

On Campus Childcare

The goal of Children's Ministry is to care for all the children in our ministry in a safe, fun way that always teaches them about Jesus. Sometimes, that means that childcare is provided on-campus by caring workers separate from Children's Ministry programming on Sundays or special events. Our desire is to support our families in their need to come together for fellowship, community groups, Bible studies, etc. To accomplish this in a safe way, the following policies must be followed.

- 2 adult workers minimum per group of children up to 13 children max per room
 - Once 13 children are in a class, another class must be opened and another 2 adult workers are needed
- High school students may be utilized as helpers to support the adult workers, not in place of an adult worker
- Adult workers must be fingerprinted, background checked and complete the child protection training provided by Children's Ministry prior to being scheduled
- Parents must meet on-campus during their meetings so they can be there if something is needed (example: community group that meets in the Space while childcare is happening in the Children's hallway)
 - Or, if this cannot happen, it is recommended that 1 parent from the group stays with the children each week. This can be rotated so no parent has to do it every week.
- Adult workers must be accessible via cell phone HOWEVER must not be on their phone for personal reasons while caring for children
- Parents must leave contact information so they can be reached in an emergency
- Classrooms in the Children's Hallway are shared between church and preschool. Please make sure the room is cleaned up and left ready for either preschool or Sunday programming (whichever is coming next)
 - Any toys that have been placed in a child's mouth must be cleaned with antibacterial cleanser. Play food and other toys should be sprayed with cleaning spray.
- In case of an injury during childcare, parents must be alerted and first aid must be administered by a trained adult worker. If appropriate, 911 must be called by another adult worker. Children's Ministry staff must be notified immediately of any 911 calls.
- If a class would like to utilize the playground they may do so. A class should be on the playground as a group with both adult workers there for supervision.
- All workers must read and agree to abide by the policies in the Child Protection Policy