. Inspection reports and complaint investigation reports are also available upon request for parent review. A toll free number is posted on the Preschool License in the Director's office should any parent feel they need to report a suspected violation in the Center.

The Director and each employee at St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool is required under Section 2151.421 of the Revised Code of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to report their suspicions of child abuse or child neglect to Children's Protective Services.

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool does not discriminate from accepting children upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool is to provide the parents and the children of our community with a preschool program that offers their child a loving, nurturing, and Christian environment where they can develop a positive self-image and grow in self-esteem.

Our curriculum is developed so that it encourages the child to grow cognitively, socially, physically, and spiritually and is designed to meet the needs of each individual child. We have received a curriculum from the Department of Children and Youth that we will utilize in our planning and assessments.

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool is in session from late August through May, operating Monday through Friday with office hours from 7:45 AM-3:45 PM. The morning sessions are from 8:40 AM to 11:35 AM. An optional Lunch Bunch is provided from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM. The afternoon sessions are from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. PEDAL-Preschool Extended Day and Lunch-is offered from 11:45 AM to 3:45 PM to families in morning class sessions, who wish to extend their school day into the afternoon. An optional Extended Day Program, run by SEAS Parish, is available to parents who need earlier drop off from 6:45AM to 8:25AM, and a later pickup from 3:45PM to 6:00PM. (Contact Lisa Warman, warmanl@saseas.org for this option)

The Director's office is open Monday-Friday 7:45 AM – 3:45 PM. If the Director is not in the office, please leave a message on the voice mail. The preschool's telephone number is (513) 575-9900. For **emergencies only** please call the elementary school office at (513) 575-0093.

SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool follows the St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary School schedule. A calendar of school holidays and vacations will be provided to each family

at the start of the school year. Some in-service days differ from that of St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, so please make sure to check your Preschool Calendar.

BASIC DAILY SCHEDULES

A sample of our daily program is listed below. Each teacher plans their own schedule to include art, music, language experiences, reading and math skills, and large muscle activities.

*8:25-8:40 **12:30-12:45	Arrival
*8:45-9:15 **12:45-1:15	Opening Circle: Prayer/Pledge/Welcome/ Calendar/Weather/Review of Centers etc.
*9:15-10:15 **1:15-2:15	Learning Centers: Writing, Math, Art, Puzzles, Blocks, Dramatic Play, etc.
*10:15-10:35 **2:15-2:35	Recess/Restroom
*10:35-10:50 **2:35-2:50	Snack
*10:50-11:15 **2:50-3:15	Group Activity: Story, Science or Music Enrichment
*11:15-11:30 **3:15-3:30	Closing Circle
*11:30-11:40 **3:30-3:40	Dismissal

*Denotes morning session time blocks

**Denotes afternoon session time blocks

Lunch Bunch: Offered daily from 11:45-12:30 Notify the director if your child is staying.

Children who stay all day have Lunch Bunch included in their schedule

Extended Day Before School Care: Children needing an earlier drop off time can enroll in before school care, offered from 6:45 AM -8:25 AM. Contact Lisa Warman: warmanl@saseas.org.

Extended Day After School Care: Offered from 3:45 PM-6:00 PM, facilitates a later pick up time. Contact Lisa Warman: warmanl@saseas.org.

PEDAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PEDAL-Preschool Extended Day and Lunch is offered to families who wish to extend their school day into the afternoon. A sample schedule of the PEDAL program follows:

TIME	ACTIVITY
11:45-12:30	Lunch Bunch/Recess
12:30-12:45	Circle Activity, review of day, story
12:45-1:30	Supervised Play time/centers
1:30-1:45	Restroom/prepare for rest time
1:45-2:50	Rest Time
2:50-3:10	Recess
3:10-3:30	Snack
3:30-3:40	Dismissal

STAFF/CHILD RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE

In order to give your child the best quality care and education, we maintain high teacher to child ratios. We always have 2 teachers with each class group. When classes have mixed ages in them, we will follow the teacher/child ratio for the youngest child in the group. For example, in a group of four and five-year-old children we will keep our ratio at 1:14.

