

**Johnston Community School District**

**Welcomes you to**

# **Kids Connection (KTC)**

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**KTC Parent Handbook  
School Year 2022-2023**

**Johnston Community Education/KTC**

**6510 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**

**Johnston, IA 50131**

**Phone: 515-252-8490**

**Websites: <https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com> & <https://www.johnstoncsd.org/commed/programs/kids-connection-ktc/>**

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There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Associate Superintendent, Nikki Roorda, 6510 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Johnston, Iowa 50131, (515) 278-0470, [nikki.roorda@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:nikki.roorda@johnston.k12.ia.us).

## **Kids Connection Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to enhance the quality of each participant's school day by providing a fun, positive and safe environment. We will promote life-long learning skills where the children will benefit from social interaction. Staff will be positive role models. We will work closely with both parents and school officials to offer a continuum where the children feel supported throughout their educational and childcare experience.

Dear Kids Connection Families,

Welcome to Kids Connection (KTC) School-age Child Care! KTC is a program of the Community Education Department in the Johnston Community School District (JCSD). KTC is licensed by the Department of Human Services. We offer year-round large group childcare for kindergarten through fifth grade students. We believe that children need a chance to relax at KTC and to choose their leisure time activities. We offer opportunities to grow, develop and socialize through developing lifelong learning and social skills.

KTC staff members plan activities, crafts and games around themes designed to involve and challenge the children in a variety of fun and enriching ways. You are welcome to observe and visit any of the KTC program sites. We appreciate your interest! Please contact Steve Conlan at 515-252-8490 to arrange a KTC site visit. Please check in with the On-site Coordinator upon entering the childcare areas. In addition, KTC participants have the opportunity to attend classes sponsored by Community Education when classes are held at the child's school. These classes will be advertised in "The Connection" and Community Education summer program guide.

Our KTC staff members include Steve Conlan-KTC Program Manager, Lori Meyer-KTC Specialist, Diane Ross-Bookkeeping and Accounting, On-site Coordinators, Assistant On-site Coordinators and Child Care Providers. Please contact your Kids Connection staff member or the KTC office, 515-252-8490 with questions and concerns about KTC. Your communication with us is important to the quality and success of our program!

Sincerely,

Steve Conlan  
KTC Child Care Manager

Lori Meyer  
KTC Specialist

Diane Ross  
KTC Account Specialist

### **District Policy:**

Kids Connection will follow Johnston Community School District policies and procedures. These policies and procedures can be found in your individual school building student handbook or on the district's web site- [www.johnstoncsd.org](http://www.johnstoncsd.org). We encourage you to review these policies and procedures for further reference.

## SITE INFORMATION

### **Kids Connection Locations:**

You may contact the On-site Coordinator by telephone at your KTC school site from 6:15-8:30 a.m. and/or 3:00-6:00 p.m. or leave a message at the CE/KTC Office. Please use only the numbers listed.

**Henry A. Wallace Elementary School** Phone: 515-278-0137 Charity Johnson ([cjohnson@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:cjohnson@johnston.k12.ia.us))  
6207 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Johnston, IA 50131  
Cafeteria, Gym and other areas as designated.  
Please use the main east entrance, door #24.

**Beaver Creek Elementary School** Phone: 515-278-6668 Tara McCulley ([tara.mcculley@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:tara.mcculley@johnston.k12.ia.us))  
8701 Lyndhurst Street, Johnston, IA 50131  
Cafeteria, Gym and other areas as designated.  
Please use the southwest entrance near the cafeteria, door #3.

**Horizon Elementary School** Phone: 515-986-1321 Brenda Schumaker ([bschumaker@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:bschumaker@johnston.k12.ia.us))  
5905 NW 100<sup>th</sup> Street, Johnston, IA 50131  
Cafeteria, Gym and other areas as designated.  
Please use the southwest entrance near the cafeteria, door #15.

**Lawson Elementary School** Phone: 515-278-4889 Josh Schumaker ([josh.schumaker@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:josh.schumaker@johnston.k12.ia.us))  
5450 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Johnston, IA 50131  
Cafeteria, Gym and other areas as designated.  
Please use the northwest entrance near the cafeteria and gym, door # 14.

**Timber Ridge Elementary School** Phone: 515-331-6594 Steve Conlan ([sconlan@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:sconlan@johnston.k12.ia.us))  
7370 NW 54th Ave., Johnston, IA 50131  
Cafeteria, Gym and other areas as designated.  
Please use the northwest entrance near the cafeteria and gym, door #11.

### **Support Staff: Community Education/KTC Office Staff:**

Community Education/KTC Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. year-round. Phone: 515-252-8490

Steve Conlan	( <a href="mailto:sconlan@johnston.k12.ia.us">sconlan@johnston.k12.ia.us</a> )
Lori Meyer	( <a href="mailto:lori.meyer@johnston.k12.ia.us">lori.meyer@johnston.k12.ia.us</a> )
Diane Ross	( <a href="mailto:dross@johnston.k12.ia.us">dross@johnston.k12.ia.us</a> )

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# REGISTRATION

**Enrollment Policy:** Any child attending Johnston Community Schools in grades K-5 may be enrolled in KTC for the school year. Enrollment is on a first-come basis and is limited at each site due to staff-student ratio of 1:10-1:15, following state guidelines and space availability. Your KTC account needs to be current and a zero balance in order to register for school year KTC. Your school year KTC registration will not be approved on Eleyo if you are in arrears with payment from KTC.

**Registration Dates/Procedures:** Registration opens on July 13 for school year 2022-2023. All registration for school year 2022-2023 KTC is done online on Eleyo. You can access registration at <https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com>. If your child(ren) attended KTC anytime since summer 2015, you can use the same Eleyo account.

You will need to register each child for KTC school year 2022-2023. You will be choosing one of three contract options for school year KTC, a Consistent Schedule Contract, a Pick Your Days Contract or a Non-School Day Only Contract. The contract will be for the entire school year.

- A Consistent Schedule Contract is for those who are attending KTC the same days ams/pms all school year long. There is no flexibility in scheduling. A Consistent Schedule Contract requires **auto pay** to be set up for your account and you pay for four weeks of care at a time.
- The Pick Your Days Contract is the more flexible schedule and you can pick which days am/pm each week you plan to attend.
- The Non-School Day Only Contract is for those **only** needing care on **non-school days, (NSD)**, no school days, 3-hour early dismissals and winter and/or spring break.

**\* It is important that you use an email address that you check frequently. All communication from Eleyo is emailed to that email address. \***

If you do not have access to a computer and/or internet, you can utilize both at the Johnston Public Library if you have a library card. You can also come to the Johnston Community Education Office, 6510 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave and use a customer computer to register your child. No phone registrations will be accepted.

\*If you are applying for a scholarship or have DHS daycare assistance, please call the office at 515-252-8490 as soon as possible. Paperwork for scholarship or DHS daycare assistance must be completed and approved before registration will be accepted

**Registration Fee:** Registration fee for school year 2022-2023 is \$30 per child. It will be paid on Eleyo when your school year 2022-2023 contract is approved. Once the contract has been approved you will receive an email confirmation. Registration fees are non-refundable.

