

Choosing the best child care program can make a tremendous difference in academic performance and self-esteem. Charlotte Public Schools Child Care is rebuilding the link between childcare and education for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old.

The program is located at the Weymouth Child Development Center and is open Monday-Friday year round from 5:30am – 6:30pm. The program offers opportunities to foster innovative learning experiences specific to each age group.

The Infant/Toddler and Preschool classrooms incorporate the Creative Curriculum® into classroom environments and daily lesson plans. Teachers at the center are trained to implement the curriculum in order to promote social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development of children. Observations and assessments of the children's development are ongoing, and parent-teacher conferences are held several times a year in order to keep families involved in their child's progress.

Classrooms provide low teacher to student ratios. This allows teachers to provide responsive, individualized care and ensure children's health and safety while at school. Teachers are CPR and First Aid certified.

The preschool classrooms have the distinctive opportunity to be a part of a professional learning community through Charlotte Public Schools on Early Childhood Education. The group's intent is to ensure that preschool age children develop the proper skills they will need in order to perform well in Kindergarten. All preschoolers entering Kindergarten in Charlotte Public Schools from the center take with them a transition summary, which gives their Kindergarten teachers important information about their progress in preschool.

The Before and After School program provides a safe and stimulating environment for students in need of supervision before and/or after the school day at Charlotte Public Schools. Both programs are semi-structured and include age-appropriate games, puzzles, art, and outside activities.

The Before School program operates 5:30am-8:30am and is available for children in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Children are served a simple breakfast before school to get their day off to a good start. Transportation is provided to all schools in the district from the program.

The After School program is also available for children in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and operates 2:30pm-6:30pm. Children in the program are offered an afternoon snack, and then grouped according to age for homework time, games, art and enrichment activities, and outdoor play. Children enrolled in the After School program are able to take part in a swimming day once a week at the Charlotte Aquatic Center. Charlotte Public School busses provide transportation to the program and departure is by parent pick-up.

For children in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Charlotte Public Schools Child Care also provides a Day Camp program during school vacations and summer break. The program includes daily swimming at the Charlotte Aquatic Center art, science projects, games and outdoor activities tied to weekly themes.

Charlotte Public Schools Child Care staff members combine guidance with free exploration to make sure the program is a safe place where children are able to continue learning and having fun. They plan activities that will foster teamwork and are unique to the needs of each child.

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