

KKCA Private School Program Parent Handbook

(Grades K3-Pre-K)

“Be the Change You Wish to See”

KKCA Private School Program Contact Information

Address: 1340 N. Eastern Ave. Moore, OK 73160

School Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

K3 & Pre-K Instructional Hours: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

School Phone Number: (405) 794-0708

Fax Number: (405) 237-3794

Website: www.kkcaowls.com

Extensions: x301: Enrollment Information/Administration

x302: Reception Desk

x303: K3

x304: K4

x305: Infants/Toddlers

x306: Toddlers/Two's

Email Addresses:

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KKCA Receptionist Email Address: kkcareception@gmail.com

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2021-2022 Administration Welcome Letter

Welcome to KKCA!

KKCA is a school that takes great pride in academically growing our students as their skill levels progress and providing a day full of project and process-based learning opportunities for a well-rounded learning experience. Our students participate in numerous art, STEM-based and interactive learning experiences throughout the school year.

Students are also introduced to the Christian faith through modeling and demonstrating acts of kindness, grace, love and acceptance. At its core, Jesus entered this world as the one true demonstration of love for all of humankind. He exemplified what it meant to have a heart of forgiveness, acceptance, love, grace and for serving others. We believe that this is what our world needs more of and we seek to place more of this in our communities by teaching our children about:

- Character attributes as defined by the Fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians 5: 22-23 “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”.
- The definition of love as found in 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7 “If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.
- The identity of Jesus Christ and salvation he offers as defined by John 3:16 “For this how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him with not perish but have eternal life.”

These three verses are the core and emphasis of our schools theological mission and approach. Christians are called to be peacemakers and the embodiment of relentless, unconditional love in their homes, workplaces, schools and communities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions throughout the school year! We look forward to having your family become a part of ours!

Ms. Melody Still

KKCA Administrator

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Private School Program

Policies and Procedures

Grades K3-Pre-K

DESCRIPTION

KinderKottage Christian Academy (KKCA) is private Christian school for grades K3-Pre-K. KKCA's private school and daycare program for children under two years of age is a licensed childcare facility OKDHS Child Care Licensing.

MISSION STATEMENT

Creating, teaching and leaving a lasting legacy of love.

ENROLLMENT TERMS

In order to retain your student's enrollment at KKCA, payment will be required in full regardless of your student's actual attendance at any given period. Full tuition is still due regardless of operational status (holiday closures, inclement weather, student illness/vacation).

Payments are accepted in the form of cash or personal check or money order/cashier check. Partial payments are not accepted. **Checks are to be made payable to: KKCA**

A \$25.00 Insufficient Funds Fee will be incurred for all returned payments.

SCHOOL HOURS

K3 & Pre-K students must be present by 8:30am. The instructional period of our private school program begins promptly at 8:30am and finishes at 3:30pm Monday-Friday. The tuition cost covers attendance for the entire operational day of 6:30am-6:00pm; students may arrive as early as 6:30am and attend as late as 6:00pm.

Students are not permitted to attend after 8:30am unless notice of late arrival has been provided to the school secretary either by email: kkcareception@gmail.com or by phone call: (405) 794-0708 x 302. Late arrivals may be admitted after 8:30am only with a provided doctor's note and previous notification to the school secretary.

Breakfast is provided from 8:00am-8:15am; if your student arrives after 8:15am; they must finish their breakfast from home prior to entering their classroom.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

K3: Students must be at least 3 years of age by September 1st and fully potty-trained

K4: Students must be at least 4 years of age by September 1st and fully potty-trained

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

1). Copy of immunizations. Immunizations required for admission can be located on pages of this handbook. Exemptions to the immunization law may be granted in accordance with the state law and State Health Department requirements.


2). Completed enrollment registration packet and enrollment fee.

TUITION, ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE

1). Tuition Rates: \$700.00 per student due monthly on the 1ST OR \$350.00 per student due bi-monthly on the 1st and the 15th

2). Discounts: 5% Sibling Discount off total monthly tuition cost. 10% Community Partner Discount of total monthly tuition cost for active employees of Moore Public Schools, City of Moore and Active Duty Military Members. Cannot combine Sibling Discount and Community Partner Discount. Must provide a copy of your most recent paystub or employee identification upon enrollment to receive discount and provide copy of such annual at time of re-enrollment.