**Registration Deadline:** To attend KTC the first day of school on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, registration needs to be completed and approved on Eleyo by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Registration needs to be completed and approved on Eleyo by the Wednesday prior to the week of starting to attend KTC during the school year. You will receive an email confirmation from Eleyo once your registration has been approved.

## Setting up your Account Profile on Eleyo

Johnston Kids Connection uses an online registration system called Eleyo. This will walk you through the process for setting up your Account Profile. We encourage you to add all members of your household and add emergency contacts for your children in anticipation of future registrations within the Eleyo system.

### Create your Account Profile

1. Access the new site by browsing to: <https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com>
2. Select the Sign-Up button in the top right corner. *If your email address is recognized as a previously registered user, please use the Forgot Password link to receive an emailed link to create a password.*
3. Complete the *Register a New Account Form* and select **Create Account**.
4. After you have finished setting up your profile, select the **Community Education** link in the upper left area of the screen and select *Explore All Programs* and then select *Your Dashboard*. This will populate your contact information within our Community Education system.

-or-

Continue to Step 3 in Add Family Members and Emergency Contacts (below).

NOTE: An email will be sent with a link to verify your account. Use the **Verify Your Email Address** button on that email to verify your account.

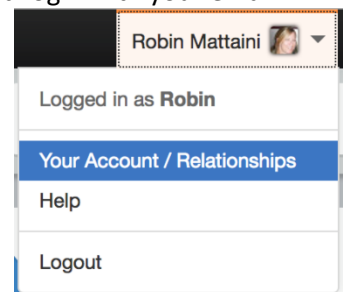
### Add Family Members and Emergency Contacts to your Account Profile

1. If you are not already on the website, browse to <https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com> and login with your email

address and password by selecting the Log In button **Log In**.

2. Select your name in the top, right corner of the screen and select Your Account / Relationships.

3. Use the **Add** button to add all family members in order to facilitate upcoming registrations in the system. When adding a grade for a Pre-K student, select Kindergarten and the year the child will be entering Kindergarten (you may edit this at a later date if needed).



4. Select the **Create Person** button.

A screenshot of a form for adding a new person. It features a "First Name" field with the text "sam" entered. Below the field, there is a dropdown menu showing "Sample Jones" as a suggestion. To the left of the form, there are navigation arrows and a small box containing the number "2".

Use the **Emergency Contacts** button to add emergency contacts for children on your profile. In order to prevent creating duplicate users in the system, when adding an Emergency contact already attached to your profile, select from list of already existing users as you type. Use the COPY EMERGENCY CONTACTS to copy contacts from child to child.



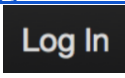
5. After you have finished setting up your profile, select the **Community Education** link in the upper left area of the screen and select *Explore All Programs* and then select *Your Dashboard*. This will populate your contact information within our Community Education system.
6. You have completed the Account Profile set-up process and are ready for future online registrations!

## Registering for Kids Connection Child Care Program on Eleyo

Johnston Kids Connection uses an online registration system called Eleyo. These instructions will walk you through the process for registering a student for Kids Connection.

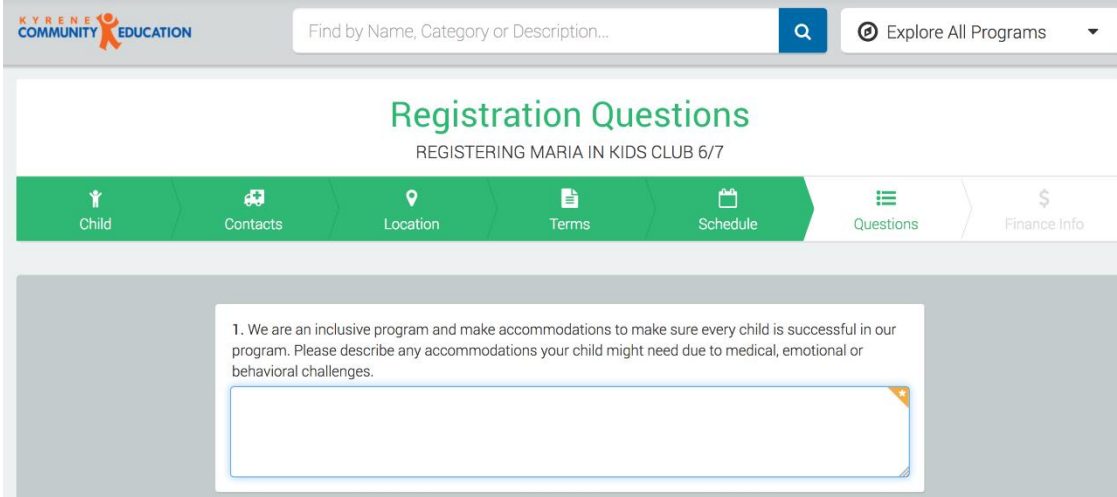
After registering online, you will receive an email summary of your student's pending contract request. Once the contract has been reviewed by Kids Connection staff, you will receive a 2nd email confirming your student's start date.

### Log in

1. Browse to <https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com> and login with your email address and password by selecting the Log In button . (TIP: Use the Forgot Password link to initiate a set-password email if you cannot remember your password.)

Select the Community Education tile -or- select  at the top of the screen.

2. Point to *Explore all Programs, Kids Connection* and select *Registration*.
3. Continue through the registration screens to submit a pending contract request for each student.



*You will receive a Pending Contract Request email.*

*A 2<sup>nd</sup> confirmation email will be sent when your student's contract is approved and your payment account will be charged. This 2<sup>nd</sup> email will indicate your student's start date.*

**Account Owners:** The adult who sets up an account is considered the owner. The owner is responsible for keeping the account current. Account owners are the only authorized persons with access to Kids Connection account information. Owners can request schedule changes, initiate payments, update contract information and add or remove authorized persons and emergency contacts. Account owners will receive program information from the Kids Connection office via the email provided by the account owner. Accounts can have multiple owners. Owners are entered into Eleyo during registration. If at some point you wish to add an additional owner to the account, the existing owner must call or email the Kids Connection office at 515-252-8490. Each owner will have their own login credentials.



## Contract Types for School Year 2022-2023

You will choose one of the three contracts for the entire school year 2022-2023. The chosen contract type for each child will apply for the entire school year. Contracts are for regular school days. **Contracts do not include three-hour early dismissals or non-school days, NSD. Non-school days are registered for under the Register for Non-School Days button on Eleyo.** Please contact the KTC office at 515-252-8490 if you have questions about contract types.

### Consistent Schedule Contract

A Consistent Schedule Contract is for the same mornings/afternoons, the same days every week during the school year. If you choose this contract it will be for the entire school year. There is no flexibility in the schedule. This type of contract receives a discount if attending 8, 9, or 10 times during the week. You must sign up for **auto pay** on Eleyo with the consistent schedule contract. You will be paying for four weeks of care at a time. Invoices will be emailed monthly. Payments are pulled at 4:00 am on the due date as shown below. Weekly fees cover most of the field trip, supplies, snacks, staff salaries, and transportation costs. There is not an alternative schedule for field trips on non-school days and three-hour early dismissal days. Drop in dates to add to your schedule will be allowed at the drop in rate, which is the highest rate for care.