Age Of Children	Teacher/Child Ratios	Max Group Size
Young Preschoolers (At least 3 years, less than 4)	1:12	16
Older Preschoolers (At least 4 years, less than 5)	1:14	16
Young Schoolagers (At least 5 years)	1:18	18

MEALS AND SNACKS PROVIDED

School Snacks: The school provides a snack for each child attending preschool. All snacks served are labeled peanut/tree nut free. Any special dietary considerations need to be discussed with the Director prior to the start of the school year in August. All children must be served food that is not a choking hazard and is an appropriate size for their age. Room parents MUST check with the classroom teacher and get clearance from them before any food can be served at a class party.

Lunch Bunch: All lunch food is packed and sent to school by the child's parent, or a hot lunch is purchased from Milford Nutritional Services. Milk is available for purchase, if needed. If a student is in the school for more than four hours and a lunch has not been provided by his or her parents, then the school will supplement to provide sufficient food for the day.

OUTDOOR PLAY

All students and their teachers will have a designated time in their daily class schedule to have outside play. The children will go outside to play unless the following conditions exist: It is below 32 degrees, raining, snowing heavily, playground conditions are not suitable for outside play, or per the discretion of the Director. If outside play is not possible, the teacher will substitute a large gross motor activity that can be done within the classroom or gymnasium. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outside play and existing weather conditions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool has the following policy on parent participation:

- We have an "Open Door Policy" whereby the child's parents or legal guardian may visit the school at any time after first checking in with the Director and receiving a "Visitor's Pass."

- We use parents as room parents, and for special events such as holiday parties, and parent volunteers in the classroom.
- A parent roster is available upon request. No name or phone number will be included in this roster without written permission.
- There are several “Special Days” and activities at the Preschool throughout the year during which the preschoolers’ extended family is encouraged to participate. The Thanksgiving food drive and SVDP Christmas gift collection are just a couple of examples.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

There are Parent/Teacher conferences at least two times a year. The first set of scheduled conferences will be offered in November with day time and evening conferences available. The second set will be in the spring. A parent may request a conference with a teacher at any time during the school year. Simply email the teacher to set up a time.

TUITION, FEES, AND WITHDRAWALS

TUITION: There is a non-refundable registration fee of **\$90.00** due at the time of registration to hold a place for your child. At St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool, we charge a monthly rate of **\$200.00** per month for a 2-day session, **\$230.00** per month for a 3-day session, and **\$300.00** per month for a 5-day session. For our afternoon PEDAL (Preschool Extended Day And Lunch) Program we charge \$195.00 per month for two afternoons of extended care, **\$216.00** per month for three afternoons of extended care, and **\$280.00** per month for five afternoons of extended care. **No credit will be given for absences, vacations, or snow days.** The monthly tuition is based on a 9.5 month program. Tuition will be handled by the FACTS Tuition Management Company. Families will enroll with FACTS Management (there is a \$45.00 fee per family) the summer before the first day of preschool. The Preschool’s Tax ID # is available upon request.

LATE TUITION: If your tuition account is 35 days past due and at least \$50.00 delinquent, there will be a \$30.00 late charge assessed. At that time, if the tuition is not paid, you will receive automated phone calls/emails notifying you of the late tuition plus the addition of the late fee. If the tuition is not paid by the end of that month (60 days past due), your child will be withdrawn from the program until the late tuition is paid.

LATE PICK UP CHARGES: A fee of \$1.00 for every minute late will be charged when children are picked up after 11:40 a.m. (morning session-unless your child is enrolled in Lunch Bunch) or after 3:45 p.m. (afternoon session-unless your child is enrolled in Extended Day). You will be billed for the late fee the following month. This fee can be waived per the Preschool Director's discretion.

WITHDRAWALS: If a child withdraws from one of our classes, please give the teacher as much notice as possible so she can get things ready for the child. **If the child is to be withdrawn in the middle of the month, the full month's tuition still must be paid.**

No parent will be able to register his or her child for the next school year until all tuition is up-to-date at the time of registration.

