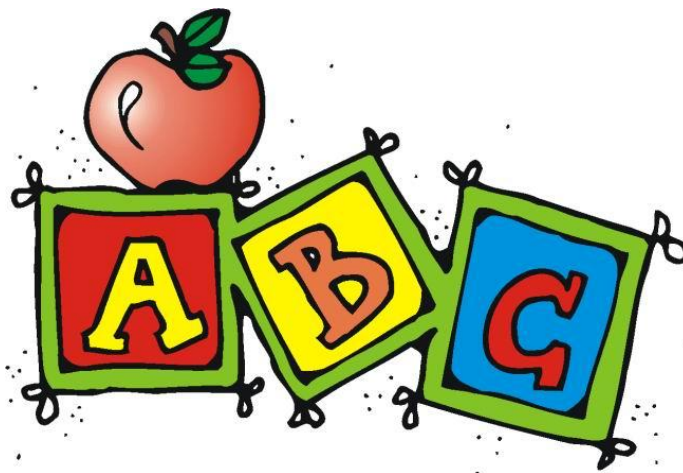


Wilson Primary Preschool Family Handbook School Year 2015-2016

At Wilson We Make A Difference - One Student At A Time.



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***Preschool Hours: 8:00-2:00
Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.***

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Welcome to our school! We are excited about getting to work with your family! Wilson Primary Preschool is dedicated to the learning process of your child as an individual and also as a contributing member of tomorrow's society.

Mission: Provide a high quality early care and education setting that promotes the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development in order to allow students to develop to their maximum potential while preparing them for college and career readiness in a global society.

Philosophy: Working together with parents and community, we will strive to develop students' intellectual, physical, moral, emotional, aesthetic, creative, and social growth so that the student may become a useful and responsible member of home, community, and society while leading a personally rewarding life.

In this booklet you will find valuable information regarding your child's learning, school policies and regulations. Please take the time to read it and discuss it with your child. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

ABOUT WILSON PRIMARY PRESCHOOL

Mr. Nick Attridge – Principal

Ms. Jennifer Lane- Assistant Principal

Ms. Alva Samora - Secretary

- Assistant to the Principal
- Pictures, certificates and awards
- Parent contacts

Ms. Sandra Villarreal - Data Clerk

- Attendance
- Records
- Withdraws and transfers

Mrs. Monique Burns – Health Services

- Vaccinations
- Wellness
- Assistance for medical, dental and other health services

School hours:

8:00 School begins
2:00 Dismissal

Wilson Primary Preschool is provided free of charge for qualified families. We will not discriminate based on race, nationality, or beliefs.

PRESCHOOL REQUIREMENTS/ENROLLMENT

Children must be 4 years of age before September 1st of the current school year.

Provide proof of the child's legal residency.

Family must meet financial enrollment requirements.

Students must have required immunizations.

Children must have mastered independent toileting skills or be very close to doing so, unless there are special conditions that prevent the child from mastering these skills. When the child is physically and developmentally able to do so, this is a parent responsibility.

To enroll, please complete a pre-registration application. A staff member will call you with a registration appointment so that all registration materials can be completed with a staff member.

All registration forms will be reviewed and the children with the greatest need will be selected for classes (based on a point system). A waiting list will be created when class sizes reach maximum enrollment. New students will be enrolled when space becomes available.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Wilson Primary School Preschool makes use of High Scope Curriculum, a research-based developmentally appropriate curriculum to foster social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. In addition, Wilson Primary Preschool provides an environment that allows children to learn through interaction, exploration, manipulation and self-discovery. Lesson plans will be posted in the classroom daily and will follow early learning standards. Students are assessed using the Teaching Strategies Gold.

You are asked to give input into the curriculum at monthly classroom parent meetings. Your input is very important to the success of your child's education.

Wilson Primary Preschool affirms the value of supporting and respecting the home language and culture in ways that support each child's well being.

