



Family Requirements

Classroom Participation

As a co-op parent, your main responsibility will be classroom participation. Most parents will be scheduled approximately twice a month. Parents will have input about dates they would like to be scheduled. Snack and/or drink for the day is provided by the participating parent. Parent participation is one of the great rewards of belonging to a co-op as it allows parents to participate first-hand in the preschool education of their children.

Job Assignments

As a member of a co-op preschool, you will be assigned a job necessary the operation of the school. You will be given the opportunity to express your preference from the list of available jobs. Assignments are based on your interest, skills, and time availability. Examples of jobs include play dough maker, newsletter editor, class representative, treasurer, and president.

Health Requirements

Each child must have a physical exam form completed by a physician prior to the first day of school. In addition participating parents must provide proof of a negative Tb test each year. The school will provide information about how to obtain a Tb skin test.

Attendance is required by a member of each family at the following:

CPT Training (for new families)

All new families are required to attend a six-hour orientation as mandated by the Indianapolis Council of Preschool Cooperatives (ICPC). The orientation will describe the co-op philosophy and will help you understand your role as a teacher's assistant. Various training dates and childcare arrangements are available. Each family member planning to help three or more time during the school year is required to attend.

Back to School Night

An evening program is scheduled prior to the start of each school year. This meeting enables families to meet with the teachers, tour the classrooms, learn classroom procedures, get a preview of the up coming school year, and meet new preschool families. We ask that children do not attend this function. There is opportunity for children to meet their teachers at another scheduled time.

Parent Education Program

Several informational meetings are scheduled featuring guest speakers. Members are expected to earn three credits during the school year. The Parent Education Chairs will provide members with specific dates, times, and locations. For new members, 2 credits are earned by attending the new-parent (CPT) orientation.

Classroom Cleaning Sessions

Members are asked to help with the monthly cleanings throughout the school year. We also ask that members help with classroom set up in the fall and tear down in the spring.

Fundraising

Each GOCP family is required to participate in all of our fundraising activities. The fundraising chair will provide all GOCP members with detailed information at Back to School Night.