Section 2: School Policies and Procedures

ENROLLMENT/ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Registration for St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool begins in January for the following school year for families already enrolled in the school. Siblings of current students may also be enrolled at this time. Open Enrollment will begin during Catholic School's Week. There is a non-refundable \$85.00 registration fee collected at the time of registration. Classes fill on a first come, first serve basis. Please indicate a second choice for a class session on your registration form. Our 3-day and 5-day AM classes usually have more children enrolled than there are openings. If this occurs, the director will hold a lottery and pick out students to fill the remaining spots. The families who do not get their first choice will automatically get their second choice and remain on a waiting list for their first choice. Please keep in mind that you are guaranteed a spot in our preschool program for next school year, but not guaranteed your first choice.

There shall be a completed Enrollment Form (**Sample form DCY 01234**) on file for each child attending the preschool by the first day of attendance. The enrollment form shall be reviewed annually by the parent, updated as needed, initialed and dated. The enrollment form will be sent with any child transported for emergency assistance. The preschool will have on file each child's **vaccination record** within 30 days of the child's first day of attendance. The **vaccination record** will be updated every 13 months thereafter.

POLICY ON LIMITING ACCESS TO SASEAS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS

We have an "Open Door Policy" whereby the child's parents, legal guardians, or persons authorized by parents or legal guardians, may visit the school at any time after first being admitted to the building by the Director, checking in with the Director, and receiving a "Visitor's Pass." All doors into the building and all classroom doors remain locked at all times. No child will be released from the program to any person other than the custodial parent or guardian without the written consent of the said parent or guardian. If a child is to be released to only

one parent, limiting access to SASEAS' preschool program, a copy of the court order appointing that parent the only legal custodian and/or the restraining order prohibiting a parent from contact with the child, must be on file with the Director. St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool does not discriminate from accepting children upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and will accommodate children with chronic health issues.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken by the Assistant teachers upon each child's arrival to the school. The time of arrival will be recorded in each class's log book. As each child is dismissed the time of dismissal will also be recorded in the log book by the Assistant Teachers. If a child leaves prior to dismissal, the time of their departure will be recorded in the log book. Absent children will be designated "AB" in the log book.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE AND ABSENT DAY POLICY

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: Doors will be unlocked 10 minutes prior to start of class time. During arrival parents will walk children into the building and proceed to the child's classroom where they will be greeted by their teacher and enter their classroom. Departure will proceed with a car line. Parents will pull up to a designated door, and staff members will bring their child(ren) to their cars. The staff will be with the group until the last class has departed. No child will be released from the program to any person other than the custodial parent or guardian without the written consent of the said parent or guardian. If a child is to be released to only one parent, a copy of the court order appointing that parent the only legal custodian and/or the restraining order prohibiting a parent from contact with the child, must be on file with the Director. If a child is coming from another program and is not in attendance, the Director will be notified and she will call the center to determine the reason for the child's absence. If a child is too ill to attend school, the parent will call the preschool office (513-575-9900) and leave a message stating the child's name and reason for absence.

CHILD CUSTODY: Parents need to notify the Director anytime the custody of a child in the program changes. A copy of the court order pertaining to the child's custody must be in the child's school file. Copies of restraining orders must also be placed in the child's file to activate the non-release of any child to a parent/guardian. If the restraining order expires, it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the Director of any change.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURE FOR SETON PRESCHOOL:

Effective **August 31, 2026** the following procedure for Picking up and Dropping off your preschooler will be enforced:

DROP-OFF

Preschool students and a parent or guardian will enter through the main glass doors of the school. The doors will open at 8:25 a.m. for morning class, and 12:30 p.m. for afternoon class. Once parents and children enter the school, they should proceed to the door of the child's classroom where they will be greeted by the child's teacher and they will drop off their child. The parent should then exit the building. They can exit back out the main glass doors, or out the old preschool entrance doors (near the gym). Children in a morning preschool class should be dropped off by 8:40 a.m. After 8:40 a.m. K-8 students are considered tardy, and announcements begin at 8:45. We would like all preschool students in their classrooms prior to announcements so as not to cause a disruption while people are speaking into the PA system. Afternoon preschool classes should be in their classrooms by 12:40 p.m. During arrival:

1. Please park your car in the SASEAS lot and walk your preschooler to their classroom
2. Preschoolers with morning drop off that have responsible older siblings in the K-8 can be dropped off in the car line and walked to their classroom by their older siblings.
3. If you have other small children in the car, the weather is inclement, and/or you don't want to get multiple children out of the car, then please wait to drop off until after 8:35 a.m. You may pull up past the front doors and as far down the bus lane as possible, and someone will watch your car as you walk your child in.

