



Blooming Einsteins After School Enrichment Program

2024-2025 Parent Handbook

We are so delighted you have selected Blooming Einsteins to meet your child's after school needs. At Blooming Einsteins, we strive to excel in providing exceptional care and educational enrichment to your child. We are a premiere after school enrichment center, fulfilling a need in our community for quality after school care.

At Blooming Einsteins, we have created an environment that is peaceful, safe, and enjoyable for every child, on a daily basis. Our primary goal is to help assist with learning, while providing an exciting atmosphere where each child has the opportunity to develop educationally, physically, emotionally, and socially.

After School Program Schedule and Hours

Our After School Enrichment Program runs in conjunction with Fort Mill School District (FMSD) school year, operating during the after school hours of 2 pm - 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Blooming Einsteins will open for a full day (7:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. **Except during Winter & Spring Break****) on the following days when Fort Mill Schools are not in session. If your child attends a full day the fee will be an **additional \$50.00**.**

- October 11, 2024 (Student and Staff Holiday)
- October 14, 2024 (Teacher Work & Professional Day)
- November 05, 2024 (Election Day)
- December 26-27 & 30, 2024 & January 2-3 2024 (Winter Break) **(Closing @ 6:00 PM)**
- January 20, 2025 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- February 14, 2025 (Teacher Work & Professional Day)
- February 17, 2025 (President's Day)
- March 14, 2025 (Student and Staff Holiday)
- March 17, 2025 (Teacher Work & Professional Day)
- April 21-25, 2025 (Spring Break) **(Closing @ 6:00 PM)**
- May 27, 2025 (Teacher Work & Professional Day)

The following days are half days or early release days scheduled by Fort Mill Schools. The operating hours for the half days will be **11 a.m.-6:30pm** and for early release days will be **12 p.m.-6:30 pm**. If your child attends a half day the fee will be **\$20**. There is no additional cost for Early Release days.

- Half Days: December 20, May 22, 2025, May 23
- Early Release Days: August 30, September 27, November 1, January 31, 2025, February 28, March 28

Blooming Einsteins will be closed on the following days:

- Labor Day: September 02, 2024
- Thanksgiving Break: November 27-29, 2024
- Christmas Break: December 23-25 & 31, 2024 & January 01, 2024

Program Tuition:

Program tuition will be automatically withdrawn from your account on a bi-weekly basis. Your fees will be drafted from your account on Friday for the following 2 weeks of enrollment. At this time, Blooming Einsteins only accepts bank account withdrawals. Credit/debit cards are not accepted. All banking information is held confidential.

The after school tuition is \$220 bi-weekly and the registration fee is \$100 per child, per year (the registration fee is non-refundable). Full days will be charged at an additional rate of \$50/day. Half days will be charged at an additional rate of \$20/day. Early release days are free of cost.

Blooming Einsteins does not prorate tuition regardless of attendance or closures (including holidays & weather).

Please note: On half days, we will observe the hours of 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

On early release days, we will observe the hours of 12 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

On full days, we will observe the hours of 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Late Pick-up

Our Late Policy is as follows: If your child(ren) is/are not picked up at 6:30 pm, a \$25/per child late pick-up fee will be applied to your account every 15 minutes after 6:30 pm until pickup. After 3 late pickups, your child will be asked to leave the program. Please call Blooming Einsteins as soon as you are aware of the possibility of a late pick-up so we may plan accordingly. **(With the exception of Spring and Winter Break where the hours are 7:00 am-6:00 pm)**

Daily Program:

Upon arrival at our facility, your child will be given a snack, followed by homework time, as we are a homework-first facility. There will be several teachers available to assist with all the required homework. All homework should be completed, and each student's folder checked by a teacher before students are allowed to participate in further programming.

Upon the completion of enrichment exercises, students will be allowed organized free time until pick-up. We have a gym and a large outdoor space for various types of activities, in addition to special centers.

Staffing:

Blooming Einsteins is not equipped to provide 1:1 direct care to those who may require specialized behavioral services. We do our best to always maintain a child-to-staff ratio of 15 to 1. All children who attend Blooming Einsteins must be able to use the toilet without assistance.

Behavior:

Students will be required to abide by the Blooming Einsteins policies and procedures to ensure that each participant remains safe. In most cases when discipline is needed, we believe in redirection or diversion. If the previous measures become ineffective, we will notify parents. If poor behavior continues, a conference with parents will be held to discuss the behavior and positive methods to promote more appropriate behavior at our school. If behavior does not improve, the student will receive a one-day suspension from the program. As a last resort for behavior that does not show any signs of improvement, the student will be removed from the program. We can assure you that the safety of all our student's physical, emotional, and social needs is our priority. Any property that is damaged or destroyed by a student will be the financial responsibility of the person(s) noted for tuition payment.

Health Precautions:

If a child becomes sick while at school parents/guardians/emergency contacts will be called to pick them up. Children must be free from any communicable disease, and/or fever for 24 hours before returning to the center.

Children must be kept at home if any of the following symptoms appear: temperature at 100 F or above, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, colored nasal discharge, discharging eyes or ears, or conjunctivitis. Parents should exercise every precaution and keep the child at home. Please, no exceptions.

Closures:

In the event of unexpected delays/school closures due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events, Blooming Einsteins will follow Fort Mill School's policy.

Early Withdrawal:

A two-week notice of withdrawal via email is required for all children. Failure to provide a withdrawal notice will result in up to two weeks merit of tuition. Blooming Einsteins reserves the right to discharge any child/family for failure to pay tuition or for unmanageable or disruptive behavior that brings harm or continued disruption to the staff and/or other children."