Children will learn about healthy living at school. This includes careful hand washing, tooth brushing, home and street safety, grooming, discussions about drugs and alcohol, exercise, and learning about nutrition.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Wilson Primary Preschool serves special needs preschool children and their families. These special needs may include speech, physical and developmental delays. Therapy is provided by the Wilson School District staff and other service providers in the Wilson Primary Preschool Classrooms. If your child is found eligible for special needs services, he or she will be placed on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). You will be included in a collaborative team approach in which to develop goals and action steps to meet your child's special needs. You are encouraged to speak to your child's therapist or teacher about his or her progress as often as needed.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and being on time are critical in the learning process as both help the students to develop a good attitude toward school. Absences and tardiness are upsetting for students as these disrupt their schedules, require readjustment to the class routine, and slow down learning. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the school of a child's absence. When reporting an absence, please call 602-683-2500 and specify the reason for the absence such as colds, flu, etc. If the school is not notified early in the morning, a call will be made to determine the reason for the child's absence. It is the parent's responsibility to keep phone numbers up to date. When the student returns, the student must bring a note signed by the parent/guardian that states the reason for the absence.

Parents/Guardians are strongly urged to schedule medical, dental, and other appointments for students at times outside of the school day. This will reinforce the importance of school and will prevent the student from getting behind in his/her school work. Excused absences are given for illness, doctor, dental appointments or funeral attendance only. Students with excessive absences or tardies may be dropped from the program.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Students with excessive absences may be required to present a doctor's note in order to qualify for an "excused" absence. School administration will contact parents/guardians to work collaboratively to find a solution to the excessive absences. In addition, after 10 absences, a doctor's note is required for the absence to be excused.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians are responsible for contacting the school if a child will be absent for an extended period.

A Child may be dropped from the program for the following attendance reasons:

1. A child is absent 5 days in a row without an excused call or note.
2. A child is out of town for more than 10 days in a row.
3. A child misses frequently without a valid excuse and/or has accumulated 10 unexcused absences.
4. A child is continuously brought to school late or picked up late without a valid reason.

SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

Children must be signed in and out of school each day by the parent or a responsible person designated by the parent. Children should be dropped off at the classroom at the required starting time of 8:00 and picked up at the classroom at the required pick up time of 2:00. When signing your child in, we ask that you do so quickly (No more than 3-5 minutes). This helps your child with their transition and allows the teachers to get the children's day started. Also when signing children in or out the responsible person must sign their complete last name and may use their first initial. It is best to use the complete first and last name. This is a state licensing requirement.

Anyone who signs a child in or out must be authorized. DO NOT send a new person to pick up your child unless you first complete the necessary paperwork. Stop by the office to add a new person to the list. Any new person must present ID the first time they come for your child and must be at least 18 years of age.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

If it becomes necessary to have a child withdrawn from school, the school attendance clerk needs to be notified of the student's last day of attendance. The child will be checked out at the school office on the last attendance day. Parents/Guardians are required to sign a withdrawal form.

CUSTODY ISSUES

If there is a potential problem regarding child custody, please inform the Principal. Children will be released only to the parent/guardian on record.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parents are required to complete the emergency portion of the enrollment form for each child every year. List all health problems including allergies to foods, medicine, insect stings, etc. **It is very important to notify the school office of any address, phone numbers, business phone numbers, or emergency phone numbers that have changed during the year. Parents/Guardians are required to keep this information updated.**

BEHAVIOR

HOW WILL CHILDREN BE GUIDED AND DISCIPLINED?

In Wilson Primary Preschool we believe in positive behavior management. Every attempt will be made to teach each young child what good school behavior is and help them regulate their behavior. Teachers will work with children to share with friends, take turns, be good listeners, finish tasks, clean up after themselves, follow rules, solve disagreements, and make good decisions. Good behavior is valued and encouraged. Children will not be spanked, belittled or yelled at in Wilson Primary Preschool. Children will not be deprived of play or food as a form of discipline.

If a child misbehaves the teacher will:

1. Talk with the child privately and explain why the behavior cannot continue and what is expected.
2. Remove the child from the area where the problem is happening and direct his or her attention to a different activity.
3. Remove the child from the group for a short quiet time so that he or she can have time to gain control over the behavior.