- You will set up your child’s school year schedule during the initial registration by selecting the days of the week am/pm. You will select what days (M,T,W,Th,F) am/pm your child will attend and that will be their consistent schedule for the entire school year August 24, 2022-May 26, 2023. Days am/pm cannot be exchanged or transferred.
- Drop in days am/pm can be submitted three days prior to the start of the day you want to add a day of care. We ask that drop in requests be done as far in advance as you can so that there is adequate time to ensure appropriate student-to-staff ratios. If your request is still pending, you will see that the drop in rate will be charged to your account when you sign your child in at site.

### **Consistent Schedule Contract Due Dates:**

<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Due Date (pulls at 4 am)</b>	<b>Weeks of Care Covered</b>
8/17/22	8/19/22	8/24/22 - 9/16/22
9/14/22	9/16/22	9/19/22 - 10/14/22
10/12/22	10/14/22	10/17/22 - 11/11/22
11/9/22	11/11/22	11/14/22 - 12/9/22
12/7/22	12/9/22	12/12/22 - 1/6/23
1/4/23	1/6/23	1/9/23 - 2/3/23
2/1/23	2/3/23	2/6/23- 3/3/23
3/1/23	3/3/23	3/6/23 - 3/31/23
3/29/23	3/31/23	4/3/23 - 4/28/23
4/26/23	4/28/23	5/1/23 - 5/26/23

## Consistent Schedule Contract Prices (Discounts not applied)

Times	AM	PM
1	\$21.00	\$24.00
2	\$26.00	\$32.00
3	\$39.00	\$48.00
4	\$52.00	\$64.00
5	\$65.00	\$80.00
Drop In	\$23.00	\$26.00

### Discounts:

- \$2.50 AM per week for 2 or more children in the same family
- \$2.50 PM per week for 2 or more children in the same family
- 8 or 9 times per week -10%
- 10 times per week -20%

## Consistent Schedule Contract Vacation Weeks

If you choose the consistent schedule contract you will be allowed two vacation weeks during the school year. These weeks are weeks other than Thanksgiving break, winter break or spring break. You will be credited for your week on Eleyo. The vacation credit will be applied to the invoice **after** the vacation week. A written form must be completed and dropped/mailed to the main KTC office two weeks prior to the week you want to use as your vacation week in order to receive the credit. Forms can be found online in the link below or at the KTC office, 6510 NW 62<sup>nd</sup>

Ave. <http://www.johnstoncsd.org/programs/community-education/kids-connection/vacation-days/>

The Monday and Tuesday of the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 21, will be credited if your child does not attend those two days. You will need to fill out a Thanksgiving week request form. Forms can be found online or at the KTC office. They can be emailed or dropped off at the main office prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

## Pick Your Days Contract

Pick Your Days contract is the most flexible schedule for the school year. Each week you can select different mornings/afternoons to attend. You can attend as few as one morning or afternoon during the school year. You must enter your schedule by midnight Wednesday the week prior to attending. Payment will be due by 4:15 p.m. (11:59 p.m. online) on Friday of that same week. You cannot exchange or transfer days or times each week after 11:59 p.m. the Wednesday the week prior to attending. Drop in dates to add to your schedule will be allowed.

- Initially you will need to schedule at least one morning or afternoon between August 24 and May 26. You can select any number of mornings and afternoons, selecting various days each week.
- Schedules are calendar based. The top calendars are morning times and the bottom calendars are afternoon times. You are invoiced for the times scheduled.
- You will be able to make changes to the child's schedule for any given week up until 11:59 p.m. on the Wednesday before the next week of care.
- Failure to submit a schedule change by Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. for the next week of care will result in your care being set at the drop in rate if you decide to send your child to Kids Connection.
- Invoices will be emailed on Thursdays from Eleyo with a deadline of payment the next day, Friday.
- Drop in days can be submitted one day prior to the start of the day you want to add. If your request is still pending, you will see that the drop in rate will be charged to your account when you sign your child in at site.

### Pick Your Days Contract Pricing

Times	AM	PM
1	\$21.00	\$24.00
2	\$26.00	\$32.00
3	\$39.00	\$48.00
4	\$52.00	\$64.00
5	\$65.50	\$80.00
Drop In	\$23.00	\$26.00

**\$2.50 AM/\$2.50 PM discount for 2 or more children in the same family, except for drop in.**

### Directions for making weekly schedule changes for Pick Your Days contract:

To make a schedule change log on to your Eleyo account <https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com> and follow these steps:

1. Click on Explore All Programs in the upper right-hand corner.
2. Click on View Your Dashboard.
3. Click on Your Accounts - Kids Connection # >
4. Select the Contract under Current and Upcoming Contracts – (your student’s name) >
5. Click on the Change Schedule button on the left.
6. Click on the calendar to add/delete the dates to the schedule. The top portion is before school and the bottom portion is after school.
7. Click on "Submit Contract Schedule Changes."

You will receive an email confirmation with the schedule change once the schedule is approved. Please check the email confirmation and make sure the schedule change is correct.

\*Schedule changes on Eleyo work best on a computer, they do not work well on a cell phone. \*

### Non-School Day Only Contract

Non-school day only contract is for NSD, non-school days **only**. Three-hour early dismissals and/or scheduled no school days are non-school days in Eleyo. **If you think you will need any time during regular school days, you will want to do the Pick Your Days contract, not the non-school day only contract.** Those needing **only** winter break and/or spring break will need to have a non-school day only contract. You must register for KTC and pay the registration fee in order to have a non-school day only contract. Non-school day only contracts will be available at the end of September on Eleyo.

- When registering for a Non-School Day only contract, the first location you choose will say Non-School Day. After you choose the season, you will choose the school your child attends daily for the non-school day.
- Non-School days need to be registered for at least ten days prior to the date, and drop in is not available for weather related school schedule changes (no school, early dismissal, late start).

### Non School Day Pricing

	1 <sup>st</sup> child	2 <sup>nd</sup> child or more (per child)
Full Day Rates	\$37	\$32
Full Day Drop In Rate	\$47	\$47
Three Hour Early Dismissal Rates	\$28	\$23
Three Hour Early Dismissal Drop in Rate	\$38	\$38

## Non-School Day Care Days (NSD)

There are days during the school year that there is no school yet KTC operates and will be full day care days. Each day will be charged daily as opposed to weekly during the school year. The full day rate will apply for each of those days. They are **separate** from the contract that you choose during the school year. Three-hour early dismissal days are also non-school days, NSD. Please make sure to choose those days with your contract if you need them. There is a button to click if you want to register for non-school days (NSD) care. You must register for non-school days (NSD) **10 days** prior to the non-school day. There is a late sign-up fee of \$5 for signing up after the 10 day deadline. If you have **not** registered for a Non-School Day, either three-hour early dismissal or no school day, and your child attends the cost is \$10 more with no sibling discount.

## Non-School Day Registration on Eleyo with Consistent Schedule and Pick Your Days Contracts

Non-School day registration on Eleyo is separate from the child's contract. To register for non-school days, first log into your KTC Eleyo account. Click on "Your Accounts" Kids Connection # >. To the right under Account Management is a button that says "Register Non-School Days". First choose the Child Attending. Choose School Year 2022-23 under Season and click Continue. Choose the dates that your child will attend and click Continue. Click the pull down arrow and choose the correct school and then click continue. Check the box to agree to the terms and conditions. Click the Finish Registration button. You will receive an email confirmation once the NSD days have been approved. Registration for non-school days closes online **10 days prior to the date** of the non-school day. During Winter/Spring break the location will be by your child's grade level instead of school attended.

