



AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAMS

PARENT HANDBOOK

2026 – 2027



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to offer families the services of the After-School Program (ASP) and Summer Camp. This handbook contains important information outlining program expectations, policies, and procedures.

The handbook serves as an essential part of the enrollment agreement between the program and parents/guardians. We ask that you carefully review all enclosed materials to ensure a clear understanding of program guidelines. We look forward to providing a safe, enriching, and enjoyable experience for your child.

The After-School Program consists of the following components:

1. After-school care for students from 3:00–5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, including early dismissal days (1:00 p.m.)
2. Providing all day care on a variety of no school days throughout the year
3. A summer camp program operating for approximately 10–11 weeks, with exact dates determined by the academic calendars start and end date.

Although this handbook is organized into two sections, After School Program (ASP) and Summer Camp, the guidelines and expectations outlined apply to both programs when applicable.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at **309-438-7238** or **309-838-7965**, or the main office at **309-438-7621**

Any rate changes outlined in this handbook will take effect on **August 1, 2026** or the first day of school, whichever occurs first.

Sincerely,

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment where students can learn, explore, and grow beyond the school day. Through enriching activities, positive relationships, and structured support, we foster curiosity, creativity, and social development while partnering with families to support each child's success.

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REGISTRATION

The After School Program (ASP) is a drop in program for Metcalf students only, for this reason there is no need to pre-register to be able to attend. You may however be asked to complete an info form on your child's first day of the After School Program, either on-site or to take home and return. While completion of the form is optional, it allows staff to take immediate action to support your child's needs and helps expedite the pickup process in some situations.

One advantage of our program being drop in is that we do not need to know ahead of time that you need care. If an emergency arises, staff working the pickup program will automatically bring them to us at 3:20 PM (per Metcalf's handbook <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Gnqt2ypLvvZriUOKkjdwi8qr3fZK3soV/edit>).

Students participating in School organized activities or sports in the building, may sign themselves out to attend those activities. If you do not want your child to do so, please submit a written notice stating that they do not want their child to have this privilege. This policy allows students to transition to activities without requiring a parent to sign them out.

Please be aware, in accordance with the schools handbook, all students remaining at school after 3:20 p.m. who are not directly supervised by an adult are required to check in with and will be charged for the After-School Program. In addition any students not picked up from a club or activity at the time the program ends, will do the same.

Please help us by clearly directing your child on whether they should attend the After School Program on a given day. For younger students (PreK-K), we recommend using a luggage tag on their backpack labeled "ASP" or "Home" in addition to updating Pik-My-Kid. The luggage tag is helpful for staff and, more importantly, helps ease anxiety for younger students. It provides reassurance that their parents know where they are supposed to be and where they will be picked up from.

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINE & DAILY SCHEDULE

Although the After-School Program (ASP) is designed to be flexible and responsive to daily needs, including changes in available building spaces and activities, the general daily schedule is outlined below.

When the school day ends, students walk independently to the After-School Program and check in at the ASP desk located in Fairchild Hall. Upon arrival, students provide their name to a staff member who checks them in using both a paper roster and a digital system. Each student is assigned a magnet, organized by grade level and color. Students move the magnet to the opposite side of the cart where the day's locations and activities are listed, this is how they select where they would like to go first after snack (magnets are created on a student's first day).

Kindergarten and Pre-K students are gathered as a group then proceed to the K/Pre-K room in Fairchild Hall. They then find a cubby to store their belongings and enter the room to have a snack. All other students report to the lunchroom for the same purpose. After snack time, students report to their chosen activity areas. Kindergarten and Pre-K students may begin selecting areas independently once they demonstrate an

understanding of procedures and can transition safely. Until then, they will remain in the Kindergarten/Pre-K room and rotate activity areas as a group while practicing procedures.

If a student chooses to change activity areas, they must first report to the ASP desk and move their magnet to the new location before proceeding.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., students are gathered into a central location in preparation for dismissal. Students will clean their activity areas, collect their belongings, and return their magnets to their grade-level section. This process allows staff to ensure all students are accounted for and have made it to this location.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP PROCEDURES

To pick up your child from the After-School Program (ASP), please pull in and all the way forward into the circle drive located outside Fairchild Hall on Dry Grove Street. When pulling forward do not stop at the door, pull up to the far side of the circle drive just before the sidewalk. While waiting, continue pulling forward as space allows, cutting in line will not get you your child faster, only puts students in danger so please be patient.