If the problem is between two children the teacher will guide the children through the following steps:

1. Approach calmly, stopping any hurtful actions
2. Acknowledge children's feelings
3. Gather information
4. Restate the problem
5. Ask for ideas of solutions from the children and choose one together
6. Be prepared to give follow-up support

Persistent dangerous misbehavior may result in the child being removed from the classroom for a longer quiet time. The child will be returned to class when it is felt that he or she can again play in a safe

acceptable manner. If persistent and dangerous misbehavior continues, parents will be called and a conference will be scheduled to discuss the behavior and possible causes of this behavior. Wilson Primary Preschool strives to serve all children, however the safety of the children and staff must come first. Therefore, necessary changes may be made to your child’s schedule. It is expected that parents attend requested behavior conferences and work along with the program toward improved behavior for the child.

PRESCHOOL ATTIRE

Children should be dressed in comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. It is required that you send one extra set of clothes for your child to keep in his or her cubby. This should include shorts or, pants, skirts, tops or T-shirts, underwear and socks. Please send appropriate clothing that is suitable for current weather conditions. All children are expected to be toilet trained. We will change the child into the extra clothes if he or she has a bathroom accident or becomes wet during water play. Dirty clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag and you should wash and return the extra set for the cubby.

It is a good idea to label all extra clothes, sweaters, and jackets with the child's first and last name.

YES	NO
Post-type earrings, natural modifications of hair color/cut.	Tattoos, piercings of other body parts, dangling earrings, unnatural modifications (unnatural hair color, shaved eyebrows, shaving patterns into hair)
<i>No bandannas, perfumes, colognes, or body sprays.</i>	

FOOD SERVICE

The food available in the Cafeteria is provided by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Students are required to be served a lunch daily. The government has established strict guidelines we must follow to ensure the proper distribution of meals in a cost effective manner.

Children will be able to eat breakfast and lunch. Meals are prepared in the Wilson School cafeteria.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOODS FROM HOME FOR ANY REASON. This includes birthdays and other parties. Childcare regulations prohibit the distribution of “home cooked” foods from unlicensed kitchens to children at Wilson Primary School.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Please check the calendar for early release dates. Reminder notices will be sent home. On Early Release Days, preschool students will be **released at 12:15**. A reminder notice will be sent home.

FIRE DRILLS

Practice drills for fire or other emergencies will be held monthly.

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Wilson Primary Preschool will follow District procedures in case there is a dangerous person or hazardous condition on campus. Children will be brought inside and all doors locked until the problem has been assessed and resolved. During this time parents will not be permitted to enter or leave campus.

PESTICIDE USAGE

Wilson School District contracts with a fully licensed Pest Control Company for control of insects in the classrooms. Service is scheduled quarterly, during times when no students are present. This usually occurs during breaks in the school year like Fall, Winter and Spring break. Posting of the scheduled time of service, pesticide used, dilution, and contact information will be posted in the School office 72 hours in advance of treatment. Weed spraying is done by a Wilson School District employee who has been trained licensed and certified by the Office of Pest Management. Posting of public notification of treatment is done 72 hours in advance of treatment in accordance with laws governing pesticide application.

LOST AND FOUND

Please put names on clothing and personal belongings brought to school. Students may claim lost items from the **lost and found** in the front office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

State regulations require that each child have either supervised play or physical education class depending on the grade level. To be excused from P.E., a child must have a written note stating why and for how long he/she cannot participate. For up to one week, a parent/guardian may sign the excuse; but if the excuse is to be used for longer than one week, a doctor must sign the note. The Health Services Team can give emergency excuses.

SUN SAFETY

If weather permits children in Preschool will play outside for at least 30 minutes each day. Shade and drinking water are available at all times. If an administrator and/or teacher determines that daily outside temperatures are not advisable for outside play, the children will remain in the classroom to do large motor activities (**dancing**, exercise, etc.) during their playground time. If you would like to send sun screen, sun glasses, and a hat to protect your child, please mark them with the child's first and last name.

STUDENT PICK UP

Parents/guardians requesting to pick up students from school early will be required to provide a picture ID. No students will be released to any person under the age of 18 and/or not authorized by the parent/guardian. Please refrain from picking up students early from school.