PICK-UP

At pick up staff members will verify the child to be picked up, verify the person picking up has permission to do so, and call the children from the building to get into their cars.

	Class	Pick-Up Time
Morning session Pick-Up: The following classes should enter the parking lot and come to the FRONT doors of the preschool , in the bus lane	5-day AM, 4-year-old classes 5-day AM, 5-year-old class	11:35-11:45
Morning session Pick-Up: The following classes should circle around the school building and come to the BACK doors of the preschool	2-day AM, 3-year-old class 2-day AM, 4-year-old class 3-day AM, 3-year-old class 3-day AM, 4-year-old class	11:35-11:45

	Class	Pick-Up Time
Afternoon Session Pick-Up: The following class parents should enter the parking lot and come to the old front doors of the preschool , in the bus lane near the gym.	2-day PM, 3-year-old class (that leave at 2:30 PM)	2:30-2:40
Afternoon Session Pick-Up: afternoon pick-up will take place with SASEAS school's dismissal. Children will be called to exit out cafeteria doors ,	PEDAL Program-any age group 2-day PM, 3-year-old class (with older siblings in the K-8 that leave at 3:30)	3:30-3:45

Earlycare and Aftercare Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

Please refer to the Extended Day form provided by Lisa Warman (warmanl@saseas.org). **Fill out and return the form so the Extended Day program knows when to expect your child(ren)**

POTTY TRAINING POLICY

The Potty Training Policy at SASEAS Preschool is as follows:

1. All children enrolled in the school are to be potty trained by the first day of school. We do not change Pull Ups/diapers, and require that children are not wearing Pull Ups/diapers to school.

2. We understand that our youngest students (3-year-old classes only) may be very close to being potty trained but not quite there at the start of the school year. When this is the case, Pull Ups may be worn by the child with the understanding that active efforts at potty training are being made at home. We ask that 4-year-old and 5-year-olds not wear Pull Ups to school.
 - a. We ask that every child in our school no longer wear Pull Ups by September 30. This gives our 3-year-old children about 1 month to complete their training.
3. We will talk a child who has a urine accident through getting their clothing changed, but they should do as much of the changing as they can on their own.
 - a. Please help your child to learn to dress themselves, i.e. pull their pants up and down and their underwear up and down.
 - b. If your child is in a Pull Up and it becomes so full of urine that it is leaking out onto their clothing, they will be asked to change their pants. Please send in extra clothing in case there are accidents.
 - c. If a child has multiple accidents over the course of a month, a conference with the administrator will be set up to discuss options for moving forward (i.e. taking time off to potty train at home)
4. If your child has a bowel movement in their underwear or Pull Up, you will be called to come in and clean them up and help them change to new clothing.

SUPERVISION AND CHILD GUIDANCE

Discipline at St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool is thought of as implementing learning. Therefore, the teacher deals with the child who has a problem as an individual, treating each situation separately, so that learning can take place. In every case the teacher is firm but calm and loving. The children in our program learn what is expected of them and they

try very hard to measure up to the expectations of their teachers. At the beginning of the school year, the children and their teacher talk about a set of classroom rules. The teacher strives early in the school year to develop a friendship with each child and build confidence so that he/she has nothing to fear from the teachers. If a problem arises between or among the children, the teacher may stop the problem by using one of the following:

1. Redirecting the interests of the children.
2. Adjusting the learning environment.
3. Talking the problem through with the children involved, asking the question, "What seems to be the problem?"
4. Taking aside and discussing the problem with the child who seems to want his/her own way and interferes with the play of the other children.
5. Denying the child who ruins the playground or play area for others the privilege of using that area or piece of equipment,
6. Asking the child to leave the group, with the option of coming back to the group when he/she thinks they would like to.
7. Allowing the child or children in a group to remain behind and follow last when the class is dismissed for play or to go home.
8. Asking the child to sit in a "thinking chair" until he/she can think of another activity or thinks he/she can resume play with the other children.