We ask that parents/guardians do not come inside to wait for their child. This procedure helps us maintain student safety, security, and an orderly dismissal process.

Once you are in line, please remain in your vehicle and text the ASP phone at 309-838-7965 with the name(s) of the child(ren) you are picking up. Because this area is a fire lane, vehicles must be able to move quickly in the event of an emergency.

If you do not receive a confirmation text and are concerned your message was not received, please send it again. At times, staff may be assisting students or responding to situations that require their immediate attention.

Once your child(ren) has gathered their belongings and is ready for dismissal, you will receive a text instructing you to enter the building to sign them out. After you sign out at the desk, staff will call your child(ren) through the security doors so you may depart.

For the safety and security of all students, parents/guardians are asked to remain outside the security doors and allow staff to release students to them. Please do not attempt to retrieve students from activity areas or call them through the security doors before staff dismisses them, as this creates a safety concern for all students.

No cell phone

If you do not have access to a cell phone, please follow the same pickup parking procedures. Then upon arrival, you may enter the building to notify staff that you are here, then return to your vehicle and keep moving forward as space opens. Please watch the door, a staff member will wave you inside when your child is ready.

IMPORTANT: If an emergency vehicle arrives, please move to the parent lot on the west side of the building and continue the process as stated above, we will move to those doors. We will not release any students out of the Fairchild doors if this situation occurs until emergency vehicles are clear.

Recap:

- Pull all the way forward into fairchild circle
- Text 309-838-7965 and remain in your vehicle
 - You will receive a confirmation text that we know you are here
 - Keep moving forward to make room to get cars off the road
- When you receive the text that your child is ready, enter and sign them out.
 - They can not come through the security doors until we tell them to.
 - No student will be released from their area to you, you must get them from the desk.
- If emergency vehicles show up, move to the parent lot.

Primary pickup area is circled in green

Secondary pickup area is circled in yellow. (in case of emergency vehicles)



Parents/guardians may authorize alternate pick-up individuals by:

- Listing them on the School Emergency Information Form, and or
- Providing the individual's full name and phone number in writing to the Program Director, or
- **(preferred method)** Contacting the ASP phone from a legal guardian's phone number on file (text messages work best). This method works best as all the information is then readily available when the alternative pickup person arrives.

Children will not be released to anyone who is not authorized or who cannot provide proper identification. Anyone picking up a child must have a valid form of ID.

If a child has not been picked up by 5:15 p.m., program staff will attempt to contact authorized pick-up individuals. If no authorized contact can be reached and suitable arrangements made by 5:45, ISU PD will be notified.

Metcalf's After-School Program ends promptly at 5:15 p.m. Repeated late pick-ups may result in a family's inability to continue using the program, at the discretion of the Program Director. Families are expected to be respectful of staff time and adhere to all pick-up expectations.

Students participating in school-based activities (such as sports, clubs, or other programs held in the building) may sign themselves out to attend those activities. If a parent/guardian prefers to sign their child out of ASP and personally escort them to the activity, the Program Director must be notified in writing.

EXPECTATIONS

Parents'/Guardians' Expectations of the Program

Parents and guardians may expect that:

- Their child will be cared for in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.
- They may communicate with the Program Director regarding concerns related to their child or the program.
- They will be informed of both positive and concerning behaviors. When behavioral concerns cannot be resolved between staff and the child, parents/guardians will be contacted to support improvement. If concerns persist, the child may be suspended or removed from the program at the Program's discretion.
- The After-School Program and Summer Camp operate as license-exempt programs and are not regulated by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), but are overseen by Thomas Metcalf Elementary School. While license-exempt, the program strives to meet or exceed industry best practices and school standards.