Failure to pick up students in a timely manner will result in notification to DCS or Phoenix Police Department. Children who are left unattended will be considered abandoned. Students are not permitted to wait in the front office, outside of our school or at the Elementary School.

TRANSPORTATION OF WALKERS OR CAR RIDERS

- a. The Wilson Primary Preschool gates will open for the a.m. class at 8:00 so that parents may sign their children in.
- b. Each child must be signed in and out by an authorized person.
- c. Please park and lock cars as you are dropping off your children. Remember to never leave small children unattended in parked cars. Please **DO NOT PARK OR DROP OFF IN BUS LOADING ZONES** during school hours. Your car may be ticketed.
- d. Hold your child's hand at all times while crossing the street to the school. Do not let them run ahead. There is a lot of traffic during drop off and pick-up times and we want your child to be safe.
- e. Be sure to use car safety seats with a full harness in your car for all children under 40 pounds. For all other children over 40 pounds, but shorter than 4' 9" tall, they should be seated in a belt-positioning booster seat.
- f. Children will not be allowed on the playgrounds unsupervised at any time. As you are dropping off your children in the Wilson Primary Preschool classroom, do not leave younger siblings outside or on the playground. The District will not be responsible if your child is hurt on the playground.
- g. Please be on time to drop off your child at 8:00 or 12:00 and to pick up your child at 2:00.

TOY POLICY

Students are **NOT** to bring toys, games, trading cards, radios, CD players, other electronic devices, pets, gum, make-up, cologne, perfume, etc. to school. If brought to school, they will be confiscated and, in some cases, may not be returned. The school is NOT responsible for damaged, lost or stolen items.

FIELD TRIPS

Occasionally field trips are held in order to help children learn about the world around them and to provide new learning experiences. Field Trips will occur based on budget availability and will also take into consideration the developmental levels and safety of the children. When appropriate and budget permitting, new educational experiences may be brought to the school for the children. Transportation is provided by either the District bus, or in some cases, the children may walk to their field trip destination. Regulations require that the District transports your child to and from field trips. Field Trips may only occur once or twice per school year.

YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT A FIELD TRIP LOCATION OR PICK HIM UP FROM THAT LOCATION. YOUR CHILD MUST GO ON THE BUS AND RETURN THE SAME WAY.

Parents must sign a permission slip form for each trip. Your child will not be able to attend if we do not have a signed permission slip and may be placed with another group until his or her class returns from the field trip. Parent volunteers will help supervise their children on trips.

OLDER SIBLINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND FIELD TRIPS. OLDER SIBLINGS SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL AND WE DO NOT HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF THEIR IMMUNIZATIONS.

HEALTH SERVICES

When deciding whether to keep your child home from school, consider the following:

ASTHMA	If a breathing treatment was needed prior to coming to school, please send your child to school and inform the health office of the time the treatment was given and any other necessary information so that treatment can be continued, if needed, during lunchtime hours.
COLD SYMPTOMS	A child with mild cold symptoms without fever, and is otherwise feeling good may go to school.
DIARRHEA	A child with diarrhea should be kept home for 24 hours after the last loose stool. Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.
EARACHE	Consult your doctor without delay.
FEVER	Keep your child home if his/her fever is 100° or higher. Do not allow a child to return to school until he/she has been free of fever for 24 hours without medication for the fever.
HEAD LICE	Students found to have lice are required to go home and may not return to class until they have been treated and rechecked by the nurse or the nurse's assistant. All nits and eggs need to be removed prior to returning to school.
HEADACHE	A child whose only complaint is a headache can be sent to school.
SORE THROAT	A child whose only complaint is a sore throat and has no other symptoms should be sent to school. If the sore throat is accompanied by a headache, stomachache, or fever, keep your child home and call your doctor.
STOMACHACHE	Consult your doctor if your child has a severe stomachache which is enough to limit his/her activity.
TOOTHACHE	Contact your dentist.
VOMITING	Keep your child home for 24 hours after the last time he/she vomited and/or until the child can keep food down. . Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.

CHRONIC ILLNESSES

Yearly health questionnaires are sent home at the beginning of each school year. Please indicate any chronic or serious health concerns you may have regarding your student. If your child will require any special care or health procedures make sure to contact the health office directly and we will work with you to ensure any health care needs occurring during the school day are met.

FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

If your child has a food allergy, it is extremely important to notify the health office, teacher and cafeteria staff. A doctor's statement is required each new school year indicating what your child's allergy is and any special dietary needs your child may have. It is the parents' responsibility to provide this information to the health office. If assistance is needed, please speak to someone in the health office.

IMMUNIZATIONS

By law, parents must provide proof of all required immunizations prior to any child attending school in the state of Arizona. (Arizona law does provide exemptions for medical reasons, lab evidence of immunity, and personal beliefs). The only exception will be students who are considered to be homeless. A five (5) day grace period will be given. If assistance is needed in obtaining your child's immunization records please contact the community center liaison or the health office.

MEDICATIONS

All medications must be brought into the health office by a parent or guardian. Please note that inhalers for asthma are considered a medication. All medications must be brought in the original prescription bottle or box, with the pharmacy label attached. A consent form will also be required to be signed by a parent or guardian giving Wilson staff permission to administer any medication. Students **may not** bring any medication, prescription or otherwise onto campus.

HOW WILL MY CHILD'S HEALTH BE PROTECTED?

Each morning, the teachers will do a quick health check when your child enters. They will be looking for fever, sore throats, infections, rashes, head lice, and other contagious infestations. Children will not be allowed in the classroom with any of these symptoms. **Please stay with your child in the classroom until the health check is done.** If you are concerned that your child might be sick, keep them home! Please call and let us know each time why they are out. We will send flyers home describing the symptoms of any contagious disease or infestations that your child may have been exposed to while in school.

At health check time, teachers will also take note of any bruises, scratches, burns, or other signs of possible child abuse. If your child discloses a concern or if we detect a concern, these concerns will be reported to DCS, we are not accusing you of anything, we are just following the law and reporting what we see. We are "mandated reporters" and the law requires us to do this. DCS will investigate and offer your family support services if needed. Please allow your child to continue to come to school if this should happen.

We expect families to take care of any medical treatments or dental treatments that are needed. Also we expect you to take your child for all required immunizations. Children will not be allowed to attend school if you have failed to take them for shots when you have been notified that they are due. You have 15 days after notification to do this.

WHAT IF THERE IS AN INJURY AT SCHOOL?

Most small cuts, bumps, and bruises can be washed and band-aids applied here. You will receive an "OUCH" report to tell you what happened. You will be called immediately if your child is ill or injured and doctor's treatment is needed. Your emergency numbers will be called if we cannot reach you. So remember to keep your contacts current.

In a serious emergency, we may call in the Wilson School nurse or "911" paramedics. First aid will be administered by trained staff until help arrives. Emergency numbers and first aid procedures are posted in each classroom.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Wilson Primary encourages parents/guardians to take an active role in their child's school. Numerous opportunities are available to become an educational partner.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit the school. We do ask that as a courtesy, you notify the teacher before visiting. In addition, State law requires that you **check in and out** at the school office. You must wear a visitor badge while on campus. For safety of our children, the office must be aware of the identity and location of anyone on the school grounds when classes are in session. We DO NOT allow children from other schools to visit during school hours.

If you are interested in participating on an advisory board or site council, please contact the School Secretary.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Formal conferences are scheduled twice a year. Please check the calendar for specific dates. Conferences provide an opportunity to review the student's progress in all areas of their school experience. Other conferences can be arranged by calling the school office or sending a note to your child's teacher.

PHONE CALLS TO TEACHERS

Parents and Guardians, who would like to talk to their child's teacher, should call the school office either before school begins at 8:00 or after school dismissal at 2:00. However, if calls are made during class hours, the office will take a message. Please do not interrupt the learning in the classroom by stopping by without an appointment.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse is a very serious crime. Non-accidental injury, sexual molestation, abuse and neglect are required by law to be reported to Department of Child Safety and/or Phoenix Police Department.

STUDENT RECORDS

Student records are the property of the district. Examination of the records will be allowed only with proper school officials in attendance. School records shall not be removed from the school premises without the permission of the school principal. Copies of all records may be made by the school office for those authorized to receive them. The school maintains the following records which includes information about the child and the child's programs. Permanent cumulative records, health records, and Special Education records are not released without parent/guardian consent. By law, the district will maintain the permanent cumulative records indefinitely.