## Payment Information

KTC is a self-supporting program financed by parent's weekly fees. The cost of supplies, food, staff salaries, office support, transportation fees, field trip admissions, (except substantial admission fees) and other expenses are derived from fee payments. KTC is a pay ahead, weekly scheduled program. Please contact Diane at 515-252-8490, if you cannot make a payment. Failure to make payment or arrangements may result in termination of childcare services.

**Accounting Invoices:** Invoices and payment information is available to you on your KTC account on Eleyo. On Eleyo go to View Your Dashboard-Your Invoices.

**Multi-Party Billing:** Families with two households interested in sharing a single account can each be named as owners, have his/her own access and login credentials and are able to post separate payments to a single child care account. If multiple parties are initiating payments to a specific child care account, Kids Connection is not responsible for determining which party has the financial responsibility for specific weeks/days. Tuition can be split between parties by a specified percentage; call the KTC office to setup. Owners will each receive an email when a new invoice has posted to the account. Since each owner will have his/her own login credentials, stored payment information will not be available to either party. Failure by either party to satisfy payment obligations may jeopardize the child's participation in the program.

**Separate Accounts:** If both parents want separate accounts, then they can set up their own account. However, each will have to pay a separate registration fee and both parents will need to be on the same type of contract. Kids Connection is not responsible for parents scheduling the same times on their separate accounts.

**KTC Tax Statements/Federal Tax ID Number:** KTC year-end tax statements are available on Eleyo after January 1. Log onto your Eleyo account. Click on your Kids Connection Account under Your Accounts. On the left under "Account Management" click "Download Tax Information". Select the 2022 Tax Statement and download the document. The KTC **Federal Tax ID number is 42-6002176.**

**Additional Documents:** A \$10 fee will be assessed for documents reproduced by the KTC office. One week advance notice is required for reproduction of documents.

**Credits:** KTC operates on a prepayment basis; parents are responsible for time reserved, not time used. Advance payment and scheduling is necessary for the children’s safety, to ensure accurate food count, staff-student ratio and other preparations.

**Therefore, we regret that there can be NO pro-rating of fees or refunds for days your child is absent.**

**Late payments:** Consistent schedule contract payments received after 4:15 p.m. (11:59 p.m. online) on the due date are late. Pick your days contract payments received after 4:15 p.m. (11:59 p.m. online) on Friday prior to the week of attendance are late. **A late charge of \$20.00 per week/family will be charged to your account.** Failure to make payments in full on your account may result in collection fees, inability to register for future Kids Connection/JCE programs and/or termination from Kids Connection.

**Method of Payment:** KTC payments can be made online on Eleyo by electronic payment from checking or savings account (ACH) or credit card (Discover, Master Card, Visa or American Express). Apple Pay can also be used. Cash, checks, and cashier’s checks will need to be brought to the KTC main office at 6510 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. **Payments will not be accepted at site.** Payments can only be made online or at the KTC main office, 6510 NW 62nd Ave. No payments will be accepted by phone. If you are notified that your personal check is returned for insufficient funds and you do not make payment within three banking days, or if there are repeated problems with your personal checks, you will no longer be able to pay by personal check. Once personal check privileges have been taken away, they will not be reinstated. KTC reserves the right to suspend or terminate childcare services if problems with personal checks are not resolved.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The ultimate financial responsibility for KTC payments lies with you as the parent or guardian. Failure to make payment or follow financial assistance guidelines with co-payments may result in termination of childcare services.

**KTC Scholarships:** A limited number of partial scholarships are available through the KTC office. All participants must fill out an application to determine eligibility. Applicants are subject to confirmation of financial records. KTC scholarships follow the same standards as the school district free and reduced lunch program. A rule of thumb would be that if you are eligible for the free and reduced program; you are probably eligible for a KTC partial scholarship. Please contact Diane, 515-252-8490, if you have questions about scholarship.

**Iowa Department of Human Services:** The Iowa Department of Human Services has contracted to provide financial assistance to eligible KTC participants. This financial assistance will cover the majority of KTC expenses. However, parents are responsible for any co-pay DHS issues them. It is important to call the Human Services office at, 515-725-2600 to determine eligibility. Eligible parties meet with a Human Services staff member to fill out forms. Notification of eligibility from the Department of Human Services will be sent to the KTC office. You are responsible for submitting weekly or monthly schedules on Eleyo and making any payments owed. KTC will work with other established agencies regarding financial assistance. **Authorization from the agency and the KTC office is required before childcare services begin.**

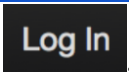
# KTC ATTENDANCE

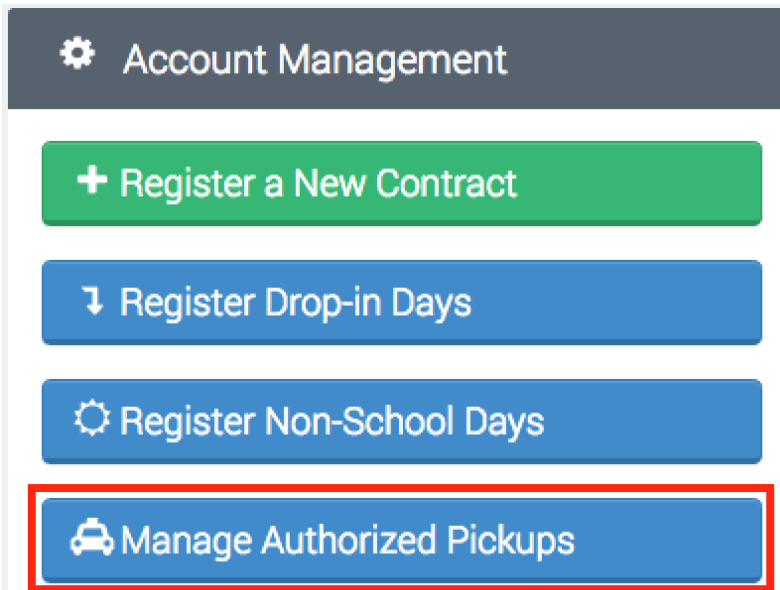
**Arrival and Departure:** Kids Connection utilizes iPads for families to sign students in and out. To ensure the safe arrival and departure of your child, please sign him or her in and out each day on the iPad. After locating your child's name on the list, a pull down of Authorized Pickups will appear. You must choose which person you are and sign with your finger on the iPad. You then click the Sign In or Out button. Only adults should sign the iPad. Please do not let your child sign the iPad. In an effort to expedite this process, please keep your Authorized Pick Up list up to date on your Eleyo account. **KTC will be charging a \$10.00 fee for anyone not signing in or out daily.** The iPad is located on a table as you enter the KTC site. Important information for you and your child is available at the attendance table. Please check regularly for weekly calendars, special event information and any KTC information.