We prefer to approach discipline in a positive way. However, we would like to make a statement concerning methods absolutely not used in our program:

- No cruel, harsh, or unusual punishments are administered.
- No discipline techniques shall be delegated to any other child.
- No physical restrains shall be used to confine the child.
- No child shall be placed in a locked room.
- No child shall be humiliated or subjected to profane language or other verbal abuse.
- Discipline shall not be imposed on a child for failure to eat or sleep or for toileting accidents.
- Technique of discipline shall not unnecessarily humiliate, shame, or frighten a child.
- Discipline shall not include withholding food, rest, or toilet use.

CARE OF CHILDREN WITHOUT IMMUNIZATIONS

Amended Substitute House Bill 394 of the 130th General Assembly will be effective March 19, 2015. The bill does not change the requirement to have a medical statement with immunizations on file within thirty days of enrollment and updated every thirteen months.

New Policy: Effective July 1, 2026, division 5104.014 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) requires that all children enrolled in child care centers, type A home providers and type B home providers have on file a Vaccination Record that contains all of the following:

1. The child's name and birth date.
2. The date the vaccination statement is received by the school.
3. A record of the immunizations that the child has had, specifying the month, day and year of each immunization, this record may be obtained from the child's pediatrician, or printed off from the child's patient portal.
4. If child has not received any vaccines SASEAS School requires a statement from the child's parent or guardian that he or she has declined to have the child immunized against the disease for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions.

Specified diseases for immunization: Chicken pox, Diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae type b, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Influenza (not required if the seasonal vaccine is not available), Measles, Mumps, Pertussis, Pneumococcal disease, Poliomyelitis, Rotavirus, Rubella, Tetanus

POLICY ON ADULT LANGUAGE, BEHAVIOR, AND MEDIA USE WITHIN THE PRESCHOOL

While children are present at SASEAS Preschool, every effort will be made to monitor the language and behavior of any adults in the building to ensure that any language that the children hear, any behavior they witness, and any media (cells phones, computers, smart boards, etc.) to which they are exposed is appropriate for their age. If any inappropriate language, behavior, or media use is observed, the offending party will be asked to leave the premises.

POLICY ON WHEN THE CENTER WILL REQUIRE DISENROLLMENT OF A CHILD or SUSPENSION

The Director has the right to immediately withdraw a child from the preschool program if at any time the child is a physical threat to the staff or another student. The Director also has the right to withdraw a child from the program if their behavior is disruptive to the rest of the class, which prevents the teacher from carrying out her responsibilities to the rest of the students. A child will not be withdrawn from the program for behavior problems until the following steps are followed.

1. An initial phone call to the parents will be made by the teacher to inform the parents of the child's behavior and what the teacher did to correct his behavior.
2. The Director will observe the child three times.
3. If the child continues to be disruptive, the Director will call the parents and arrange a meeting with the parents, teachers, and the Director to try implement a behavior modification program to help the child correct his/her behavior.
4. The teacher will call the parent or send home a progress report on weekly bases on how the child is reacting to the behavior plan.
5. The Director will observe the child at least three times before step #6.
6. A second meeting will be arranged in two – four weeks to determine how the child is progressing. The parents, teachers, and Director will be present at the meeting. If the child's behavior has not improved by this time, the Director has the right to have the child withdraw from the preschool program.

The Director has the right to recommend that a child be withdrawn from our program if the teacher and Director feel that the child's special needs are not being met by the program. The parents, teacher, and Director will have a conference before this occurs.

Suspension: If a child **purposely** harms another child or a teacher by physically hitting, punching, biting, or launching objects, a time out and a warning will be given and a behavior report will be sent home to the child's parents. If the behavior continues and the student has had ample warnings not to injure others, the parents will be called at the time of the incident and the child will be excused from school until the next school day. The Director, child's teacher, and the parents will meet and come up with a plan to help the child control their impulses to lash out at others.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AND CARE PROCEDURES, ADA COMPLIANCE

Medicines, vitamins, medical foods, and special diets are administered to the children on a prescription basis. Teachers will give children prescriptions only if the medicine is in the original prescription bottle and the parent completes the required forms located in the Director's office (Forms JFS 01236 and JFS 01217). Non-prescription medication will be given only when the physician and/or the parent complete the required "Medication Form." Over the counter sunscreens and lotions can be used by a child with written permission by the child's parent.

