

Readiness for Attending the Episcopal Day School of Evergreen

The Episcopal Day School of Evergreen is licensed for children 12 month old through 6 years of age. We are not equipped or licensed as an infant program. If you are considering placing your 1 year old with EDSE, your child will be entering a toddler program and will need to display certain age appropriate skills.

The State requires that children entering in a toddler program must be able to walk independently or we must receive a statement indicating developmental appropriateness of placement in a toddler program. This statement must be obtained from your child's Health Care Provider. (Form provided below.)

Your child will be in a classroom with other toddlers and will need to be developmentally ready to follow an age appropriate schedule. We have a list of other skills your child needs to be able to do before we can accept them into our youngest classroom (12-24 months). If you have any questions about these requirements, contact Justine Swiatek who can discuss the issues in more detail. Her email is justine@edse.org.

- Be at least 12 months old. (No exceptions.)
- Be able to drink from a cup. No bottles.
- Be able to sit at the table and eat solids. - No infant food.
- Be mobile. (Moves around by walking or crawling)
- Must wear toed shoes suitable for outdoors. No bare feet or only socks.
- Play outdoors daily, weather permitting, wearing appropriate outdoor gear.
- Be able to nap on a mat.
- Be able to hold off on napping until noon.
- If the child attends before or after care, be able to have only one nap a day.

If you believe your child is ready and meets these requirements but cannot yet walk, you will need to take this form to your child's Health Care Provider for the statement below attesting that your child has developmental appropriateness for placement in a toddler program.

Dear Health Care Provider,

The parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, a child under your care, would like for him/her to attend The Episcopal Day School of Evergreen though he/she is not yet walking. Please review our *physical/developmental* requirements above. If you believe the child is developmentally ready for our program, please sign the following statement:

I have completed a health and developmental appraisal on _____ and, though the child is not walking, I can attest that the child is developmentally ready to attend a child care program for toddlers and older children which does not provide infant care.

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed Name, Address & Phone number or Office Stamp must be provided.

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Office Stamp