3). Fee's: Late Pick-Up Fees, Late Payment Fee's & Returned Check Fee's (refer to corresponding policies in handbook)

4).  All tuition payments are required to be paid via a recurring ACH Debit Charge. Enrollment fees must be paid by check payable to KKCA. Credit card payments are also accepted but will incur a 5% fee.

4). Regardless of your student's monthly attendance (illness, vacation, school closure for holidays or weather related) or program enrollment the full month's tuition still applies and is due according to the individual tuition schedules located on pages of this handbook.

4). Enrollment Fees and Annual Re-enrollment fee payments are made by check or cash.

Checks are to be made payable to: KKCA

5). All new and returning private school students must pay an annual registration fee \$250.00 per student in order for their enrollment to be reserved on the class roster for the following school year. Existing student's receive enrollment preference for the following school year but all fees and enrollment forms must be submitted by the early registration deadline in order reserve their students enrollment for the following year. Available enrollments for the following school year are offered to families on our waitlist after the priority enrollment deadline ends for existing families.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

KKCA requires a written two week notice as courtesy to inform the school of your family's decision. All outstanding balances are due at the time of notice to withdraw as is the final two weeks of tuition in full. Tuition will not be refunded for any reason. Any unpaid outstanding tuition will be turned over to collections.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Student Classroom Supply Lists can be found on our website at: [Family Resources \(kkcaowls.com\)](https://www.kkcaowls.com)

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Voicemails and emails will be returned by your student's teacher during their planning period. Messages (written notes or phone calls) may be left with the reception desk to be shared with your student's teacher. Parents and teachers are not permitted to message their student's teacher or administration through social media. If a message is received via social media, it will not be returned/replied to. **All parent/teacher communication must be sent via the appropriate email address, Class DOJO account, written notes or via phone call. Please utilize the contact list on page 3 of this handbook to reach your student's teacher via the correct phone extension and email address.**

SCHOOL EMERGENCY/REMINDERS COMMUNICATION

All parents are required to download the free Remind 101 app to receive administrative level communications regarding school emergencies or reminders. Instructions to sign up KKCA's Remind 101 account is located on our website at: [Family Resources \(kkcaowls.com\)](http://FamilyResources(kkcaowls.com))

FIELD TRIP POLICY

Each student must have an authorized parent/guardian transport to/from and accompany/supervise them during the field trip. A permission slip and field trip fees must be turned in to your student's teacher by the deadline in order to attend. Field trips are an extension of classroom studies and are designed to engage parents with their KKCA student, therefore only KKCA students and their parent/guardian are permitted to attend. There will not be any alternative care/daycare at KKCA for students who do not participate in the field trip. Should you choose for your student to not attend the field trip, you are responsible for making other arrangements for your student on field trip days. KKCA is not liable for any student's transportation to and from the field trip or for the supervision of any student while on the field trip. All students must sign in and sign out with their homeroom teacher upon arriving and before leaving from the field trip. No refunds will be issued once payment is received in the event you are unable to attend; all funds received immediately purchase admission tickets for all signed up to attend the field trip.

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is prohibited on or near the premises of KKCA. Please refrain from smoking indoors, near the entrances/exits or near the playground while on school premises.

CELLULAR DEVICE POLICY

We kindly request that all KKCA families refrain from using their cellular devices during arrival and departure times for communication and safety purposes.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO REPORT ABUSE/NEGLECT

KKCA is required by Oklahoma State law to report all instances of suspected child abuse /neglect in regards to physical, emotional and/or mental forms of abuse and/or neglect to OKDHS. If a faculty member suspects that a student is being abused/neglected they are not required to disclose their concern to the students' family or administration but they do retain the legal right to report abuse/neglect anonymously to the OKDHS Hotline. All reports of abuse/neglect will be investigated promptly by OKDHS.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Parents will check-in their student for the day at the reception desk in the lobby and a faculty member will escort your child and their belongings to their classroom. Parents may only pass beyond the lobby through the school if they have signed in as a visitor at the reception desk.

DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Students must sign their student out at the reception desk in the lobby and a faculty member will escort your student to the lobby with their belongings for their departure. Parents may only pass beyond the lobby through the school if they have signed in as a visitor at the reception desk.

LATE-PICK UP POLICY:

Late pick-up policy (per front desk clock):

First Occurrence: 5-15 minutes late after 6pm will result in a \$25.00 late pick up fee on your next ACH payment.

Second Occurrence: 5-15 minutes late after 6pm will result in a \$50.00 late pick up fee on your next ACH payment.

Third Occurrence: 5-15 minutes late after 6pm will result in a required 5:30pm pick up time for a 30 day period, plus a \$50.00 late pick up fee.

*Any late pick-ups over 15 minutes past 6pm regardless of number of occurrences will result in an automatic \$50.00 late fee and a 5:30pm pick up time for the next 30 day period. If late pick-up's occur during the 30 day period; same fees will apply as listed above however any occurrences past 15 minutes late will result in a one day suspension of attendance with full tuition will still be required.

ILLNESS & INJURY POLICY

When any person designated by the school administration observes a students with any of the below symptoms, they may choose to exclude the student from school activities to limit further exposure and/or notify a parent to come pick up their student from school. To best protect our students and faculty from further exposure to illness, students who have been excluded from school with any of the below symptoms or illnesses must be cleared by a physician and have a written doctor's release before returning to school and they must also be free of fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours without the utilization of fever reducing medication.

Fever of 100.5 or higher (taken orally)

Sore throat or tonsillitis with fever (Strep throat), scarlet fever

Rash with or without fever or skin infection

Nasal discharge with fever

Severe cough

Undiagnosed redness/inflammation/infection of the eye or eyelids (Pink eye, conjunctivitis)

Vomiting and/or diarrhea with or without fever

Head lice, ring worm, scabies, ringworm, pinworms

Meningitis

Hepatitis

Measles, Mumps, Rubella

Mononucleosis (Mono)

Positive Covid-19: 10-day quarantine

Direct Exposure to Positive Case of Covid-19: Temporary absence from school until results of covid test are provided

Positive Flu A/B: 5 day absence from school regardless of doctor's release and free of fever/symptoms for 24 hours.

In the event your child becomes injured and requires medical assistance, 911 will be called first, followed by assessment and treatment of your student. Once your student is stable and the situation has been assessed and/or taken over by medical professionals, faculty will then proceed to notify parents/guardians.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY

KKCA will only administer prescribed or over the counter medication to your student if:

- 1). The medication is in its original container
- 2). The medication must be accompanied with a note from the parent/guardian that includes:
 - a). Dosage amount
 - b). Dosage frequency
 - c). Name of medication
 - d). Reason for medication
 - e). Time the last dosage was administered
 - f). Parents signature
 - g). Special instructions (take with food, no milk, keep refrigerated etc.)
- 3). Parent must also sign off on the medication administration log at pick-up to verify when last dosage was administered.

SECURITY POLICY/AUTHORIZED PERSONS

If someone other than the parent/custodian (must be an authorized person on your student's registration form) will be picking up your student from school, a written note/email/phone call must be received by the school from the parents first before your child will be released. The authorized person must also present a photo identification prior to gaining access to the school.

Every family is given a unique 4-digit PIN for access into the school. This PIN is only to be shared between the students' parents or primary guardians.

Do not share your PIN with others including people listed on your students' enrollment paperwork as authorized and/or emergency contacts. Please do not teach your student the PIN and refrain from allowing them to push the green exit button so that what we teach our students about security remains consistent even when with family.

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Any change of contact information for the parents, emergency contact, authorized individuals and/or student (phone numbers, address and/or email address) must be reported to the school office immediately by the parent.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

KKCA strives to produce a healthy and productive learning environment for all of our students by teaching our students how to make Christ-like decisions in regard to their behaviors and actions toward others. We strive to teach our students courtesy, manners, respect, cooperation, responsibility/accountability, cleanliness, honesty and timeliness in all social matters and materials.