The center will ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) including the administration of medication to children with disabilities and the administration of care procedures to children with disabilities.

PARENT PROVIDED FOOD AND DIETARY POLICY

FOOD: The school provides a snack for each child attending preschool. Any special dietary considerations and/or Medical Foods need to be discussed with the Director prior to the start of the school year in August. All children must be served food that is not a choking hazard and is appropriate size for their age. Room parents MUST check with the classroom teacher and get clearance from them before any food can be served at a party.

SNACKS/BIRTHDAYS/HOLIDAY SCHOOL PARTIES: No peanut products of any kind should be used in the classroom for any event. If your child wishes to celebrate his/her birthday at school, we ask that you check with your child's teacher first to inform her of your plans in case there are two birthdays that day or in case other things are scheduled that might interfere with your special treat.

LUNCHES: Children participating in the PEDAL program and the Lunch Bunch program will either opt for the hot lunch provided by Milford Nutrition Services or bring parent provided lunches to school. Peanut butter products CAN be sent from home for lunch. Milk is available for purchase from Milford Nutrition Services. If a child doesn't have a lunch, and they are at the preschool more than four hours, the school will provide nonperishable/peanut/tree nut free food to the

child. The preschool will provide safe storage of parent provided food. The preschool suggests the following dietary guidelines to parents when providing packed lunches for their children:

- Eat foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, salt (sodium), and added sugars.
- Keep total fat intake between 30 to 35 percent of calories for children 2 to 3 years of age and between 25 to 35 percent of calories for children and adolescents 4 to 18 years of age, with most fats coming from sources of polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids, such as fish, nuts and vegetable oils.
- Choose a variety of foods to get enough carbohydrates, protein and other nutrients.
- Eat only enough calories to maintain a healthy weight for your height and build. Kids should be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day.
- Serve whole-grain/high-fiber breads rather than refined grain products. Look for “whole grain” as the first ingredient on the food label and make at least half your grain servings whole grain.
- Serve a variety of fruits and vegetables daily, while limiting juice intake. Each meal should contain at least 1 fruit or vegetable.
- Introduce and regularly serve fish as an entrée. Avoid commercially fried fish.
- Serve fat-free and low-fat dairy foods. From ages 1–8, children need 2 cups of milk or its equivalent each day.
- Don’t overfeed. This eating pattern supports a child's normal growth and development. It provides enough total nutrients for children and adolescents, including iron and calcium.

MANAGEMENT OF ILLNESS

1. All staff members have been trained by either the Red Cross or a registered nurse to recognize the symptoms of communicable disease. All staff are trained in proper hand washing and disinfectant procedures. Students will be observed daily by a staff member trained in first aid for signs of communicable disease or illness prior to entering the classroom.
2. A child with any of the following symptoms will be immediately isolated and discharged to the parent or emergency contact.
 - Temperature of at least one hundred degrees Fahrenheit (one hundred degrees Fahrenheit if taken axillary) when in combination with any other sign or symptom of

illness.

- Diarrhea (three or more abnormally, unexpectedly or unexplained loose stools within a twenty-four-hour period).
- Severe coughing, causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound.
- Difficult or rapid breathing.
- Yellowish skin or eyes.
- Redness of the eye or eyelid, thick and purulent (pus) eye discharge, matted eyelashes, burning, itching or eye pain.
- Untreated infected skin patches, unusual spots or rashes.
- Unusually dark urine and /or gray or white stool.
- Stiff neck with elevated temperature.
- Evidence of untreated lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestations.
- Sore throat or difficulty in swallowing.
- Vomiting more than one time or when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness.

