



Meeting Street The Grace School

Please take a moment to read our Summer Camp handbook. This quick reference guide will answer many common questions that you may have about our camp experience. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel to reach out to Heather Bocannfusco – Assistant Head of School at The Grace School at: hbocannfusco@TheGraceSchool.org.

Common questions

- Can I register for more than 1 week?
 - Yes! Campers are encouraged to register for both sessions. Campers registered for both sessions will be given preference.
- Can my camper switch age groups?
 - No. Campers are grouped based on age in order to provide age appropriate activities and information.

Important Information

- Quick tips
 - Dress for the weather. Campers will spend time outside daily.
 - Apply sunscreen before starting your camp day. Counselors will not apply sunscreen.
 - Snacks and meals are not available with the exception of a popsicle at the end of each day.
 - Please make every effort to be on time in order to get the full camp experience.

Absences

- Call the main office at (401)533-9247 by 8 a.m. There will be no refunds for missed camp days.

Arrival

- Campers may be dropped off beginning at 8:30 a.m. near the gym. There will not be counselors available prior to 8:30 a.m. After 8:45 a.m., drop-off will be the lobby.
- Campers who arrive after 8:45 a.m. must check into the main office prior to joining the group.

Dismissal

- Pick-up will be at the gym beginning at 3:30 p.m. Late pick-up will be in the front lobby.
- Please have your ID ready to be checked.
- Please give counselors advance notice of early dismissals. Fees of \$1/minute after 4:30 p.m. will apply for late pick-ups. Campers who are not signed up for after care and picked up after 3:30 p.m. will be charged \$10/day.
- After care is available from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for \$10/day.

Camper info and special needs

- All children are welcome at the Arts and Smarts Summer Camp. Please provide us with the tools necessary to give your child the best possible experience during Arts and Smarts Summer Camp by informing us of any & all special considerations prior to your child's first day of camp. This may include information on allergies, accessibility concerns, behavioral, psychological or emotional conditions or other special needs. Details of any Individualized Education Plans (IEP) or Behavior Plans used with your child at school can often be helpful. To best enable our staff to provide your child with a valuable experience, the information you provide will be shared with Arts and Smarts Summer Camp staff. While we will make every effort to accommodate all considerations, it is not possible for us to offer 1:1 attention. If your child requires an aide

at school or a PASS worker, he/she may not attend Arts and Smarts Summer Camp without a non-parent aide. There will not be staff available to assist with specific behavior, feeding, toileting, or therapeutic equipment support.

Expectations

- Arts and Smarts Summer Camp is committed to ensuring that all children who attend camp are provided an atmosphere where they can learn together free of harassment or intimidation. Fun & safety are only possible when there are behavior guidelines that all campers agree to follow. You & your child are urged to inform any member of the camp staff of any conduct that is offensive or in contradiction to the camp's commitment to a harassment-free environment. All participants are expected to show respect for all teachers, fellow students, themselves, camp staff, camp guests & camp facilities. Disruptive or dangerous behaviors & physical aggression are not acceptable. The following Arts and Smarts Summer Camp Expectations are displayed in the classroom:
- Listen to, and follow directions of adults
- Try new things
- Be kind to others
- Stay with your group
- Try your best
- Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself
- Clean up after yourself

Our teachers are professionals & they will use sound, positive management tools within their classes. If any camper does not respond to these measures, the camper will be taken to the Camp Director's office for a reminder of the Arts and Smarts Summer Camp Expectations. If the problem behavior persists, we will communicate with the parents or guardians & the participant may be removed from the program with no refund of program fees. Extreme infractions may result in immediate dismissal at the discretion of the Arts and Smarts Summer Camp Director. This policy will be reviewed with all campers on their first morning at camp. Please also discuss Arts and Smarts Summer Camp Expectations with your camper before that time, as your understanding and support of these expectations are integral to your camper's positive experience.

Grouping

- Campers will be grouped by the grade level they have completed. Depending on the number of campers, there may be a two-grade span. Campers will not be placed in an age group younger or older.

Illnesses

- If your child has a fever, an unusual rash, or is vomiting, he/she should remain home from camp for 24 hours after the condition stops. If they are coughing or sneezing excessively, please assess their ability to function at camp before sending them to camp.
- If a student becomes ill at camp, the parent will be called to pick up the child.
 - The parent will sign in at the main desk and ask to be sent to the office. The administrative assistant will then notify the classroom to bring the camper down to the office or contact the nursing staff.
 - Arts and Smarts Summer Camp does not provide services to keep a sick child in camp all day, especially those who are considered contagious.

Lost and Found

- Found items will be returned to the front desk.

Lunches and Snacks

- Campers must bring their own peanut-free snack and lunch. There will not be refrigeration available.

Staff

- Each camp group will have one teacher and one counselor in training.

Supervision and Safety

- There will be two staff members for every 15 campers.

Program Information and Fact Sheet

- What to Bring
 - Snack, Lunch
- What to leave at home
 - Toys
- What to wear
 - Weather appropriate clothing, sunscreen, sneakers