Level 1: When a student engages in inappropriate conduct the following steps may be used to achieve appropriate behaviors/attitudes:

- Verbal reminder of classroom rules
- Corrective look, time out
- Classroom behavior management consequences (Classroom Dojo App for Android/iPhone)
- Note or phone call to parents

Level 2: If behavior doesn't improve through these efforts or the student continues to be a disruption to the learning environment:

- Request for Parent Teacher Conference
- A phone call from faculty/administration will be made to the parents and parents will be given two options:
 - 1). They can come to the school to provide disciplinary action for their student within two hours of the phone call OR.
 - 2). They can choose to take their child home for the remainder of the day.

Level 3: If behavior continues to deteriorate, the student will be suspended from all school activities for the day. School work will be sent home for the student to complete and return the following morning.

Level 4: After repeated instances or failure to correct, the student enrollment may be dismissed.

*****You will NOT be reimbursed for tuition for days when your child is suspended or expelled from the school*****

Examples of inappropriate conduct: (not all inclusive)

- Causes physical harm to another student or teacher (hitting, punching, biting, kicking, spitting, etc.)
- Bullying a fellow student (repetitive physical or verbal action which causes emotional, physical or mental harm to a fellow student)
- Uses inappropriate language (written or spoken)
- Continuous disruptive behavior that doesn't improve with discipline or redirection
- Intentionally causes physical damage to school property (leaving equipment beyond repair or causes over \$50.00 in repairs)

Additional instances for enrollment termination include (this list is not all inclusive and KKCA reserves the right to terminate enrollment at its discretion)

- 1). Consistently late tuition payments, non-payments and multiple returned checks.
- 2). Consistently late in picking up your student from school.
- 3). Parents/Guardians are defamatory or disrespectful towards the school, program, faculty, administration, student body and/or fellow families.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather which causes Moore Public Schools to be closed for the day or released early, KKCA will be closed unless prior arrangements have been made with me before. We will assess the situation of the roads every morning for subsequent school closings and send out a text via the Remind 101 account to notify you of our operational status as well as posting our decision on the KKCA Facebook Page.

Remind 101 is a free emergency text-based system that the school utilizes to inform parents as a mass group for weather related emergencies. All parents are required to sign-up. See appendix for instructions.

In the event weather becomes inclement while your child is at school, you will be notified to pick-up your child within 2 hours of notification. This is for both the protection and safety of you and your child in the event the weather and/or roads become treacherous. In the event utilities at the school are affected by the weather, KKCA will be closed.

In the event of an active Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service, students will be sheltered in the saferooms located outdoors on the playground. If the weather situation calls for us to shelter the students, a message through Remind 101 will be sent to all parents or call to all parents ahead of time. Once the all clear is given, a message will be sent via Remind 101 **(for sign up information, see appendix)** to all parents to notify them that it is safe to pick up their student from school. **If Cleveland County or Oklahoma County is in an active Tornado Warning, do not attempt to retrieve your child from school.**

It is the parents discretion to pick-up early or be absent from school should there be a day with potential severe weather. Attendance will not be affected by severe weather days should you decide to keep your student at home or pickup early. At this time, we prefer to evacuate all students and faculty from school grounds by parent/guardian pick-up with a minimum of 2 hours' notice as long as we have ample preparation time to do so.

STORM SHELTER USAGE POLICY

KKCA has two above ground safe rooms located outdoors on the playground thanks to the support of our families and fundraising efforts over the past few years. Until we are able to install the remaining three shelters, usage of the shelters will be for emergency purposes only. We will still dismiss early, request students be picked up from the school and proceed to shelter and lockdown procedures of those students and staff remaining on site. Our preference is that we shelter as few students and faculty as possible until we can safely shelter our entire school body. Should be need to take shelter, shelters are only for students and

faculty. The doors will remain locked until we receive the all clear. Doors will not open once students and faculty are safely sheltered. Please continue to utilize Remind 101 for weather related school closures or dismissals and make arrangements ahead of time to pick your student up from school so that we can safely shelter as few as possible.

MEAL SERVICE

BREAKFAST (8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.)

The school will provide students with a breakfast and whole milk if present during breakfast meal service times. Breakfast is promptly over at 8:15 a.m. If your student arrives after 8:15am, they must finish their breakfast from home prior to entering their classroom.

