

**Things You Should Know Before You Enroll Your Child  
at the MU Child Development Lab (5.19.21)**

**Photographs and Video- or Audio-Recordings.** I understand that the CDL is a lab school and that CDL children may be video- or audio-recorded or photographed for educational or research purposes. I give the CDL permission to make and use recordings of my child for educational and research purposes. I also understand that CDL employees and partners will from time to time use photography or videography for the purpose of chronicling CDL activities that are positive and of interest to the University of Missouri and local communities, and that these recordings may be used in materials to promote the CDL, the University's Human Development and Family Science degree programs, posted to University social media accounts; or submitted to news media for possible publication. I give the CDL permission to make and use recordings of my child for promotional purposes without compensation. Children pictured in promotional materials will not be identified or will be identified by first name only unless parents have provided advance written permission.

- The Child Development Lab is a student-training laboratory school. The reason we are here, on campus, is to provide practicum/field experiences and support research. Through those missions, we are able to provide childcare services to approximately 72 families.
- The CDL opens at 7:30 and closes at 5:30. This is a ten-hour day and there is no extended day option.
- Unlike most laboratory schools, which only operate during University semesters, the CDL is open 48 weeks a year, minus state holidays and emergency closures.
- The University is closed one week in December for Winter Recess. All University employees receive this time off (paid) to be with their families.
- The CDL elects to close over Spring Break and additional days over the Winter Recess. During these times, the CDL teachers use their Paid Time Off (PTO).
- The CDL closes four to five days over the summer so that classrooms can be deep cleaned and staff can receive training and professional development. These dates will be listed on the Calendar of Events at the beginning of the school year. The CDL teachers are responsible for mentoring college students, therefore it is essential that they stay on top of the latest research and trends in early childhood education. We value this time together and use the time as efficiently as possible.
- The CDL closes early six times a year for quarterly lab staff meetings. The only time all CDL staff (15 plus) are able to meet together for group discussions is when we are closed.
- For liability reasons, the University may elect to close or cancel classes due to inclement weather. When the University is closed, the CDL is closed. If the University delays opening until roads, steps, and pathways are clear, the CDL will delay opening as well. If the University goes to remote learning due to inclement weather, the CDL will close.

- The CDL teachers are University employees, which means they earn sick days, vacation days, and four personal days a year. If for whatever reason adult-to-child ratios cannot be met, the CDL will close.
- The CDL incurs all staff salaries and other fixed costs even during days closed for inclement weather or other emergencies and cannot refund fees for the rare days it closes for these reasons.

Signature of Acknowledgment: \_\_\_\_\_

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