Program's expectations of the Parents/Guardians

Parent/Guardian Expectations

To help create a safe and positive After School Program, parents and guardians are expected to:

- Payments are made on or before the 15th of every month unless otherwise directed. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for the first week, after that the child will not be allowed to attend until the bill has been paid in full.
- Pick up children prior to 5:15 daily, failure to do so will result in a \$1 per minute fee added to your account.
- Communicate respectfully with staff and follow program procedures.
- Support staff decisions and work together to address concerns.
- Review behavior expectations with their child and reinforce respectful behavior.
- Understand that ongoing or serious behavior issues may lead to disciplinary action or removal from the program.
- Notify the program approved adults pick up their child.
- Understand the program is group-based and does not provide one-on-one supervision.
- Pay program fees on time.
- Follow all policies outlined in the handbook as well as Thomas Metcalf Schools handbook.
- Help promote a respectful and positive program environment.

Children's expectations of the Program

Children may expect:

- To have a safe, supportive, and consistent environment.
- To use all program equipment, materials, and facilities on an equal basis.
- To receive respectful treatment.
- To receive behavior correction that is fair and non-punitive.
- To receive care from staff members who are actively involved with them.

Program's expectations of the Children

The program expects that the child will:

- Be responsible for his/her actions.
- Listen the first time directions are given and make an effort to make better choices moving forward.
- Respect school rules, the program handbook/rules, and supervisor's rules at all times.
- Respect staff, peers, and equipment.
- Remain in your chosen area.
- Ask before leaving an area.
- Take care of materials and equipment properly and return them to their place when done, or before taking out new ones.
- All items from home remain in their backpacks until they are picked up.

We ask that all personal items from home remain in your child's backpack during the program. Unfortunately, lost or damaged items have led to unnecessary tears and disappointment. To avoid this, ASP provides a variety of materials and activities to ensure your child has an enjoyable experience.

BEHAVIOR CORRECTION

When a student's behavior requires attention, staff may use the following responses to support positive behavior and maintain a safe environment. Responses are not necessarily sequential nor are they limited to the examples below. All behavior correction will be used at the discretion of program staff as well as Program and school administration.

- **Restorative Conversation or Reflection**

The student may participate in a short discussion, reflection activity, or problem-solving conversation to understand the impact of their behavior and identify better choices.

- **Temporary Activity or Area Adjustment**

The student may be temporarily limited from certain activities or stations, or moved to a quieter or more structured setting for an allotted time.

- **Staff Documentation and Parent Communication**

Ongoing or significant behaviors will be documented. Pending the situation, parents/guardians may be contacted or informed at pickup.

- **Early Pick-Up**

If a behavior continues or poses a safety concern, a parent/guardian may be contacted and expected to pick up the child.

- **Program Suspension**

Continued or serious behavior concerns may result in temporary suspension from the program.

- **Program Dismissal**

In rare cases, situations including but not limited to, ongoing behaviors that significantly impact safety, program operations, or that require an unreasonable amount of one-on-one staff support, may result in dismissal from the program.

This is in addition to all applicable School rules, policies, and procedures as outlined in the schools handbook.

PROGRAM BILLING AND PAYMENT

After-School Program fees are determined using a sliding fee scale established by the Federal Food Reimbursement Program. Families who believe they may qualify for free or reduced-price lunch should complete the appropriate form on the Metcalf website.

Billing statements are emailed monthly. Payments are due by the 15th of each month or by the date listed on the statement. Account balances may be viewed at check-out; please note that posted balances may reflect billing delays of up to two weeks or more.

A \$25 late fee will be assessed after the first week of nonpayment. If payment is not received, the student will not be permitted to attend the program until the balance is paid in full. A \$20 service fee will be charged for any returned checks. After three returned checks, all future payments must be made by cash or money order.

Failure to sign your child out daily may result in a \$1 fine per incident. This is for the safety of your child and all children in the program.

Registration for additional/Special events requires adequate staffing to ensure student supervision and student safety. Therefore, cancellations made without at least two weeks notice will result in a charge of 50% of the event fee. For free events, a \$5 fee will be assessed if a registered student does not attend without prior notice, this is to ensure those who want to attend can and spots are not being wasted.

Families who are unable to maintain monthly payments may be required to transition to a weekly payment schedule. If payment issues continue, prepayment may be required for continued program participation. Families are encouraged to contact the Program Director to discuss alternative payment arrangements or payments made through outside organizations. Please note that if financial difficulties arise, we are committed to working with families whenever possible and encourage you to reach out so we can explore available options together.