LUNCH (11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

The school will provide students with a lunch and whole milk if present during lunch meal service times. Students may also choose to bring a lunch from home in an insulated lunchbox with a cold pack to keep meals cold till lunchtime. Lunch boxes and cold packs should be clearly labeled with your students first and last name. Meals should be simple and require minimal heating/preparation (sandwiches, lunchables etc). No sodas or candy allowed. The school will provide whole milk for all lunches. The school will also provide an afternoon snack and 100% juice.

SNACK (2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

The school will provide students with an afternoon snack and drink if present during afternoon snack meal service times.

GRADING POLICY

A baseline developmental and academic assessment is performed on each student within the first 30 days of enrollment or within the first 30 days of the start of the school year. Additional assessments are performed every nine weeks. Students will receive a report card and parents are invited to attend a scheduled parent-teacher conference every nine weeks to discuss their student's academic and developmental progress in detail. Faculty is available to discuss any concerns with you regarding your students' progress at any point in the school year but by appointment only.

REPORT CARDS, PROGRESS REPORTS, PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Students will be sent home with their report card every nine weeks (October, January, March and May)

Parent signatures are required on the report cards and must be returned to their student's teacher within two days of receipt. Parents will be invited to sign up for a parent teacher conference each semester to privately discuss their child's academic and developmental progress with their student's teacher. (October and March)

ACADEMIC GRADING SCALE

K3 & Pre-K classes are graded academically according to the below scale:

E: 91-100%	S+: 81-90%	S: 66-80%	N: 61-65%	U: 0-60%
Meets all criteria for excellent progress in all academic areas.	Meets all criteria for satisfactory progress in all academic areas.	Participates in all activities encouraged by the teacher(s).	Inconsistent in participating in class activities.	Participation in class activities is unsatisfactory.
Consistently demonstrates high level of understanding of concepts/skills/content taught and can apply to other situations.	Consistently demonstrates an understanding of concepts/skills/content taught.	Often demonstrates understanding of concepts/skills/content taught.	Inconsistent in demonstrating understanding of concepts/skills/content taught.	Shows minimal understanding of concepts/skills/content taught.
Completes tasks provided by the teacher(s) beyond regularly assigned activities.	Completes all tasks provided by the teacher(s) within time period allotted.	Frequently needs guidance to complete assignments.	Even with encouragement, inconsistent with completing assigned tasks.	Failing to meet acceptable standards in daily work.

CONDUCT GRADING SCALE

Conduct is scored separately from academic achievement and is broken down into two groups: Work/Study Habits and Citizenship.

Work/Study Habits include the student's ability to listen attentively, follow directions, complete work on time, take pride in his/her work, work neatly and independently, make good use of time and carry out assigned responsibilities.

Citizenship is graded on the student's exhibition of self-control and self-discipline, courtesy, good manners, ability to get along well with others and respect for those in authority, for school property and the property of others.

E: Excellent	S: Satisfactory	N: Need Improvement	U: Unsatisfactory
Very consistent in demonstrating all characteristics listed under citizenship and work/study habits.	Usually demonstrates all characteristics listed under citizenship and work/study habits.	Often fails to demonstrate one or more of the characteristics listed under citizenship and work/study habits.	Consistently fails to demonstrate one or more of the characteristics listed under citizenship and work/study habits.

DRESS CODE

Students are permitted to wear clothing that is in line with current fashions however out of concern for modesty and safety, the below items are prohibited for students to wear.

Every Friday is school spirit day! Students wear your school t-shirts/sweatshirts/hoodies!

GIRLS:

Dresses/Skirts: Girls must wear a pair of knit style shorts beneath their dress/skirt

Shoes: Any style.

Hats: No ball caps unless it is for a special function for the classroom

Jewelry: Stud style earrings only, no necklaces or bracelets.

BOYS:

Shoes: Any style.

Hats: No ball caps unless it is for a special function for the classroom

Jewelry: No jewelry of any kind.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Unless a teacher specifically requests/allows a student to bring a personal possession to school (ex: Show & Tell Day); students are not permitted to bring toys, handheld electronic devices or cell phones to school. KKCA is not responsible for these items or the replacement cost should a student bring any of these items onto school premises.

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