



2024-2025
Afterschool
Parent Handbook

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Aldersgate Weekday Ministries Program Philosophy

Aldersgate Weekday Ministries is designed to provide a safe and learning environment for the children we serve. Our staff is held to very high expectations as they work with each individual child. We believe that each child will develop to his/her greatest potential during their time at Aldersgate.

Aldersgate Weekday Ministries has designed an Afterschool Program with the goal of providing a quality program of child care based on Christian values for elementary and middle school students during the hours following school. The program will offer a variety of activities including homework and quiet times, snacks, games, seasonal arts and crafts, reading, videos, and holiday celebrations. The program seeks to provide quality afterschool care upon which parents can rely throughout the school year.

Enrollment and Registration

We begin the registration process for Afterschool on a first come, first serve basis. Kindergarten registration begins the March prior to your child entering Kindergarten. You may visit our website at www.aldersgatewds.org or call the office and request a registration form be sent to you.

Aldersgate Weekday Ministries reserves the right to accept, deny, terminate or amend the enrollment of both new and current students at any time. This decision is made by the Director.

There is a one time “enrollment fee” of \$75. This fee is **non-refundable** and must be received with the enrollment form to guarantee a spot in the program for each child. There are limited spots in the Afterschool Program. If we receive your registration form after all the spots have been filled, you may place your child’s name on a waiting list.

Return Registration Fee

There is a non-refundable return registration fee of \$50 per child for students who continue in the program from year to year. This will guarantee your child a spot in the program for the upcoming school year. Return registration is held in March of each year.

****We require written notice for any child who plans to withdraw from the after-school program. You are responsible for payment of fees through the end of that month.**

Fees & Payment Schedule

- Year-round students will be charged on an eleven-month equal pay plan, July to May. **There is no payment for June.** Tuition is based on 181 days of school. Therefore, monthly tuition does NOT include inter-session camps.
- Excelsior and Traditional students will be charged on an eleven-month equal pay plan, August to June.

Full Time Care: (4 - 5 days per week)

Part Time Care: (1 – 3 days per week)

~Year Round School Students

(11 payments)

\$210/month first child

\$180/month second child

\$160/month for third and additional children

~Excelsior and Traditional School Students

(11 payments)

\$210/month first child

\$180/month second child

\$160/month for third and additional children

*Part-time students, who wish to attend more than three days in one week, will be charged an additional \$20.00 per day, per child.

*Part-time students who add an Early Release Day will be charged \$25.00 for the day.

Checks should be made payable to: **Aldersgate Weekday Ministries.** **Checks are due by the 1st and are late if received after the 6th of the month.** Bimonthly payments may be arranged upon request.

A computer generated \$10 late fee will be applied if paid after the 6th of the month, and a \$25 late fee will be applied on all returned checks.

We accept: Cash or checks. You may have your bank set up a monthly bill pay as well. There is also an online link to pay that will be sent from our financial manager.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Aldersgate offers a scholarship program for families who need financial assistance for afterschool care. This is strictly confidential and available until all funds are allocated. Families wishing to receive financial aid are required to complete an application and submit necessary forms. Please contact the Director to receive all current scholarship information.

Transportation

Durham Public School (DPS) buses provide transportation to Aldersgate from schools which serve the Aldersgate district. DPS buses will transport students from the following schools:

- Easley Elementary
- Excelsior Academy
- Eno Valley Elementary
- Little River Elementary
- Carrington Middle School
- The School of Creative Studies

You will need to contact your child's school to add Aldersgate as their afternoon bus stop location.

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 Durham, NC 27712

Days of Operation

The Afterschool Program will operate on school days when the year round and/or traditional schools are in session. The Afterschool will **NOT** operate on school holidays which are observed by both the year round and traditional calendars.

We do offer care on DPS Early Release Days for students currently enrolled after-school students.

Hours of Operations

The After-School Program will operate 2:15 PM until 6:00 PM on all school days. Parents will receive a verbal warning followed by a written warning regarding the late pick up time. Following both of those a late fee will be assessed.

The Staff's day ends at 6:00pm and it is disrespectful to them if you are habitually late.

