

Back to School Frequently Asked Questions

Please find questions (and answers!) about preschool and Kindergarten-8th grade below. If you have a "back to school" question that isn't answered here, please send it via the Friends of Goethe School listserv: FriendsofGoetheSchool@yahoo.com or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FriendsofGoetheSchool/> to sign-up.

Preschool

Drop-off/Pick-Up

Q: On September 8, 2010 parents "drop-off" at the location specified on the "entrance and exit schedule" in the preschool handbook. Does he just go into the school when I wave goodbye or is his teacher there to meet him and or line him up with the other kids?

A: Parents or caretakers wait with the children by the entrance door until the bell rings. The aides or teachers open the doors and greet the children at which time they enter saying good-bye to their family or caretaker. The teachers and aides will not release the children unless they see someone they know to pick them up. The kids are called by their names as the parents, guardian, or designated pick-up person is there to pick them up.

Q: I will be dropping/off for the first few days but then our daycare provider will be doing both drop-offs and pick-ups. Any special information I need to give the teacher or our daycare provider to help ease this transition for them?

A: You would have to sign a release form with the information of the person picking up your child and it is a good idea to have them there one day with you so they can meet the teacher and aid. This way it will give them a visual of who is picking up your child.

Uniforms

Q: In the "school dress code" it talks about "Goethe gym uniform for ALL students." The preschoolers don't change for gym do they? Do they have "gym" or just recess?

A: Dress code is white or blue shirts with blue or black pants usually. Pre-K does not go to gym but does go outside for recess. He or she should be in proper close for the weather as they go outside all year around and learn the different seasons. All students are to be in dress code.

Q: Do the shirts need to have a collar or can they wear t-shirts? What about tank tops and shorts? Can pants/shorts have a stripe down the side, or do they have to be completely solid blue? Any specifics for shoes and hats?

A: The shirts don't have to have collars-- t-shirts are fine, as are collared shirts. Tanktops are permissible for the little ones, as well as shorts. With older students we monitor tank tops and shorts with specifications appropriate for school. Pants are to be completely solid blue but jeans are allowed as well. There are no specifics for shoes and hats. Hats can be worn anytime outside. Once children enter the building we ask that all hats are removed.

General Questions

Q: I know we can call the office to call the teacher, can we get their direct number or email address to convey info?

A: You should be getting a calendar and a letter from the teacher telling you what they are doing in the class that month. The calendar will have the teacher's name, aids name and a direct phone number to the class room.

Q: Can someone tell me about breakfast for the preschoolers? I know what time it starts and the cost, but if we take our preschooler to breakfast, can we leave them there or do we need to stay with them?

A: There is no supervision during the breakfast so parents need to stay with preschoolers.

Q: My daughter is returning to preschool for her second year. Do we need to get a physical again prior to school starting?

A: No, Preschool students need a physical with an updated schedule of immunizations when they first enter. Then they need one again in Kindergarten, 6th and high school. All immunizations need to be updated regularly in all grades and all Kindergarten, 6th and graduating 8th graders do need the dental and vision exams.

Kindergarten-8th Grade

Drop-off/Pick-up

Q: Does anyone know the procedure for 1st graders and older kids who probably don't have to wait outside before school, but then again, might?

A: Kindergarten starts Tuesday, September 7th, 2010 at 8:40. The children in room 401 line up between the Annex and main building. Students in rooms 104 and 107 line-up at the middle doors of the school on Rockwell.

Breakfast/Lunch

Q: If we do not qualify for the Free Meal Programs does the school still need us to fill out the form for statics? Or do we just disregard the application all together?

A: Everyone must fill out the lunch forms even if you are not going to opt for the program.

Q: May we pay weekly or monthly for the lunch program? Or is it cash daily only?

A: Lunch can be paid for on a daily or weekly basis.