Checks should be made payable to Thomas Metcalf School or ISU. In memo please indicate that the payment is for the After-School Program (ASP) and include the last name(s) of the child(ren) if different from the account holder. Payments may be made by cash (to the main office), check, or online through the Touchnet system.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FEES

After School Program

- Full Pay--\$65 per week or \$13.00 per day per child (K-8)
- Reduced Lunch rate--\$40.00 per week or \$8.00 per day per child (K-8)
- Free Lunch rate--\$20.00 per week or \$4.00 per day per child (K-8)

1pm care additional charges

- \$7 Full Pay
- \$4 Reduced Lunch rate
- \$2 Free Lunch rate both

Other fees & charges

All day care/Fall / Spring Fun Days - (Must be signed up)

Parents night out - (Must be signed up)

NOTES:

- The first and second child in a family will be charged full price. Additional children per family will be charged half price, as long as all children are in attendance at Metcalf.
- Payments are due by the 15th of each month unless specified differently on statement.
- Late pick-up and failure to sign out fees will be charged at \$1.00 per minute/incident. If this is happening more than a couple times a month, access to the program may be restricted.

No School Days

The After-School Program does not provide care on school holidays unless a "Fun Day" is planned. Don't forget to make other care arrangements for those days.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS & INFO

Metcalf's After-School Program operates from **3:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** on regular school days and from **1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** on most early release days.

The intent of the After-School Program is to provide a safe, fun, and structured environment for students. Participation in the program is required for all students who are not picked up by 3:20 p.m. on regular school days or by 1:20 p.m. on early dismissal days. This includes students who remain on campus while waiting for an extracurricular activity to begin, as well as students waiting to be picked up after an extracurricular activity has concluded. For more information regarding this, please see Thomas Metcalf Schools handbook.

The After-School Program ends promptly at **5:15 p.m.**, and all students must be picked up at that time. Habitual late pickups may result in discontinuation of a student's participation in the program, at the sole discretion of the After-School Program administration.

We ask that all items from home stay in your child's backpack at the program. We have had too many tears and broken hearts over lost items, broken toys, torn cards. Instead, we try to provide anything your child would need to have an amazing time at ASP.

Our programs are designed to support and engage a wide range of students, and we make every effort to meet the individual needs of each child. However, as we are a self funded program, not part of Metcalf schools sponsored clubs, activities, or sports, our resources and staffing may limit our ability to fully support all needs.

If, at any time, it is determined that our program is not the best fit for your child, we will communicate with you to discuss next steps. In such cases that we determine we are unable to meet those needs, a refund will be issued for any unused portion of program fees.

To ensure a safe and successful experience for all participants, all students must meet the following readiness requirements for ASP

Students must be at least 4 years of age and able to use the restroom and change their clothing independently in the event of an accident. Be able to function in a group setting by following basic directions, participating in activities without the need for constant one-on-one support, and communicating their needs appropriately (verbally or otherwise). Students must be able to interact safely with peers and staff, remain with their group in designated areas, and follow program rules and staff directions. Students should not require a behavior plan or level of support beyond what program staff can reasonably provide (Please see the Accommodations & Participant Support section for more information).

Firearms and Weapons

For the safety of our students, staff, and visitors, firearms and other weapons are prohibited on school premises and at program activities. This prohibition applies to parents, guardians, visitors, employees, and volunteers, except for authorized law enforcement personnel acting in their official capacity.

SUMMER CAMP

Requirements to attend

- All campers must meet the following criteria:
 - Be at least 4 years of age
 - Can use the restroom and change their clothes without assistance (for example: change into a swim suit or if an accident happens)
 - Able to follow basic directions in a group setting
 - Can participate in activities without constant 1:1 support
 - Able to communicate needs appropriately (verbally or otherwise)
 - Can interact safely with peers and staff (no ongoing aggressive behaviors that put others at risk)
 - Able to remain with the group and within designated areas
 - Follows program rules and staff directions
 - Does not require a behavior plan beyond what our staff can reasonably support
 - Accepted into and planning to attend the Lab Schools in August when camp ends.
 - You can apply if you are still waiting for your acceptance letter to Metcalf school, but attendance is contingent on being accepted.
 - All accounts at Metcalf school, including but not limited to: Medical and delta forms, Fees for: PreSchool, After School, Registration, Clubs/Sports/Activities, Lunch Program... must be in good standing or have an agreed upon payment plan in place in order to attend or be placed on the wait list.
 - Please see the Accommodations & Participant Support section for more information.