- 1st offense – verbal warning
- 2nd offense – written warning
- 3rd offense - \$15 late fee + \$1 per minute
- 4th offense – \$20 late fee + \$1 per minute
- 5th offense - \$25 late fee + \$1 per minute and determination if you will continue to attend afterschool.

Absences

If your child will **NOT** be attending the after-school program due to illness, parent-teacher conference, sports related etc.

PLEASE, notify the Director by calling and leaving a message or sending an email to the Director at **evie@aldersgate.org**. Attendance is taken daily, and it is important for us to know your child is safe if they are not at Aldersgate. If your child is absent and we have not been notified of an absence we will call to confirm your child is with you.

Severe Weather Policy

In the event DPS suspends school or releases early due to severe weather conditions, the After School Program will NOT operate on those days.

Fire and Tornado Drills

Fire and Tornado drills will be held at least quarterly. Safety procedures are explained and practiced at school. Staff members remain calm and reassure the children they are safe. Children are escorted to the nearest exit and relocated to the shelter behind the FLC. The teachers account for all students and report their numbers to the Director. The Director will check all classrooms and bathrooms, and the gymnasium to make sure no child is left inside.

For Tornado drills children are taken to an inside classroom. Relocated Teachers will take books and other activities to do with the children while waiting.

Insurance

Aldersgate Afterschool has a secondary accident insurance plan from which parents may seek reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses not covered by their primary insurance plan. **If a student is injured while taking part in the Aldersgate Afterschool Program, parents must first file a claim with their primary insurance carrier.** Expenses not covered by the student's primary carrier may be filed with our secondary insurance company. Claim forms are available from the Director.

Medication

Medication will be administered by the Director or Assistant Director when accompanied by a completed Medication Administration Form. The form must give specific instructions including dosage and time to be given and must be signed by the parent or legal guardian. The medication container must be pharmacy labeled with the medicine name, child's name, duration, dosage and time to be given.

First Aid

Records will be kept of any accident involving a child. An attempt to contact parents will be made. Basic first aid will be administered on site (i.e. ice on bruise or Band-Aid for scrapes and cuts). In the case of any injury requiring professional care, we will follow the steps as outlined on the Student Registration Form. **All staff are CPR and first aid certified.**

Communication

Any change in programs, calendars, etc. will be sent home with the children and emailed to parents. Please be sure that we have your correct email address at home and/or work so information can be sent to you electronically. If you have any special requests or concerns, please contact the school at (919) 479-8686.

Pick-Up

We will use carline to pick up from afterschool. Each family will be given a car tag with your family's unique number. (If more than one are required please let the Director know.) If you routinely carpool with another family they may request a car tag for you as well. The teachers will sign each child out on their clipboard when they are picked up from afterschool. This will ensure that the Group Leader is aware when each child leaves. The program will maintain a list of persons authorized to pick-up each child. We will **NOT** release a child to any unauthorized person.

Families, who have joint custody, must agree on all information provided on the registration form including persons able to pick up children; both parents/guardians MUST sign the registration form. Please notify the Director if a new person will pick up your child.

Any person who is not familiar to the staff will be asked to show a picture ID before picking up a child.

Activities

The After-School Program offers a variety of activities, which include:

- Daily Indoor and Outdoor play
- Daily Homework/Study time
- Snack
- Classroom activities and games

Each group, Kindergarten & 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th will rotate through each of the activities and follow the same schedule each day. Middle School has their own schedule.

Snacks

Snacks such as water, low calorie cookies, baked chips, popcorn, fruit, cheese, crackers and more will be provided daily. Children on special diets will need to bring their own snacks. Parents should advise the Director of any specific food allergies their child may have. All of our snacks are nut free.

Conduct

Students are expected to behave in an appropriate manner, i.e. they are to exhibit respect for staff, each other and for the church property. A goal of the program is to establish a Christian atmosphere in which all children will enjoy participating in the activities. If a child's behavior becomes a problem, privileges within the After-School Program will be taken away. Suspension or expulsion will be options if behavior does not improve. The Director will determine the need for suspension or expulsion.

Each student is expected to:

Be kind to each other.

Be responsible for his/her actions.