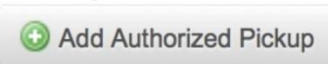
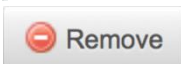

**Absentee Reporting:** If your child will not be attending KTC as scheduled, please notify the On-site Coordinator between the hours of 6:15-8:30 a.m. and/or 3:00-6:00 p.m. On-site Coordinator's phone numbers are listed on page 2. If a child does not report to the KTC site right after school and if the parent has not notified the On-site Coordinator, a staff member will check the school office, the classroom teachers and then call the parent. If the parent is not available, emergency contact person(s) will be notified. The local police department will be contacted for assistance, if necessary.

**Authorized Pick-Up:** Your child will be released only to the authorized pickup people listed on your family Eleyo KTC account. Staff may request identification of any authorized pick-up. **Siblings listed must be 16 years of age or older.** Please keep your authorized pick up list updated regularly on your family KTC account on Eleyo. Make sure to list the person's relationship to your child and a phone number if they can be contacted as an emergency contact.

## **Instructions for Setting up Kids Connection Authorized Pick-Ups Shown on iPad Sign-in/Sign-out App**

1. Browse to <https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com> and login with your email address and password by selecting the Log In button . (TIP: Use the Forgot Password link to initiate a set-password email if you cannot remember your password.)
2. Point to *Explore all Programs* and select View Your Dashboard. Select your Kids Connection Account listed under *Your Accounts*.
3. Select the **Manage Authorized Pickups** button under *Account Management*.



1. Select  under child's name to add a pick-up. Use the  button to remove a pick-up.
2. When finished adding an authorized pick-ups, select 

**Un-Authorized Pick-up:** A biological parent can only be designated as an unauthorized pick-up through court order. If someone previously had legal custodial rights but circumstances have changed, notify the KTC office and the onsite. You must provide the program with a court document that restricts this individual from picking up your child. If an unauthorized person attempts to pick-up your child, the onsite will contact you immediately and provide instruction to staff in the event that safety becomes a concern.

**Custody/Visitation Agreements:** Communication with the KTC staff on custody or visitation issues is very important. Therefore, for the safety of your child, a copy of the court order **MUST** be on file at your child's KTC location. If your court order changes or problems occur with the eligibility of the person to whom the child can or cannot be released, notify the KTC Office and/or your On-Site Coordinator. Documentation of court-ordered changes should be given to the On-Site Coordinator within 24 hours. Legally, the KTC staff cannot hold children from the biological or adoptive parent(s) if there is not a court order specifying otherwise on file at KTC. The staff, as well as the local police department, will follow the court order regarding release of the child. KTC staff will not serve as a mediator or communicator between parties, nor will they be responsible for delegating details of care. This is solely the parent/guardian's responsibility and must be worked out between parental parties.

**Late Pick-up Fees:** KTC pick up time is by 6:00 p.m. The iPad time is the official KTC time. **If you are 1-10 minutes late you will be charged \$20.00. You will also be charged \$1.00 for each minute after the first 10 minutes (i.e. 6:01-6:10 p.m., \$20.00; 6:11 p.m., \$21.00; 6:12 p.m., \$22.00).** The late charge will be billed on your next invoice. If you are more than one hour late and the KTC staff has not heard from you, and if the staff cannot reach the emergency contact person(s), a staff member will call the local police department for assistance. Childcare services may be terminated in the event of recurring or extreme lateness.

**Non-registered Participants:** Due to limited space in the KTC program, friends of KTC participants will not be admitted to the program. This includes, but is not limited to your child's visiting relatives or friends.

**Family Emergencies:** Please notify the KTC Office as soon as possible if your child or a primary caregiver (parent or guardian) is hospitalized and your child will not be attending KTC. Other family emergencies include the child's hospitalization, the child's mother's maternity leave, loss of employment and funerals.

## **BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES**

Kids Connection's goal is to provide support and guidance to help students deal with conflicts and changes, accept responsibility for his/her actions, and to help your student develop techniques to use when upset with another student, staff member, or program expectations.

### **Behavior Guidance**

If a child demonstrates behavior that has a negative impact on the child or others in the program, Kids Connection staff will utilize the following strategies:

### **Prevention**

Efforts will be made to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate the individual needs of each child.

### **Intervention**

Expectations will be stated in clear, positive language that is appropriate for the child's age/ stage of development. Staff will encourage the child to self-evaluate his/her behavior and provide time to identify acceptable and appropriate alternatives to unacceptable behavior. The child will be given time to cool down. If the child shows they are ready to discuss the incident, staff will attempt to address the behavior and offer a coping skill. Staff will help the child understand the impact of his /her behavior on self and others. The incident will be documented by the staff involved and communicated with the parent/guardian.

### **Kids Connection staff will not use as a form of discipline:**

According to licensing procedures for child care centers in the state of Iowa [Section 109.7(2)]:

1. Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking and slapping shall not be used.
2. Punishment which is humiliating or frightening or which causes pain or discomfort to the child shall not be used.
3. Punishment shall not be administered because of a child's illness, or progress or lack of progress in toilet training, nor shall punishment or threat of punishment be associated with food or rest.
4. No child shall be subjected to verbal abuse, threats or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family.
5. Children will not have any breakfast, lunch, or snack taken away as punishment.

According to DHS guidelines each program shall have a written policy on the discipline of children which provides for positive guidance, with direction for resolving conflict and setting of a defined limit. This written policy shall be provided to team members and parents.

### **Disruptive Behaviors**

1. Blatant disrespect or refusal to follow directions of staff
2. Demonstrating lack of self-control
3. Behavior which disrupts a staff person from fulfilling his/her ability to be available for all children

### **Inappropriate/Harmful Behaviors**

1. Any form of aggression such as hitting, kicking, biting, pushing, throwing objects
2. Disrespectful language, verbal threats, hate speech, verbal harassment, inappropriate gestures, etc.
3. Inappropriate touching and/or harassment
4. Behavior which intentionally causes destruction to property.
5. Child leaving the program area without permission or refusing to leave when the rest of the group leaves or when instructed.



## **Biting**

In cases where a mark is left on another child as a result of biting or other injury, the staff will notify both parents as soon as the situation is under control. The staff will complete an incident report listing the details of the incident for the children involved. Documents will be held by the staff until parent pick up. At pick up time, the parent of the individual student will be shown and asked to sign one copy of the report that will be placed in the students file for documentation.

In situations where biting occurs, the following first aid procedure will be followed:

- a) For a surface bite, ice will be applied to reduce any swelling or bruising.
- b) For a bite that breaks through the skin, the area will first be cleaned with soap and water. Bite mark will be bandaged and child will be monitored for any changes. Should changes occur, the parent will be contacted immediately!

## **Suspension Policy**

\*If a child is suspended from school they are also suspended from KTC for the same amount of time as the school suspension\*

In the event that any of the above behaviors occurs, as determined by the on-site, a parent or guardian may be contacted to pick up the child immediately. Final decisions on suspensions are determined by the child care manager. Suspensions will continue into summer and school year KTC.

**First Time:** Parent pick up and the student may return the next day.

**Second Time:** Parent pick up and the student will be suspended through the following day with a mandatory parent meeting within five business days. If meeting does not occur within five business days, KTC services will be suspended until meeting occurs.