Full and part time summer spots

Please note that all enrollments, whether part-time or full-time, are considered an all-summer commitment. Families are financially responsible for all weeks the Summer Program is in session, regardless of attendance.

Families requesting a **part-time spot** must select the specific days of the week they would like their child to attend when submitting an Intent to Return or applying for the waitlist.

Returning campers

Campers enrolled in the previous year will have until early February (date is given to returning families in a letter) to confirm their intent to return. After this deadline, available spots will be offered to families on the waitlist.

Wait list

Due to limited availability, primarily related to transportation capacity, a waitlist is established annually for the Summer Camp program. Campers enrolled in the previous year will have until early February (date is given to returning families in a letter) to confirm their intent to return. After this deadline, available spots will be offered to families on the waitlist.

Applicant names will be added to the waitlist only after families notify the Program Director in writing (via email). Placement on the waitlist indicates interest only and does not guarantee enrollment. When space becomes available, names will be placed into a selection pool and drawn at random.

Exceptions to the random selection process may apply. Priority consideration may be given to siblings of currently enrolled campers, incoming Metcalf kindergarten students (selection is tentative and contingent upon acceptance into kindergarten), and families who regularly utilize the After-School Program.

This selection process is used for several reasons, including but not limited to maintaining appropriate age group balance to ensure the camp operates safely and effectively, providing equitable access when space is limited, and ensuring the program can meet the needs of all campers. Summer camp spaces will not be held for returning campers or families on the waitlist if their account is delinquent (exceptions are made for those who have a payment plan in place approved by the program and is being followed).

Summer Camp Fees

Full time (partial day) - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Full Pay--\$185 per week/ \$170 second child (all children must be partial day for 2nd child rate)

Reduced Lunch--\$120 per week/ \$100 second child (all children must be partial day for 2nd child rate)

Free Lunch--\$70 per week/ \$45 second child (all children must be partial day for 2nd child rate)

- To receive this price, you must let us know at registration.
 - Full day campers can use this for one week of the summer with 2 weeks prior notice.
- If a child is dropped off early or picked up late, fees will be charged at \$1.00 per minute per incident up to the extended day prices, additional fees will be added if full day times are exceeded.
- After three incidents of drop off before 8:30 or pick up after 4:30, your schedule and billing will revert to full day hours and billing for the remainder of the summer.

Full time (Full day) - 7:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Full Pay--\$215 per week/ \$195 second child

Reduced Lunch--\$150 per week/ \$130 second child

Free Lunch--\$85 per week/ \$65 second child

Part time - Must attend/pay for 2 days per week. (Must be the same days of the week, every week)

Full Pay--\$65 per day

Reduced Lunch--\$40 per day

Free Lunch--\$25 per day

Single day

Full Pay--\$75 per day

Reduced Lunch--\$45 per day

Free Lunch--\$30 per day

Single week - (Only available if we have full time student vacancies for your desired week)

Full Pay--\$245 per week/ \$220 second child

Reduced Lunch--\$170 per week/ \$150 second child

Free Lunch--\$100 per week/ \$80 second child

Other Summer Fees

- Normal Parks and Rec Pool pass (must acquire on your own)
- Activity fee \$120 per child
- End of year trip may have an additional costs (not done yearly, cost pending location)
(Helps to pay for charter bus, lunches, activities we are doing, extra time for staff...)

Camp runs from 7:45 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., late pick-up and failure to sign out fees will be charged at \$1.00 per minute, per incident.

We are committed to providing a high quality program at an affordable rate and strive to ensure every child receives excellent care. If cost is the only reason your child is unable to attend Camp Wildcats, we encourage you to reach out. We are happy to explore available options and work with you whenever possible.