Adhere to the Afterschool and classroom rules.

Remain with his/her group and leader at all times.

Take care of materials and equipment and store them properly.

Behave appropriately on the school bus.

Exit the bus and enter the building in an orderly manner.

Listen respectfully when staff members are giving instruction.

Be responsible for personal property.

Discipline

Disciplinary procedures are as follows:

Two Verbal Warnings

Separation from group activities (time out)

Director/Student conference

Director/Student/Parent conference

Suspension/Expulsion

We, the staff, at Aldersgate Afterschool are very excited that you have chosen this program for your child's afterschool care. It is our goal to provide a quality program that meets their spiritual, emotional, physical, educational, and recreational needs. Please feel free to contact us at (919) 479-8686 if you have any questions or concerns.

Inter-session Camps

We offer full day camps for children who attend the year round schools. Camps are theme-based such as, soccer, basketball, cooking, holiday themes and fun camps, which offer a variety of activities. There is a weekly fee for each camp your child attends. This is **NOT** part of your afterschool tuition. Sign up is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Information and registration forms will be available two months prior to the beginning of each camp.

The fee for **each week** of inter-session (7:30 am until 6 pm) is **\$210 for the first child and \$200 for each additional child**. There will be **60** spaces available each week. A **50% non-refundable or nontransferable registration fee per child** is required at time of registration in order to reserve a space for your child (ren). The 50% registration fee is applied to the weekly fee. Daily slots are available after the full time positions have been filled. The daily rates are \$60.00 per day per child.

Camp fees for Families who are not currently enrolled in 11-month afterschool program are as follows:

- **\$230.00 for the first child**
- **\$220.00 sibling rate**

A \$15.00 one-time new family registration fee is due for all new families who attend any intersession camps.

2024-2025 Aldersgate Year-Round Intersession Camps

August 21 – Day camp

Fall	Week 1	September 18 – 20 (Wed – Fri)
	Week 2	September 23 - 27
	Week 3	September 30 – October 4

November 5 – Day Camp

Winter	Week 1	December 16 - 20
	Week 2	**CLOSED Dec. 23 - 31 ***
	Week 3	January 1 *CLOSED* Camp January 2, 3

Spring	Week 1	March 17-21
	Week 2	March 24-28
	Week 3	March 31 – April 4

April 21 – Day Camp

2024-2025 Traditional Afterschool Calendar

August	26	Traditional first day of school
September	2 23	CLOSED Labor Day Traditional-Teacher workday - *Camp*
October	25	CLOSED – Teacher workday
November	5 11 26 27-29	CLOSED – Teacher Workday DPS *Camp* CLOSED - Veterans Day Early Release Day - DPS CLOSED - Thanksgiving
December	20 23-31	Early Release Day CLOSED – no Camp
January	1 2-3 20 21	CLOSED – New Years CLOSED - *Intersession Camps Available CLOSED MLK, Jr. Day CLOSED – Teacher workday
February	14 17	Early Release Day – DPS CLOSED Teacher Workday
March	10 31	CLOSED – Teacher Workday CLOSED – Spring Break *Intersession Camps Available
April	1-4 18 21	CLOSED – Spring Intersession - *Camp* CLOSED – Good Friday – no camp CLOSED – Teacher Workday * Camp*
May	9 26	Early Release Day - DPS CLOSED - Memorial Day
June	11	Last Day of School DPS – ERD

2024-2025 Excelsior Afterschool Calendar

August	7	Excelsior first day of school
September	2	CLOSED Labor Day
October	7-14	Excelsior Fall Break – *No Camp*
November	11 27-29	CLOSED - Veterans Day CLOSED - Thanksgiving
December	20 23-31	Early Release Day CLOSED – no Camp
January	1 2-3 6 20	CLOSED – New Years CLOSED - *Intersession Camps Available CLOSED – Teacher workday CLOSED MLK, Jr. Day
February	14 17	CLOSED – Teacher workday CLOSED – Teacher Workday
March	17 - 31	CLOSED – Spring Intersession *Intersession Camps Available
April	18	CLOSED – Good Friday – no camp
May	26	CLOSED - Memorial Day
June	6	Last Day of School Excelsior