**Third Time:** Parent pick up and the student will have a 3 days suspension with a mandatory parent meeting. KTC services will be suspended until parent meeting occurs.

## **Termination of Services**

**The following summarizes situations that might result in termination of a child from the Kids Connection program**

1. If the child receives a suspension after the third time and the mandatory parent meeting, the Child Care Manager will meet with the parent/guardian to determine the status of the child in the KTC program.
2. Violent incidents of a severe nature may result in immediate termination as determined by the Child Care Manager.
3. Parents/guardians who display disrespectful or belligerent behaviors towards the staff, children or other participating families may result in termination.
4. Once services are terminated, they will not be reviewed for 12 months following the last day of service.

# **BREAKFAST AND SNACKS**

**Before and After School:** Breakfast and snacks are provided to the KTC participants.

All meals and snacks are prepared and served according to CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) standards. Exceptions to these standards will be allowed for allergies, medical conditions or religion. A monthly menu is available to each participant in advance and is posted on the district web page, <http://www.johnstoncsd.org>. At the top of the page choose Quick Links and click on Nutrislice Menus. Select your elementary school - Choose a Menu - KTC Breakfast & Snack. **Please inform the On-site Coordinator if your child has special dietary needs or food allergies, which affect his or her breakfast or snacks at KTC.** Breakfast is offered at approximately 8:00 a.m. and includes milk, fruit or juice and a breakfast item. Breakfast will be offered at 9:00 a.m. on any late start days that occur. An afternoon snack is served and includes a beverage. Any foods brought from home must meet the nutritional requirements set by the USDA child and Adult Food Program.

### **Lunchroom Procedures:**

All students and staff will wash their hands with soap and water when arriving to school, after using restroom, before and after eating and/or handling food. Children who consume cold lunch will be required to wash their hands before they go to the playground or back to their classrooms. Kids Connection will also promote a “No Food Trading” and “No Utensil Sharing” policy. Lunchroom tables will be cleaned after each lunch shift.

## **EARLY DISMISSALS/FULL-DAY CARE (Non-School Days-NSD)**

**Weekly One Hour Early Dismissals:** Fees for weekly one-hour early dismissal are the normal afternoon fee. If only attending the Wednesday one-hour early dismissal during the week, it is the one time afternoon fee is \$24.00. One-hour early dismissals count as one afternoon time attended during a week on Eleyo.

**Three Hour Early Dismissals (NSD):** The fee for three-hour early dismissals are \$28 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$23 per child for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child or more. Three-hour early dismissals are non-school days, NSD days, on Eleyo. You have to register for them separate from your contract. Registration for three-hour early outs must be registered for **ten days** prior to the date. Once invoiced three-hour early outs cannot be canceled. There is a late sign-up fee of \$5 for signing up after the 10 day deadline. Drop in, not scheduled, for a three-hour early dismissal is \$38 per child. Due to safety reasons, we ask that you wait to pick up your child from KTC inside the building after early dismissal field trips, instead of taking them directly off of the bus.

**Full-Day Care (NSD):** Our KTC full-day fees are \$37 a day for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$32 per child for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child or more. Full-Day care are non-school days, NSD days, on Eleyo. They are separate from the contract. Drop in, not scheduled, for full-day care, NSD, is \$47 per child. Full-day care rates are for non-school days such as conference days, teacher in-service days, winter and spring break. A breakfast and an afternoon snack are included in your price. This fee does not include lunch or a lunch drink. Your child must bring a lunch and a drink with their name on the outside of the sack, unless you are notified otherwise. Once NSD days are invoiced they cannot be canceled. Once you pay for a full day there will be **NO REFUNDS** issued! Non-school days must be registered for **10 days** prior to the date. There is a \$5 late sign-up fee for signing up after the deadline. Please Note: Field trip schedules will be posted on the Johnston Community School District website- <http://www.johnstoncsd.org/programs/community-education/kids-connection/field-trips/>.

### **Viewing Non-School Day Registration Requests**

Log into your Eleyo account. Click on Your Accounts, Kids Connection >. Click on the contract >, under Current and Upcoming Contracts. The Non-School Days are in a list below the schedule calendars. There is a Remove button beside the ones that are not approved yet as only those can be removed. The approved ones cannot be removed online. Once a request is approved, you must contact the office to make a change, 515-252-8490.

**FULL DAY CARE LOCATIONS:** Full day care will be held at **all five** of the elementary schools, except for the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

**Beaver Creek Elementary 8701 Lyndhurst Street Johnston, IA 50131 515-278-6668**

**Horizon Elementary 5905 NW 100<sup>th</sup> Street, Johnston, IA 50131 515-986-1321**

**Timber Ridge Elementary 7370 NW 54th Ave., Johnston, IA 50131 515-331-6594**

**Lawson Elementary 5450 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Johnston, IA 50131 515-278-4889**

**Wallace Elementary 6207 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Johnston, IA 50131 515-278-0137**

# THANKSGIVING WEDNESDAY/WINTER BREAK/SPRING BREAK (NSD)

Children must be registered for KTC on Eleyo in order to attend Thanksgiving Wednesday (Nov. 23), Winter break/spring break. You can register with the Non-School Day Only contract if those are the only times needed during the school year. You will still need to register for the non-school days, NSD, separate from the Non-School Day Only contract. Thanksgiving Wednesday (Nov. 23), Winter and Spring break fees are \$37 a day for 1 child and \$32 per child for 2 or more children. A **\$20.00** late fee will be charged if payment has not been submitted by the deadline on your Eleyo invoice. A drop in, not scheduled, non-school day, NSD, is \$47. There is a late sign-up fee of \$5 for signing up after the deadline. **No Refunds will be issued after payment is made.** The winter and spring break registration deadlines are listed below:

**Registration for Thanksgiving Wednesday, November 23      Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Registration for Winter break in December 2022      Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Registration for Spring break in March 2023      Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022 (Day before Thanksgiving) LOCATIONS:**

**Grades K-5- Beaver Creek Elementary 8701 Lyndhurst Dr., Johnston, IA 50131 515-278-6668**

## **WINTER BREAK LOCATIONS:**

**Grades K-5- Beaver Creek Elementary 8701 Lyndhurst Dr., Johnston, IA 50131 515-278-6668**

## **SPRING BREAK LOCATIONS:**

**Grades K-1- Wallace Elementary 6207 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Johnston, IA 50131 515-278-0137**

**Grades 2-5- Lawson Elementary 5450 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Johnston, IA 50131 515-278-4889**

## HEALTH POLICY

**Illness:** If your child becomes ill while attending KTC, you will be called to pick up him or her as soon as possible. If your child is unable to attend school due to an illness, they are also unable to attend KTC. Please follow school guidelines for your child's return to school and KTC. **CREDIT IS NOT GIVEN WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL.** Please refer to page 12 for information regarding extended discontinuance or family emergencies.

**Mandatory Reporters:** All KTC and other Johnston Community School District employees working directly with children are Mandatory Reporters of suspected child abuse. Employees are required by law to report any suspicion of physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

**Medical Emergencies:** KTC On-Site Coordinators and Childcare Providers hold current First Aid/CPR certificates and will follow recommended procedures, if a medical emergency arises. First Aid kits are kept at each childcare location.

Student injury reports are completed on all injuries that occur during KTC. Parents or guardians should receive a copy of this report.