CHILD FIND

Search to serve – Do you know of or have a child in the Wilson School District Attendance Area who is: younger than 5 years old or school age and who has trouble walking, talking, hearing, seeing, visual problems, understanding, or learning? If you know of a child of any age who has any of these problems, he/she may be eligible to receive special services. Please contact the Special Education Secretary at (602)-683-2400, ext. 4205

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES DO PARENTS HAVE IN WILSON PRIMARY PRESCHOOL?

1. Take your child to medical appointments:
 - Initial Screenings (physical and dental)
 - Immunizations
 - Completion of all treatment
2. Help to make decisions for the program:
 - Serve on the Classroom Parent Committee or Policy Committee
 - Be a Classroom Parent Committee officer
3. Improve yourself
 - Attend parent classes, workshops, and meetings
 - Attend ESL, GED, or other adult education programs that may be offered
 - Prepare for a career in early childhood development if desired
 - Become a paid substitute, if you meet the qualifications
4. Assist with planning:
 - Attend all conferences and home visits to share information about your child and set goals
 - make suggestions for activities to teachers
 - Share your ideas at parent meetings
5. Assist with program Self Assessment:
 - Observe a classroom to assess quality and answer questionnaire to help us know you feel about the program
6. Volunteer or Visitor:
 - Prepare materials for school at home
 - Work in the classroom alongside your child
 - Share some of your cultural activities
 - Help in the office
 - Participate in field trips with your child
 - Observe your child

VOLUNTEER AND VISITOR INFORMATION

We encourage all families to donate 6 HOURS each month to the Wilson Primary Preschool program. You can donate this time as either a Wilson Primary Preschool Visitor or Wilson Primary Preschool Volunteer. As a **VISITOR** you can only work with your individual child in the classroom and as a **VOLUNTEER** you can support your child, other children and the program in variety of ways. Any Volunteer or Visitor who will be in the classroom working with the children more than 3 times during the school year will need a TB skin test. In order to work in a capacity for helping children other than your own child in the classroom as a **VOLUNTEER**, your work must be closely supervised by the classroom teachers. If you would like to work with children in a more independent manner as a **VOLUNTEER** in the classroom, you will need a finger print clearance card. Please see the Wilson Primary Preschool office staff to find out how to obtain this clearance. These rules apply to FIELD TRIPS AND LITERACY EVENTS or any activity where volunteers are in the presence of the children. If you are unable to come to Wilson Primary Preschool to volunteer or visit, please ask the classroom teacher for ways that you can donate time from home as an **ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER**.

Volunteers and visitors must provide proof of the results of the TB skin test to the Wilson Primary Preschool office before they will be allowed to volunteer or visit more than 3 times. If a volunteer or visitor receives a positive test, he or she must receive a chest X-Ray to prove the absence of TB. A copy of this result must also be provided to the office. This precaution is for the health and safety of the staff, children and families.

TB test may be offered free of charge at locations around the Valley. Availability of this service is dependent on funding. The following location may offer this service:

St. Vincent de Paul
420 W. Watkins St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 495-3004

When you come to volunteer or visit, please leave younger children at home with a responsible person as our license does not allow us to have them here. You will not be permitted to volunteer or visit if you have younger siblings with you or if you have not had a TB skin test after the third time in the presence of the children. If you wish to work as a paid substitute you must have extensive experience as a volunteer, have a TB test and immunizations, a finger print clearance card, a High School Diploma or GED and permission to work in the U.S. Please see Wilson Primary Preschool office for more details. Wilson Primary Preschool carries liability insurance as required by law.

