



Bosco Catholic Preschool Potty Training Policy

Children enrolled in BCSS PK3 and PK4 preschool programs must be potty trained before attending preschool. Children must be wearing underwear and rarely have accidents. Please note that wearing pull-ups isn't considered being potty trained.

Why do children need to be potty trained? There are strict guidelines for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers. BCSS classrooms are not equipped for changing diapers or soiled clothing. When an adult is assisting with changing diapers or soiled clothing, it is taking away learning time for all children and it removes one adult from the direct supervision and interaction in the classroom.

We do understand that children have accidents even though they are potty trained. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents that only happen occasionally. In these instances the teacher will assist the students in changing their clothes while encouraging independence as much as possible.

A child who is potty trained can do the following:

1. Communicate to the teacher that they need to use the restroom before they need to go.
2. Be able to stop what they are doing to go and use the restroom.
3. Pull down their clothes and get them back up without assistance.
4. Wipe themselves after using the toilet.
5. Get on and off the toilet by themselves.
6. Wash and dry their hands.
7. Postpone going if they need to wait for someone who is currently using the restroom, or if we are away from the restroom at the time.
8. Wake themselves up during rest time if they need to use the restroom.

BCSS Preschool offers the opportunity to use the restroom multiple times throughout the day. The opportunity to use the restroom is included at the arrival of the school day, after morning snack, before recess, after lunch, after rest, before going home for the day, as well as anytime we are in the classroom.

It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to have a setback when they arrive in a new environment. Please dress your child in clothing that can be undone and changed easily. Please send a complete change of clothes (including socks and shoes) in your child's backpack that is appropriate for the season. These will remain in your child's backpack so that you can replace them if needed. Parents/Guardian will be notified if your child has a toileting accident.

We understand that each child arrives at this milestone differently, therefore we will allow 4 weeks from the first day of school for your child to demonstrate accomplishment of this goal. However, if the situation is not resolved within the classroom environment, we will discuss the issue with the parents/guardian and reserve the right to suspend attendance of the child at such time.

If your child is not completely potty trained when the school year starts, you may withdraw your child from BCSS preschool, and re-register as soon as they are ready.

Below states the BCSS Preschool policy that will be in effect for children who have toileting accidents.

1. Parents/guardians will be notified each time a child has a toileting accident.
2. The classroom teacher will document the date and times of the accidents, and any efforts being made to help reduce the accidents.
3. The classroom teacher will work with the parents/guardians to develop a plan to help improve bathroom success.
4. If toileting accidents are habitual, parents/guardians will be required to participate in a parent-teacher conference. During this conference a plan will be determined to help with efforts to improve bathroom success along with the steps the parents will need to take.
5. If improvements are not evident after 2 weeks of implementing this plan, the teacher and parents/guardian will meet to discuss other options/strategies including the possibility of time away from school while the child becomes successful with toileting.
6. BCSS Preschool reserves the right to terminate any child's enrollment if the child persistently has toileting accidents despite our combined efforts to help them be successful with potty training.

Please sign, cut and return this with your registration paperwork on or before the first day of Preschool.

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I have read and understand these policies.

Child's Name (Print) _____

Parent's signature _____

Date _____