



Aftercare Program for the 2024-2025 School Year

Please contact Mrs. Emma Kabongo, Aftercare Coordinator (ekabongo@siouxcenterchristian.com), or Rebecca Vander Werf, Director of Early Childhood (rvanderwerf@siouxcenterchristian.com) with any questions.

The Purpose of Sioux Center Christian School's Aftercare Program:

- To act as an extension of the quality, Christ-centered educational experience offered by Sioux Center Christian School.
- To provide help with homework, organized group games, and outdoor play to keep children active and engaged during their time with us.
- To continue to strengthen the partnership between the parents and school.

Registration:

Please return the following to the Sioux Center Christian School office:

1. **SCCS Health and Family Information form (one for each child participating)**
2. A copy of your child's **immunization** record (if not already on file at school)
3. A copy of any court order pertaining to your child(ren), if applicable
4. The completed **Aftercare Financial Commitment form (one per family)**

Registration Fee:

A \$25 registration fee (per family) will be charged to utilize Aftercare throughout the year. This will be paid in August or whenever the family registers. This fee is to ensure that our program remains affordable for families utilizing our program every day and flexible for families needing it only sporadically.

Cost:

\$3.40 per hour for each child. There will be an additional late charge of \$2.00 per minute if the child is picked up after 5:05 p.m. **You may register your child for Aftercare anytime during the school year.**

Payments:

The caregivers will sign your child in when they arrive and out when they leave Aftercare. A bill will be sent to you at the end of each month. Bills must be paid promptly to ensure continued use of Aftercare. Receipts will be available upon request.

Program Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (3:05 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and Wednesdays (2:05 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

- ***Aftercare will be closed all school breaks, the last day of school of a scheduled school break (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, Easter), Faculty/Staff Christmas party (date to be determined), Professional Development days, Grandparent/Special Friend Day, Interscholastics, the last day of school, and all of summer break.***

Inclement Weather Policy:

We will NOT have Aftercare on days when school is let out early or cancelled due to inclement weather.

Supervision and Care Providers:

Children will be under the direct supervision of the caregivers in the Aftercare room or other areas on school premises.

Aftercare Program:

Children will walk from their classroom to the Aftercare room. Students are encouraged to bring their own snack to eat during their time in Aftercare, as the school will not be supplying a snack. Should your child have special dietary needs, please discuss with the supervisor. Our program will also provide opportunities for children to get outside or engage in activities in the gym (when available), as well as appropriate toys and games and the occasional movie.

Homework:

Older students will have the opportunity to use this time to engage in homework. It is still the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that homework has been completed, as students may not fully complete the work during Aftercare.

Pickup:

- Children will only be allowed to leave the facility with parents, guardians, or persons specified on the registration form or a person who has written permission (text, email, note) from a parent.
- If a person not indicated on the registration form attempts to pick up the child, the supervisor will ask the person to remain outside the classroom until the parent is contacted for consent.
- If the parent does not arrive to pick up the child, the supervisor will contact the work and home numbers of both parents and all emergency contacts.
- A notice will be posted on the classroom door if the group is on the playground or gym.

The mission of Sioux Center Christian School is to disciple God's children by equipping them with a knowledge and understanding of Christ and His creation so that they can obediently serve God and others as they work and play.