WILSON PRIMARY PRESCHOOL LICENSING/REGULATING

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

This program is licensed and regulated by the Department of Health Services of the State of Arizona. Copies of inspections reports can be obtained from the department. If you wish to file a complaint regarding the facilities or the safety/health of your child in the program, the contact is:

Department of Health Services
Office of Child Care Licensure
150 N. 18th Avenue, Suite 400
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3224
Telephone: (602) 364-2539

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Confidentiality of education records is a right of public school students and their parents. This right is provided for by two federal laws, individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under these laws, "education records" means those records that are: (1) directly related to a student; and (2) maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. Of course, education records are maintained on every child enrolled in a public school. The types of information gathered and maintained includes, but is not limited to: the student's and parent's names, address and telephone number; the student's date and place of birth, date of enrollment in the school, records from previous schools attended, attendance records, subjects taken, grades, school activities, assessment results, number of credits earned, immunization records, disciplinary records, if any, correspondence from parents, and child find and other screening results, including hearing and vision screening results.

In addition, for children with disabilities, education records could include, among other things, evaluation and testing materials, medical and health information, each annual Individualized Education Program (IEP), notices to parents, notes regarding IEP meeting, parental consent documents, information provided by parents, progress reports, assessment results, materials related to disciplinary actions and mediation agreements.

The information is gathered from a number of sources including the student's parents and staff of the school of attendance. Also, with parental permission, information may be gathered from additional sources including doctors and other health care providers.

This information is collected to assure proper identification of a student and the student's parents and the maintenance of accurate records of the student's progress and activities in school. For children with disabilities, additional information is collected in order to assure the child is identified, evaluated, and provided a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in accordance with state and federal special education laws.

Each agency participating under Part B of IDEA must assure that all stages of gathering, storing, retaining, and disclosing education records to third parties that it complies with the federal confidentiality laws. In addition, the destruction of any education records of a child with a disability must be in accordance with IDEA regulatory requirements.

The Federal Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education has provided the following notice of parent's rights under FERPA. In accordance with IDEA, the rights of parents regarding education records are transferred to the student at age 18.

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask a school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the secession and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request or amendment. Additional information regarding hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law unit enforcement personnel); a person serving on a school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest in the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, a school official may disclose education records, without consent, to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll if the school stated in its annual notification of FERPA rights that it forwards records on request. (Wilson school district does forward records on request).
- (4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by a school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
600 Independence Ave, SW
Washington D.C.

A school may designate information in education records as "directory information" and may disclose it without parent consent, unless notified that the school is not to disclose the information without consent. The law defines "directory information" as follows:

The student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency of instruction attended by the student.

Notice of these rights is available, upon request, on audio tape, in Braille, and in languages other than English. You may contact the Arizona Department of Education at 602-542-3311.

Additional Information:

- Wilson Primary Preschool partners with the Wilson Head Start Program in providing similar programs and services, and connecting families to comprehensive services and support options.
- Wilson Primary Preschool uses a variety of methods and resources for recruitment of eligible families to ensure that those families “most in need” of services are enrolled.
- Wilson Primary School Preschool Works in collaboration with Wilson Head Start to assist preschool students in transitioning to Kindergarten.
- Wilson Primary School Preschool has adopted the 10 standards of the AZDHS Empower Program. Professional development is provided to staff members.
 - **Standard 1:** Provide at least 60 minutes of daily physical activity (teacher-led and free-play) and do not allow more than 60 minutes of sedentary activity at a time, or more than three hours of screen time per week.
 - **Standard 2:** Practice “sun safety.”
 - **Standard 3:** Provide a breastfeeding-friendly environment.
 - **Standard 4:** Determine whether the site is eligible for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and participate if eligible.
 - **Standard 5:** Limit serving fruit juice to no more than two times per week.
 - **Standard 6:** Serve meals family-style and do not use food as a reward.
 - **Standard 7:** Provide monthly oral healthcare education or implement a toothbrushing program.
 - **Standard 8:** Ensure that staff members receive three hours of training annually on Empower topics.
 - **Standard 9:** Make Arizona Smokers’ Helpline (ASHLine) education materials available at all times.
 - **Standard 10:** Maintain a smoke-free campus.

