

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM - REASONABLE CARE STANDARDS

The use of school buildings, grounds, equipment, and facilities for school purposes shall have precedence over all other uses. The school corporation will contract in writing with a not-for-profit organization or a for-profit organization on an annual basis to provide a school age child care program (latch key program) which utilizes school corporation buildings. The school corporation will request proposals for providing latch key programs as required by Indiana law; such proposals must include the organization's fee schedule. The Vigo County School Corporation will provide a latch key program in all Vigo County School Corporation Elementary Schools. Such a program will adhere to the standards set out in this policy. Such use is limited to before or after the school day when school is in session. Additionally, the child care provider may use classrooms or other space for students who are enrolled in a half-day kindergarten program depending upon the availability of the space. An organization eligible to contract with the school corporation for a child care program must meet or exceed the following standards:

1. Provide child care for children enrolled in preschool through sixth (6) grade.
2. Maintain liability insurance to cover participants with \$700,000 per person and \$5,000,000 per occurrence limits.
3. Maintain a maximum child to staff ratio of 15 to 1. Staff, for purposes of determining the child to staff ratio, is defined as any person who is responsible for and directly engaged in supervising children.

No fee will be assessed for the use of school buildings under this policy. However, a fee to reimburse the school corporation for providing security, maintenance, utilities, school personnel, or other added costs directly attributed to the use of the buildings for the program(s) will be assessed. The Superintendent will develop regulations, fee schedules, and forms to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: I.C. 20-26-5-2
I.C. 20-26-5-3
I.C. 5-22-9

REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The organization contracted to provide a school age child care program is subject to the following regulations in regard to the use of school building(s):

1. The organization must complete a form, which is available at the Superintendent's office. The completed form must be returned to the Superintendent prior to the signing of the contract. This form requires the organization to indemnify and hold harmless the Vigo County School Corporation for and from any and all judgments or settlements of claims arising out of the organization's use of school property.
2. Any damages to school property will be the responsibility of the contracted organization. Replacement values and labor will be used to calculate reimbursement.
3. The use of special equipment such as stage lighting, scenery, curtains, picture projectors, public address systems, etc., shall be permitted only when operated by employees or other persons authorized by the building principal.
4. No furniture or equipment may be moved without approval of the building principal or his or her designee.
5. No signs, displays, or other materials may be attached to walls, nailed or otherwise affixed to the floors, walls, window glass, woodwork, draperies, etc., without permission of the building principal.

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