Redbird Explorers

Requirements to attend

- All campers must meet the following criteria:
 - Be at least 4 years of age
 - Can use the restroom and change their clothes without assistance (for example: change into a swim suit or if an accident happens)
 - Able to follow basic directions in a group setting
 - Can participate in activities without constant 1:1 support
 - Able to communicate needs appropriately (verbally or otherwise)
 - Can interact safely with peers and staff (no ongoing aggressive behaviors that put others at risk)
 - Able to remain with the group and within designated areas
 - Follows program rules and staff directions
 - Does not require a behavior plan beyond what our staff can reasonably support
 - Accepted into and planning to attend the Lab Schools in August when camp ends.
 - You can apply if you are still waiting for your acceptance letter to Metcalf school, but attendance is contingent on being accepted.
 - All accounts at Metcalf school, including but not limited to: PreSchool, After School, Registration, Clubs/Sports/Activities, Lunch Program... must be in good standing or have an agreed upon payment plan in place in order to attend or be placed on the wait list.
 - Please see the Accommodations & Participant Support section for more information.

Fees

- Fees will vary by class and support many factors and aspects of the program beyond the pay of the person running the class. All instructors are paid the same, if the class costs more, it probably means that they will be doing something another class will not be. It could be travel, activities that require extra supplies or...
- Early registration discounts may be offered, see this year's flier for more details.
- Redbird Explorers has a limited budget to assist with need-based financial help. If cost is the only reason your child can not participate in a class, please reach out so we can look for a solution together.

Refund Policy

- Unless otherwise noted in the class description, classes must be dropped at least five business days before registration closes. A \$15 cancellation fee will apply to help cover payment processing and administrative costs. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refunds or account credits for missed classes.
- If a child is being disruptive, disrespectful, or behaving in a way that impacts the safety or experience of others, staff will step in and work with them to correct the behavior. If the behavior continues and cannot be resolved, parents will be contacted to discuss next steps. In situations where the behavior does not improve, Redbird Explorers reserves the right to remove the student from the class without a refund.

Full or Canceled Classes

- Redbird Explorers reserves the right to limit enrollment or cancel a class due to low enrollment or circumstances beyond our control. We encourage you to register early to ensure your spot in the classes you'd like to attend.
- If a class is canceled, we will notify you as soon as possible. At that time, you may choose to enroll in a different class, receive a credit to your ASP account, or receive a full refund. No \$15 cancellation fee will be charged if Redbird Explorers cancels a class.

Ages, Class Times, & Care:

Ages

- Each class will have an age range associated with it, it is based upon the grade the student attending is going into. If it says 2nd - 4th, it means students that just finished 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade can attend.
- Morning classes
 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Afternoon classes
 - 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Unless you're registered for both a morning *and* afternoon class, contacted us, and confirmed with us that you are staying in between, there is **no additional care** provided beyond your registered class times (Drop off & pickup must occur within 5 minutes of the scheduled classes time).
 - Late drop off - Keep in mind these classes may be leaving the building, if you are tardy this may result in your child missing the day. There is no refund for missed classes
 - Early dropoff or Late pickup - Just like with ASP and other programs, those students who are dropped off early or picked up late may be charged a fee of \$1 per minute per incident.
- If you are participating in a morning AND afternoon class and plan to have them stay with us in between, please email me at MetcalfASP@Metcalf.Illinoisstate.edu

Looking forward to a fun and engaging week of exploration!

Accommodations & Participant Support

Redbird Explorers is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming experience for all participants. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its amendments, we will make reasonable accommodations for participants with qualifying disabilities whenever possible.

If your child may need accommodations to fully participate in a class, please indicate this during registration or contact the Redbird Explorers office as early as possible. We recommend reaching out before the class registration begins so we have enough time to discuss your child's needs, gather any necessary information, and coordinate appropriate accommodations if possible.

Redbird Explorers classes are designed for students who are able to participate in a group setting and demonstrate a reasonable level of independence, motivation, and flexibility with changes in routine. Our staff provide general supervision and support for the entire group, but we are not able to provide one-on-one assistance, personal care, restroom assistance, feeding assistance, mobility support, or continuous individualized supervision. If your child requires any of these supports, please contact us before registering. We're happy to talk through your child's needs and determine whether we can provide appropriate accommodations or help you decide if a class is a good fit.

While we will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations, we may not be able to implement accommodations that would fundamentally change the nature of the class or create a significant health or safety risk for the participant or others.

To request an accommodation or to discuss a student's individual needs, please contact:

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