**Minor injury reporting procedure:** A KTC staff member will communicate with you upon arrival at site if your child had a minor injury.

**Serious injury reporting procedures:** A KTC staff member will contact you if your child is seriously injured. If you or your child's other parent or guardian cannot be reached, staff will call emergency contacts listed on your Eleyo account. **If emergency medical care is considered necessary and the above cannot be reached, the staff member will call 911.** Please refer to the Emergency Authorization Statement on your Eleyo registration questions which you, as parent or guardian agreed to at the time of enrollment.

**Medication:** You must give a written release form from the doctor to the On-Site Coordinator, if your child is to be given prescription or non-prescription medication during a KTC session. These forms are available from the KTC staff. According to school district regulations, the medication must be in its original container with instructions from the doctor for the On-Site to distribute to the child written on the outside. A KTC trained staff will administer all medications.

**Hand Washing Policy:**

1. All team members must wash their hands at the following times to prevent or minimize the transmission of illness or disease: Upon arrival at the center, immediately before eating or participating in any food service activity, after diapering a child, before leaving the restroom either with a child or by themselves, before and after administering first aid and after handling animals and cleaning cages.
2. Children's hands will be washed at the following times to prevent or minimize the transmission of illness or disease: Immediately before eating or participating in any food service activity, after using the restroom or being diapered and after handling animals.

**Universal Precaution Policy:**

1. Universal precautions must be followed by team members at all times. A protective barrier such as gloves must be worn when handling any bodily excrement or discharge.
2. Proper hand washing must be followed as stated in the Hand Washing Policy. All sharps must be placed in the sharps container after use.

**Special Needs:** Please inform the staff of your child(ren's) special needs or limitations. We want to provide each child with the best possible care. Such situations can be discussed with Steve Conlan by calling 515-252-8490. The Americans with Disabilities Act states that we will make reasonable accommodations for children with special needs as long as this does not fundamentally alter the nature of our program. We may not be able to care for all your child's needs.

**Hold Harmless Agreement:** The Johnston Community School District and its employees assume no liability for injury to any child during his/her participation in KTC. The parent or guardian will be responsible for paying all costs and fees contingent on an emergency medical care and/or treatment of the child(ren). Also, we cannot be responsible for the safety of your child if you do not schedule your child's attendance on Eleyo.

## **KTC DOOR SECURITY**

The Kids Connection exterior doors at each building will be locked. The KTC door has a reader with a numeric punch pad. A family account on Eleyo will have a pin number that will need to be used to access the KTC exterior door by the person dropping off/picking up your child. This pin number should be shared with only those that are authorized to drop off/pick up your child. For the safety of all, we ask that you not share this pin with any other individuals. Only adults should use the pin pad. Please do not allow children to enter the code. Pin numbers will work during set hours of

operation during KTC and at buildings where you have a child attending. They will lock at 6 p.m. and so you are encouraged to be on time when picking up your child. A KTC staff member will need to let you in after 6 p.m. If you do not have a pin number, please contact the KTC Main Office at 515-252-8490. If you have attended KTC anytime since summer 2015, your same KTC door pin number will work at the building attending.

## PROGRAM OPERATION

**School Year Program Hours:** KTC program hours are Monday-Friday, 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:35-6:00 p.m. at the elementary schools. A list of closed days that are known at the time of printing for the upcoming year are listed below. Contact the Community Education/KTC Office, 515-252-8490 with questions.

### **KTC will be closed on the following dates:**

<b>Thur., Fri., Mon., &amp; Tues., August 18, 19 &amp; 22, 23, 2022</b>	<b>Staff Training</b>
<b>Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>	<b>Labor Day- Legal Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day-Legal Holiday</b>
<b>Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>	<b>KTC Offices &amp; KTC Sites Closed</b>
<b>Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>	<b>KTC Offices &amp; KTC Sites Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>	<b>KTC Offices &amp; KTC Sites Closed</b>
<b>Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>	<b>KTC Offices &amp; KTC Sites Closed</b>
<b>Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023</b>	<b>KTC Offices &amp; KTC Sites Closed</b>
<b>Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	<b>Memorial Day-Legal Holiday</b>

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**Field Trips:** Field trips are typically planned for three-hour early dismissal days and full-day care and are usually included in your fee. Any additional cost would be for treat money (optional) for your child when suggested by KTC or when admission fees are substantial.

If your child is registered for KTC for three-hour early dismissal or full-day care, the field trip location, date and expected time of departure and return will be posted at your KTC site and on the KTC website. Most of the three-hour early dismissal field trips depart by 1:15 pm and return by 4:30 pm. The no school/full day field trips depart by 12:30 pm and return by 4:00 pm. It is important for you to check regularly for such information, and read notices posted near the sign in/out sheet table at your KTC site.

If your child will not be participating in a field trip, you are responsible for making alternate child care arrangements in advance. Our staff will not be able to remain at the KTC site during the field trip because they are needed with the group.

**Transportation:** School Transportation America buses are used to transport KTC participants on field trips. Drivers are trained according to state and school district policies. District guidelines regarding proper school bus behavior are discussed with all participants prior to the field trip. If a child does not follow guidelines consistently, he or she may be denied KTC bus privileges for the remainder of the school year. The parent or guardian would then be responsible for alternative transportation arrangements.

**Youth Programs:** Please note that your child can attend youth programs, only if the class is held at your child's KTC location or you arrange transportation to the school where the class is held. Please tell the KTC staff if your child is registered for a youth program and is to be released at class time and if he/she is to return to KTC after the class.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

**Intoxicated/Impaired Parent:** Kids Connection cares about the safety and well-being of the children participating in the program. This concern does not end when a parent/guardian or other authorized person comes to pick up a child from the site. If a staff member observes conduct by an individual wishing to pick up a child that reasonably leads the staff member to believe the individual is impaired, the staff member may take action to address these concerns. If necessary, an authorized pick up person will be contacted. If the parent/guardian decides to take the child, the proper authorities will be contacted.

**Lost or Abducted Child:** The following steps will be taken if a child is lost or abducted from the site.

1. Thoroughly search the immediate area.
2. Call 911
3. Call the building principal or the Childcare Manager.
4. Notify parents.
5. The Childcare Manager or building principal will contact the District Administrative Office.
6. The Childcare Manager or On-site Coordinator will remain at the center as the point person and to gather information/description of the child to share with authorities.

**Intruder/Unauthorized Person:** An intruder is an unauthorized person who enters the school where the program is located. It is suggested for staff to follow the steps listed below if they an intruder on site:

1. Kids Connection staff will speak to individual from a safe position. Question the individual as to why individual is on school grounds. Be polite but persistent. Do not accept their reason or excuse. Don't leave the individual unattended.
2. If a trespasser arrives before 8:00 am or after 4:00 pm ask the individual to leave the school grounds and escort him/her out.
3. If the individual refuses to leave the building, ask for assistance from the On-site Coordinator, Childcare Manager, or building principal. Use your best judgment to decide if police (Call 911) is needed to be contacted if the individual refuses to leave and/or becomes aggressive.