Ways Families Can Promote Learning at Home

- Read to your child at least 30 minutes per day. Most libraries have books appropriate for young children. When reading a story, ask your child, “What happens next?” and wait for the answer.
- Have printed material around your house — the newspaper, magazines, etc. — and let your child see you reading often.
- Take your child with you and talk to your child everywhere — at home, in the car, at the store, in the bank. Make up stories or songs about your outings.
- Ask your child simple questions about the colors and shapes of objects. Count out number of objects. Point out letters and repeat what they are. Ask your child how he/she thinks objects are used.
- Encourage your child to draw on plain paper with crayons. Their scribbles are the beginnings of writing.
- Teach your child how to use the toilet by themselves, to wash their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating, to blow their own nose and to sneeze into their elbow.
- Talk with your child and set an example for your child whenever possible about the importance of sharing.
- Ask your child to help you clean up at home, so he or she will learn to put things back where they belong when asked.
- Help your child get used to routines at school by encouraging him/her to eat at regular times at the table using silverware.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO SCHOOL

I have read and understand the Wilson Primary Preschool Family Handbook including Child Find and Family Rights and Privacy Acts. I am aware that school begins at 8:00 and that I must contact the school office in the event my child is absent and that my child must be picked up from school on time. I also understand that it is my responsibility to keep my phone number and address updated at the school office. I understand that my child will be picked up at 2:00 when students are dismissed. I will support the Wilson Primary School rules and procedures.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

WILSON PRIMARY PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon, July 27	Room Set-Up	Teachers Only-No School
Tue, July 28	Announcements/Room Set-Up	Teachers Only-No School
Wed, July 29	Training	Teachers Only-No School
Thurs, July 30	Training	Teachers Only-No School
Friday, July 31	Training	Teachers Only-No School
Mon, Aug 03	Training	Teachers Only- No School
Tue, Aug 04	Parent Orientation 4:00-6:00	Classrooms-No School
Wed, Aug 05	Parent Orientation 10:00-12:00	Classrooms-No School
Thurs, Aug 06	Home Visits	Teachers Only-No School
Fri, Aug 07	Home Visits	Teachers Only-No School
Mon, Aug 10	½ Children FIRST DAY (Child Orientation)	8:00-10:00 & 12:00-2:00
Tue, Aug 11	½ Children FIRST DAY (Child Orientation)	8:00-10:00 & 12:00-2:00
Wed, Aug 12	All Children Continue	8:00-11:30, 8:00-2:00 & 12:00-3:30
Fri, Sep 04	In Service	No School
Mon, Sep 07	Labor Day	No School
Mon-Fri Oct 5-9	Fall Break	No School
Wed, Nov 11	Veteran’s Day	No School
Mon, Nov 23	Parent Teacher Conferences	No School
Tue, Nov 24	Parent Teacher Conferences	No School
Wed, Nov 25	School Recess	No School
Thurs, Nov 26	Thanksgiving Holiday	No School
Fri, Nov 27	Thanksgiving Recess	No School
Mon-Fri Dec 21-25	Winter Break	No School
Mon-Fri Dec 28-Jan 1	Winter Break	No School
Mon Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day	No School
Thurs, Feb 11	Home Visits	No School
Fri, Feb 12	Home Visits	No School
Mon, Feb 15	President’s Day	No School
Fri, March 11	Teacher In-Service	No School
Mon-Fri Mar. 14-18	Spring Break	No School
Fri, March 25	Spring Recess	No School
Thurs, April 28	Transition Conferences	No School
Fri, April 29	Transition Conferences	No School
Thurs, May 12	Last Day for Children	Teacher’s will work until May 13
YEARLY TASKS		DUE DATES
Health and Safety Checklists (within 20 days of starting)		August 28 th
Family Language Surverys (within 30 days)		September 09 th
30 th Day Start of Decas		September 09 th
45 th Day (Developmental Screening and Decas Completed)		September 25 th
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Assessments)		November 23 & 24
Special Needs Mid Point Day		December 18 th
Home Visits (Assessments)		February 11 & 12
Last Day to Accept New Children		March 10 th
Parent/Teacher Transition Conferences (Assessments)		April 28 & April 29
*No School on Wednesday’s for the 3 Year Olds		
EARLY RELEASE DAYS @ 12:15		
*Wed. August 26 th	* Wed. October 28 th	*Wed. February 24 th
*Wed. April 27 th		
*Wed. September 30 th	*Wed. January 27 th	*Wed. March 30 th