ACES – Quality, Affordable, Convenient

Guilford County Schools invites parents to choose the district's After-School Care Enrichment Services (ACES) program for quality, affordable and convenient after-school care. ACES is the place where students in kindergarten through fifth grade can study and play with schoolmates in a child-centered environment.

ACES provides 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. Involvement in ACES helps build positive school-family relationships and strengthens our schools' educational partnership with parents and students.

During the program, ACES students:

- Pursue academic excellence by working 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, multi-cultural enrichment activities in areas such as arts and crafts, drama, music and computer projects,
- Develop strong moral character as they learn about character traits such as respect, kindness, responsibility, honesty and citizenship and
- Enjoy a healthy afternoon snack prepared by the GCS Nutrition Services staff.

Cluster Sites

Students attending an elementary school that does not have an ACES program can enroll at a near-by, designated ACES program. Information regarding enrollment and transportation can be obtained from the students' school or the district's ACES Programs office.

Enrollment

To enroll your child, fill out both sides of the ACES enrollment application and return it to the school's ACES site coordinator along with the $15 enrollment fee. (See COSTS and PAYMENTS, and ENROLLMENT PERIODS sections for additional information.)

Enrollment Periods

Please turn in your application on the following dates:

- **May 4 – 15, 2009** — **Guaranteed enrollment for current ACES students & siblings**
- **Beginning May 18, 2009** — **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

Guilford County Schools chose to obtain a NC Division of Child Development child care license for each ACES program so eligible parents can pay ACES tuition using childcare vouchers from the Guilford County Department of Social Services (DSS). 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).

ACES Programs

Guilford County Schools, 120 Franklin Blvd.
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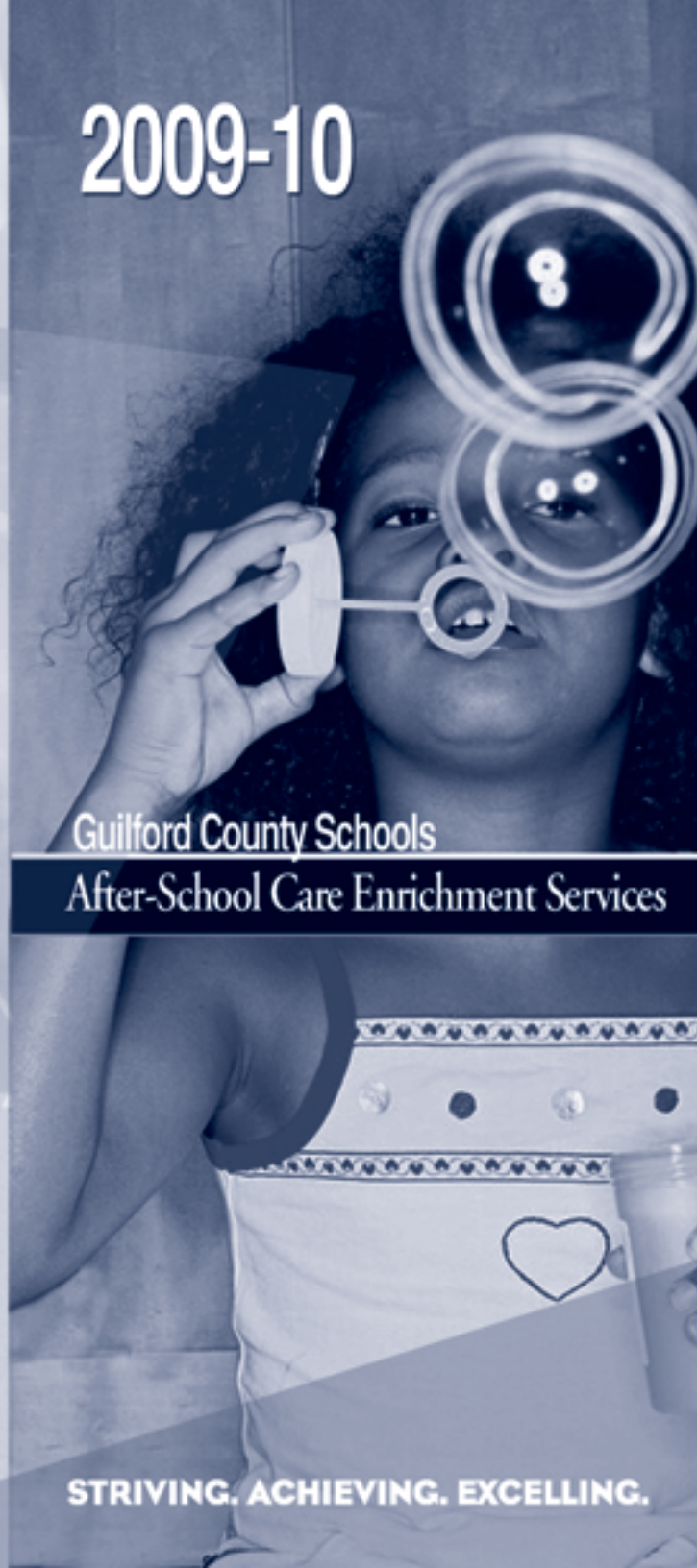

Guilford County Schools
After-School Care Enrichment Services

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Costs And Payments

Enrollment Fee - A $15 non-refundable enrollment fee is due when the initial ACES enrollment application for the school year is submitted for a student. The enrollment fee reserves a space for the child in the ACES program. If all spaces are filled, the enrollment fee enables the child to be placed on the ACES waiting list until a space becomes available in the appropriate group during that school year. If no space becomes available the fee will be reimbursed. The enrollment fee is not required for students who have a DSS child care voucher.

Annual Fee - The ACES 2009-10 annual fee is $1,794 (10-month calendar schools) per student. To provide parents or guardians the convenience of making consistent weekly payments, the annual fee is divided into weekly payments of $46. The ACES tuition fee includes the cost of care, afternoon snacks and program materials. 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. The only exception is for a two-ACES-day week when the fee is decreased to $23. The weekly fee is due regardless of the number of days a student attends during the week, and must be paid even when a student is absent the entire week.

Payments Due on Monday - Payments are due each Monday or on the first ACES day of the week. Parents may make as many advance weekly payments as they choose. Parents will be denied service if weekly payments are not paid on time.

All-Day Activity Fee - An $8.00 activity fee is charged for each ACES All-Day your child attends to cover field trips and special on-site activities. The fee is waived for students who have a DSS child care voucher.

Late Pick-Up Fee - 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 pick-ups may cause the principal to dismiss the child from ACES.

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 All-Days - On teacher workdays designated as ACES All-Days, students can enjoy field trips to local museums, historical sites, theatres, bowling lanes and activity centers or participate in special activities and events provided on-site.

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.

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.

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 2009-10 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.

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 needs emergency medical care during ACES, 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.