**Aggressive, Armed, or otherwise Dangerous Intruder:** It is suggested for staff to follow the steps listed below if they an intruder is aggressive, armed, or otherwise dangerous:

1. Notify law enforcement and give a full description of intruder, including last known location, physical description, and known weapon or other devise.
2. Back away from intruder, with hands raised, if he/she indicates a potential for violence. Allow an avenue of escape for the individual. To the extent safely possible, maintain visual contact.
3. Be aware of intruder's actions at this time (where he/she is located in school building/center, whether he/she is carrying a weapon or package, etc.) Revised April 27, 2010-DHS policy change.
4. Kids Connection staff will take students to a safe location. This may require lockdown in a designated area or evacuation from the building.
5. Inform Childcare Manager or building principal.
6. If the aggressor leaves the school grounds before police arrive, note the direction the aggressor went and if they were on foot or left in a vehicle. If the aggressor left in a vehicle note the type of vehicle, color, and license plate number.

**Emergency Drills.** Drills for fire, tornadoes, and disasters are practiced monthly. An emergency plan is posted in each room for evacuation procedures. In the event of a bomb threat, power failure, chemical spills, earthquake, blizzard, or other disasters, the center may be evacuated and parents may be asked to pick up their child/children at the area designated for emergencies.

**Parent Communication:** After the safety of our students is assured, Kids Connection will make every attempt to contact and inform parents of the situation as soon as possible. The following procedures will also be followed:

1. Should parents arrive to take their students during a tornado, fire or evacuation, the student may leave as long as they have been signed out with the On-site Coordinator or designated staff.
2. Should parents arrive to pick up their child during a lock-down, they will not be allowed to enter the building and will need to wait in a safe area of their choosing until the all clear has been given and students are dismissed.
3. Keep classroom phone lines open during any emergency procedures.
4. Keep cell phone lines open during any emergency procedures.

## ACCESS POLICY

**Unrestricted Access:** Any person in the program who is not a staff member, substitute, or subcontracted staff or volunteer who has not had a record check and approval to be involved with child care shall not have “unrestricted access” to children for whom that person is not the parent, guardian, or custodian, nor be counted in the staff to child ratio.

1. “Unrestricted access” means that a person has contact with a child alone or is directly responsible for child care.
2. It is imperative that program not allow people who have not had a record check assume child care responsibilities or be alone with children. This directly relates both to child safety and liability to the center.
3. Persons who do not have unrestricted access will be under the direct “supervision” and “monitoring” of a paid staff member at all times and will not be allowed to assume any child care responsibilities.
4. Center staff will approach anyone who is on the property of the center without their knowledge to ask what their purpose is. If staff is unsure about the reason they will contact their On-site Coordinator or another management staff to get approval for the person to be on site. If it becomes a dangerous situation staff will follow the “intruder in the center” procedures. Non-agency persons who are on the property for other reasons such as maintenance, repairs, etc. will be monitored by paid staff and will not be allowed to interact with the children on premise.
5. A sex offender who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor (even if the sex offender is the parent, guardian, or custodian) who is required to register with the Iowa sex offender registry (Iowa Code 692A).
6. Shall not operate, manage, be employed by, or act as a contractor or volunteer at the child care center.
7. Shall not be on the property of the child care center without the written permission of the Child Care Manager, except for the time reasonably necessary to transport the offender’s own minor child or ward to and from the center.
  - a. The On-site Coordinator is not obligated to provide written permission and must consult with their DHS licensing consultant first.
  - b. If written permission is granted it shall include the conditions under which the sex offender may be present, including:
    1. The precise location in the center where the sex offender may be present.
    2. The reason for the sex offender’s presence at the facility.
    3. The duration of the sex offender’s presence.
    4. Description of how the center staff will supervise the sex offender to ensure that the sex offender is not left alone with a child.
    5. The written permission shall be signed and dated by the director and sex offender and kept on file for review by the center licensing consultant.

**Technology/Electronics Policy:** We ask that students not bring any type of electronics to KTC. This includes cell phones and watches. If a student brings or wears a smart watch, Apple watch, Gizmo, etc. to KTC the device can only be used as a watch. Any other use will not be permitted at KTC. A KTC parent/student agreement will have to be signed if a smart watch is worn. KTC on-site coordinators at each site will be in charge of the agreements. KTC is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of such devices.



## WEATHER POLICY 2022-23

In the event of severe weather or weather-related emergencies, the following policies are in effect:

### Media Announcements:

Announcements regarding weather related or emergency in Kids Connection normal hours of operation will be made on the following radio stations: KIOA, KRNT, KGGO, WHO, KEZT, KFMG; television stations KCCI, WHO, WOI and Mediacom. You may check for weather related information by calling the Community Education Office at 515-278-0552 and follow the menu selection or the District Office at 515-278-0470 and push **extension 199** for weather information. Announcements will be posted on the JCSD web pages and JCE social media.

**NOTE: If you are registered for KTC in Eleyo, you are eligible to attend any snow days at the Full Day Care rate of \$37.00 a day for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$32 per child for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child or more.**

### School Cancellation/KTC Operates:

An independent decision as to whether KTC will be held will be made. If possible, the superintendent's message will provide information on KTC closure. If KTC operates and school is closed the following steps are in place:

1. KTC will operate at **Beaver Creek and Wallace**.
  - Beaver Creek, Horizon and Timber Ridge students will go to **Beaver Creek**.
  - Wallace and Lawson students will go to **Wallace**.
2. Parents may drop off their child (ren) **after 7:00 a.m.**
3. Parents are asked to pick up their child (ren) **by 5:00 p.m.** so that they, and the staff, may travel home safely.
4. If your child(ren) is not picked up by 5:00 p.m. the late pick-up fee will apply.  
If you are 1-10 minutes late you will be charged \$20.00. You will also be charged \$1.00 for each minute after the first 10 minutes (i.e. 5:01-5:10 p.m., \$20.00: 5:11 p.m., \$21.00: 5:12 p.m., \$22.00).
5. Students who attend will need to **bring a lunch and a drink** with their name on it.
6. If KTC operates your KTC account will not be credited for the day. As long as your child is scheduled for the day there is no additional fee.

### School Cancellation/KTC is Closed:

If weather were so severe that program operation is not possible, like any business we would be forced to close. We ask that you make arrangements for your child's care if KTC is not in operation. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes you and we know you will understand that your child's and KTC staff's safety is of great importance. If you have any questions please call the CE/KTC Office at 515-252-8490. **CREDIT WILL NOT BE GIVEN IF KTC IS CLOSED.**

\*If the district closes school for any unforeseen circumstances/emergencies, no credit will be given for KTC. \*

### School Early Dismissal:

If school dismisses early, KTC begins at time of dismissal. Parents are asked to pick up their child (ren) **by 5:00 p.m.** so that they, and the staff, may travel home safely. If your child(ren) is not picked up by **5:00 p.m.** the late pick-up fee will apply.

**If you are 1-10 minutes late you will be charged \$20.00. You will also be charged \$1.00 for each minute after the first 10 minutes (i.e. 5:01-5:10 p.m., \$20.00: 5:11 p.m., \$21.00: 5:12 p.m., \$22.00).** No refunds will be given to those who choose not to attend these days.

### School Late Start:

We will open at **8:30 a.m.** on late start days at each school childcare location and continue care until school begins. No refunds will be given to those who choose not to attend these days.