

## ACES – Quality, Affordable, Convenient

*Our school offers the Guilford County Schools (GCS) After-School Care Enrichment Services (ACES) program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. ACES offers a structured balance of academic, enrichment and recreational after-school activities with a child-to-staff ratio of 20:1. The program expands children's experiences, extends their learning and provides warm and caring support. ACES also helps strengthen our school's educational partnership with parents and students.*

During the program, ACES students:

- Work on homework and other academically enriching activities,
- Develop friendships while studying and playing with schoolmates,
- Strengthen social skills and physical fitness by participating in fun indoor and outdoor sports and games,
- Participate in hands-on enrichment activities such as arts and crafts, drama, music and computer projects,
- Build character traits such as respect, kindness, responsibility, honesty and citizenship and
- Enjoy a healthy afternoon snack prepared by the GCS Nutrition Services staff.

## Enrollment

To enroll your child, fill out both sides of the ACES enrollment application and return it to our school's ACES site coordinator. (See COSTS and PAYMENTS section for additional information.)

Please turn in your application on the following dates:

- **April 7 – 18, 2008**     **Current ACES students and siblings**
- **April 21 – May 2, 2008**     **Incoming kindergarten students, new magnet school students or other new students**
- **Beginning May 12, 2008**     **Open enrollment on a space-available basis**

ACES accepts enrollment applications throughout the school year on a space available basis. Students enrolling after spaces are filled are placed on the ACES waiting list. Enrollment applications are not accepted from families with past due accounts.

## Financial Assistance For Tuition

ACES schools licensed by the NC Division of Child Development accept childcare vouchers from the Guilford County Department of Social Services (DSS) and scholarships from Guilford Child Development. Eligible parents can apply for DSS childcare vouchers at the Guilford County DSS Child Day Care Services office, 1203 Maple St., Greensboro (641-3715) or at 300 S. Centennial St., High Point (845-7841). Parents ineligible for DSS assistance and who live or work in Greensboro may be eligible for Guilford Child Development daycare scholarships. Interested parents should contact Guilford Child Development at 1200 Arlington St., Greensboro (378-7700).

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## Costs And Payments

**Annual Fee** - The ACES 2008-09 annual fee is \$1,560 (10-month calendar schools) per student. To provide parents or guardians the convenience of making consistent weekly payments, we divided the annual fee into 39 equal payments of \$40. The ACES tuition fee includes the cost of care, afternoon snacks and program materials. During times when students attend ACES for the whole day (ACES All-Day), they receive breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack.

**Weekly Payments** - Weekly payments do not increase during weeks with an ACES Extended-Day or ACES All-Day and are the same regardless of the number of ACES days in the week or the number of days a student attends. Parents or guardians must make weekly payments even during weeks when a student is absent the entire week. It is important to remember that the weekly payment is one of the 39 equal payments for the year, and is not payment for a particular week.

**Enrollment** - During the enrollment period for current ACES students and siblings, please include a \$40 non-refundable payment for the first week with the enrollment application. (Exception: If the ACES site coordinator has verification that the parent or guardian will make payment through DSS or other childcare vouchers, the payment is not due until the first week of service.) For new ACES students, please submit payment or a copy of the DSS voucher eligibility letter immediately after the ACES site coordinator sends notification that the child is in the program.

**Payments Due on Monday** - Payments are due each Monday or on the first ACES day of the week. Parents or guardians may make as many advance weekly payments as they choose. Parents will be denied service if weekly payments are not paid on time. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute, per child is charged for each minute that a child remains after 6:01 p.m. Repeated late pickups may cause the principal to dismiss the child from ACES.

## Snacks And Meals

ACES students receive snacks that meet United States Department of Agriculture nutritional standards. On ACES All-Days, this includes a simple breakfast and lunch.

## ACES Activities

**AfterSchool KidzLit®** - Because of the importance of reading skills in elementary education, ACES uses the AfterSchool KidzLit® reading enrichment program. Group leaders read books aloud and facilitate activities such as discussions, games, drama, art, music or writing that help students extend their thinking about the ideas in the stories.

**CATCH Kids Club®** - ACES uses the CATCH Kids Club® kit and other fun physical fitness activities to provide 30 minutes a day of physical activity at a moderate to vigorous intensity level.

**ACES Environment** - The design of the ACES area and resources meets the developmental needs and interests of school-age children. Activities include arts and crafts, music, movement, blocks and construction, drama, language/reading, math/reasoning, science/nature and cultural awareness.

**ACES Field Trips** - On some ACES All-Days, students can enjoy trips to local museums, historical sites, theatres, bowling lanes and activity centers. There may be an additional fee for some field trips.

## Days And Hours Of Operation

**Regular School Days** - School dismissal until 6 p.m.

**ACES Extended-Days** - Early dismissal until 6 p.m.

**ACES All-Days** - 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Due to make-up days for inclement weather, some All-Days may become regular school days.

**Academic Camp at Hampton Leadership Academy** - Both All-Day and after-school care is provided.

**ACES does not operate on school holidays and breaks or when school is dismissed early or closed for students due to inclement weather conditions.**

*The ACES Calendar for 2008-09 is available from the ACES site coordinator.*

## ACES Parent Information

Parents can receive the ACES Parent Handbook and other information from the ACES site coordinator or by visiting the GCS Web site, [www.gcsnc.com/programs/aces.htm](http://www.gcsnc.com/programs/aces.htm).

## ACES Staff Training

The ACES site coordinator and at least one group leader receive training in playground safety, first aid, CPR and preventing disease transmission. ACES staff members work as a team to provide quality care, setting behavior expectations, actively supervising ACES children and building relationships with students and families. The training also provides hands-on experience staff can use to engage ACES students in physical fitness and science-related activities.

## Health Conditions

It is important that ACES staff members know if a child has a health condition or is receiving services for any condition. Administration of medication to students at school is governed by Guilford County Schools policy JGCD and procedure JGCD-P, *Administration of Medications to Students*, and policy JGHB and procedure JGHB-P, *Students with Food Allergies*.

## Accidents And Emergencies

If a student is in need of emergency medical care, parents or guardians are responsible for any expenses charged by an EMS team, doctor or hospital for their child's care. School accident insurance is available through the school office.

## Code Of Conduct And Discipline

The GCS Student Handbook contains the district's policies and procedures regarding student conduct and discipline. In addition, each school has a handbook outlining school procedures and rules. ACES conduct and discipline procedures align with district and school policies and procedures.

## Changes In Contact Information

Parents or guardians must notify the school office and ACES site coordinator in writing when there are changes in contact information, emergency contact and pick-up authorization or the student's medical condition.

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