3. The student will be isolated on a cot in the Director's office where he/she can be observed until discharged to the parent/guardian. The child will be readmitted to the school after being symptom free for 24 hours. All linens and blankets used by the ill child will be laundered before use by another child. After use, the cot will be disinfected and/or cleaned appropriately with soap and water and then disinfected with an appropriate germicidal agent.

4. The communicable disease chart and dental chart are posted in the Director's office.

5. If a child is exhibiting symptoms of illness or has been exposed to a communicable disease, the parent will immediately be telephoned. If unable to be reached, a note will be sent home with the child.

6. The preschool does not administer any medication without the proper state forms filled out by the child's physician and the parent.

7. The mildly ill child will be treated as each teacher deems necessary. A mildly ill child is defined as:

- A child who is experiencing minor cold symptoms.
- A child who does not feel well enough to participate in classroom activities but who is not exhibiting any of the symptoms specified in #2 above. The child will be watched carefully for signs of worsening conditions.

8. If a staff member exhibits any of the symptoms stated in #2 of this policy, the staff member will notify the Director to provide a substitute.

9. The Director will notify parents in writing when a communicable disease is reported in their child's class. The Director will also send home a symptoms and treatment procedure for the communicable disease reported according to the information supplied by the Ohio Department of Health.

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

In case of a "General Emergency", defined as any threat to the safety of the children, which may include loss of power, heat, or water to the school, the following measures will be taken:

1. The Director will notify the appropriate authorities.
2. Assistant Teachers are to take the class record book.
3. Teachers should lead students to the designated safe area across the parking lot to the grass area in front of the church.
4. Teachers are to take attendance and notify the Director as soon as possible if any student is not accounted for.
5. Unless authorized or given specific directions to the contrary, teachers are to remain with their class for the duration of the evacuation.
6. Students are not to be released until the Director authorizes it.
7. Seriously injured children or adults are not to be moved from any possible disaster area unless allowing them to remain is a life threatening situation.

8. If a student needs to be transferred to a hospital, a staff member will accompany the student and remain until the parent arrives.
9. All staff members are expected to remain with the children until the crisis is resolved and are given the authorization to leave.
10. An incident report will be provided to the parents.

FIRE DRILLS: There will be a monthly fire drill at varying times. Each room has fire emergency plans posted, that the children have been familiarized with, should an emergency occur.

TORNADO DRILLS: There are periodic tornado drills to teach the children where to go and how to prepare for a tornado. Floor plans and places to go for the drill are posted in each classroom. If a parent wishes to take their child from the center during a tornado threat, they must notify the teacher and the Director of their intentions.

LOCKDOWN DRILLS: We are required by state law to perform a lockdown drill four times a year. During two of the drills a police officer will walk the staff and children through which type of lockdown drill they should practice over our PA system.

IN CASE OF A SERIOUS INCIDENT, INJURY, OR ILLNESS

In case of a serious incident, injury or illness, the child's teacher and/or Director will handle the emergency situation while the teacher assistant takes care of the class. One adult will apply first aid while the other contacts the parents. **FYI: AEDs (Portable Emergency Medical Devices) are available at SASEAS School outside the Cafeteria and in the Gym.** If the parents cannot be reached, the emergency contact numbers will be used. If the parents and emergency contacts cannot be reached and the child needs medical attention, the life squad will be called. If no parent arrives by the time the life squad leaves, a member of the staff will accompany the child to the nearest hospital or to the hospital that the life squad feels is best suited for the emergency. **911 will ALWAYS be called before a parent is notified of any serious accident or injury to a preschooler. Seton Preschool will not allow a child to enroll in the program if 911 cannot be called first.**

A list of the student's home and emergency numbers is in a binder located in the classroom at all times. If the child becomes ill, the child will lie down on the cot located in the Director's office until the parents come to pick him/her up. Someone will stay with the child until the parent arrives. The first aid kit is located in the Director's office. In the event of a dental emergency, the parent will be

contacted and arrangements made to take the child to the emergency room of the dentist or clinic indicated in the child's file. If minor bleeding occurs, direct pressure will be applied with sterile gauze. Any dental emergency will be treated with compliance to the Emergency Dental Plan prescribed by the Division of Dental Health of the Ohio Department of Health posted in each classroom.

TRANSPORTATION

Field Trips and Routine Walking Trips

All field trips at the preschool will be within walking distance of the school. Whether it is to the library next door, the park across the street or the church across the parking lot, permission slips will be filled out by parents. All enrollment forms and other paperwork will accompany the children during their field trips.

Emergencies, including preschool policy on providing care to children whose parents refuse to grant consent for transportation to emergency treatment

Transportation in case of an emergency will proceed as follows: For medical emergencies 9-1-1 and the child's parents will be called. Child will be transported by either ambulance or their parents to the nearest hospital. For evacuations due to fire or lockdowns children will walk from the building. If they can't re-enter the building due to unsafe conditions, parents will be called to come pick them up. All enrollment forms and other paperwork will accompany the children during evacuations. For loss of power, heat, and water to the building, parents will be called to pick up their children.

911 will ALWAYS be called before a parent is notified of any serious accident or injury to a preschooler.

Seton Preschool will not allow a child to enroll in the program if 911 cannot be called first.

Please note that the life squad will be called immediately, even before the parents are called, if the Director or teacher feels that the injury is serious. If the parents cannot be reached, the emergency numbers will be used. If the parents still cannot be reached by the time the life squad leaves, a member of the staff will accompany the child to the nearest hospital or to the hospital that the life squad feels is best suited for the emergency. The child's enrollment form and paperwork will accompany the child in the ambulance and to the hospital.

WATER ACTIVITIES/SWIMMING

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool students will not participate in any water activities such as wading or swimming while on campus and attending school.

NAPPING AND RESTING

For children enrolled in the PEDAL program St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool will provide a quiet, low lighted space for napping and resting. Any child who does not fall asleep will have the opportunity to engage in quiet activities. A mat that is at least 1" thick will be provided at parent's expense for the child's rest time. Mats will be individually assigned. No mats will be shared among children. Mats will be sent home for cleaning after five uses.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CLOSINGS POLICY

When the weather presents undesirable conditions in which to transport your child to preschool, we will close when the Milford Exempted Village Schools are closed and/or when St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary School is closed. If Milford has a one-hour delay, all morning preschool sessions will start at 9:30 a.m. and dismiss at the normal time (11:30 AM). The afternoon sessions will start at the normal time (12:15 PM). **When there is a two-hour delay, the morning preschool classes will be canceled and the afternoon sessions will start at the normal time.** Children enrolled in PEDAL may be dropped off at the preschool at 10:40 am when there is a 2-hour delay. Parents will be contacted via Option C with an automated phone call and email at the time of the closing or delay. No snow days will be made up.

PROCEDURE FOR PARENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO FOLLOW WHEN NEEDING ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE SCHOOL

Any parent or legal guardian of a child in our preschool that needs assistance with a problem or has a complaint should take the following steps:

1. Bring the complaint or problem to the teacher.

2. If the parent is not satisfied with the teacher's solution, bring the complaint or problem to the Director.
3. Allow time for the Director to investigate the problem.
4. The Director will get back to the parent by the next day class session with a potential solution.

THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES' TOLL FREE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AND ARE POSTED IN THE PRESCHOOL OFFICE SHOULD ANY PERSON WISH TO REPORT A SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF LICENSING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

POLICY ON FORMAL ASSESSMENTS OF ENROLLED CHILDREN

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool is not currently pursuing a Step Up to Quality star rating, so our program does not report child level data to ODJFS pursuant to 5101:2-17-02 of the Administrative Code. The center does not conduct formal assessments at this time.

POLICY ON DISTRIBUTION OF INVITATIONS

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool will not distribute any invitations for children's parties whatsoever due to licensing restrictions unless every child in the class receives and invitation.

POLICY ON SOCIAL MEDIA USE

Throughout the school year, our students are occasionally photographed or videotaped by the staff, SASEAS PTO, and/or the media in order to share some of the exciting events that take place in our school with the surrounding communities. These photos may appear on the school bulletin boards, Seesaw, Class Dojo, and on the School Website. Children will never be photographed with their names showing, either on a name badge, or on their school work. Parents will have a choice as to whether or not their child may be photographed and can choose which platforms upon which their child's pictures will be posted.