



WINDHAM COOPERATIVE
KINDERGARTEN AND
NURSERY SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS A CO-OP?

A cooperative school is owned and operated by the parents of the enrolled children. Parents of nursery and pre-k students are given the opportunity to be an active participant in their child's education by helping in their child's classroom on a rotational basis. It is led by a director and a parent volunteer executive board. The school is a self-supporting and non-profit organization.

WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL PHILOSOPHY?

WCK believes in a child-centered approach. This enables children to build knowledge through each of their senses with a wide range of hands-on learning experiences. The activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate and appeal to a broad group of learners.

WHAT IS THE CLASS SCHEDULE?

AM Classes meet from 8:45 - 11:30am.
PM Classes meet from 12:15pm - 3:00pm.
PEEP meets from 10:30 - 12:15 or 11:30 - 1:15
KEEP meets from 8:45 - 12:15 or 11:30 - 3:00

HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER?

During the registration process we ask you for your availability to volunteer in various classroom, school wide and board positions. Throughout the year there are also other opportunities to help with the community drives such as Shepherd's Pantry and the Windham Women's Club. Parents are encouraged, but not required, to hold volunteer positions.

HOW OFTEN DO I CO-OP?

As a WCK member you are required to be a co-op helper in your child's classroom 4 times yearly. If you have more than one child at the school you are required to do 6 co-op days (3 in each child's classroom). Co-oping is set by the classroom Co-op Scheduler and is done on a rotational basis. Scheduling preferences are accommodated whenever possible. There is a fee you may pay in lieu of a co-op day.

Parents interested in co-oping more than required are always welcome! This can be coordinated through the classroom teacher and Co-op Scheduler.

WHAT ARE GOOD SNACK IDEAS?

When you are the co-op helper in your child's class you are asked to provide a snack and drink for the class. WCK promotes healthy choices in snacks. In the past, parents have brought in snacks such as banana bread, corn muffins, graham cracker products, cereal snack mix, vegetable/fruit slices or string cheese. WCK does recognize food allergies and will work with you on a case by case basis to communicate your specific needs. In addition, each classroom will always have saltines and water as a "safe snack" choice in case children do not like what has been brought in by the co-op parent.

IS THERE AN ALLERGY POLICY?

Just as our children are all different, so too are their allergies. With this in mind, WCK cannot guarantee an allergy free atmosphere; however, we try to avoid nut-containing foods. If your child



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has a severe food allergy, we suggest that you provide a separate snack them. On your co-op

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days you must provide a snack and beverage for the rest of the class as well as your child.

Our teachers are trained in emergency first aid and CPR, as well as the use of EPI pens. They can administer this drug to your child providing that you supply this medication as well as the supporting paperwork from your physician. By state regulations, any medication that we have on the premises must be in the original packaging and labeled by the pharmacy with the child's name and expiration date.

WHAT IS PRE-K ENRICHMENT (PEEP)?

PEEP is an optional extended day enrichment class. It is offered at an additional cost to the core programming. PEEP allows for hands on learning focusing on science and exploration.

HOW IS PEEP SCHEDULED?

Students attending AM Pre-K will be sent to PEEP at 11:30 from Pre-K and will be picked up by parents at 1:15. Students attending PM Pre-K will be dropped off at 10:30 and will be brought to Pre-K at 12:15. They are dismissed at 3:00. Pre-K students have the option of attending PEEP for either 1, 2, or 3 days. All PEEP students bring and eat lunch at the school.

WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT (KEEP)?

The curriculum for KEEP is designed to complement and enhance the local public kindergarten curriculum. KEEP is an enrichment program encompassing science, arts and crafts, social studies, movement and gross motor and music. In coordination with local kindergarten, KEEP creates a full day school experience for the children.

HOW IS KEEP SCHEDULED?

Students attending AM Kindergarten will be picked up at Golden Brook School at 11:15 and brought to WCK. They are dismissed from WCK at 3:00. Student attending PM Kindergarten will be dropped off at WCK at 8:45 and will be bused to Golden Brook School at 12:15. All KEEP students bring and eat lunch at the school. All busing between WCK and Golden Brook School is free of charge to the students.

If your child attends kindergarten at a school other than Golden Brook School they are welcome to attend the KEEP program, but transportation will not be provided. Kindergarten students have the option of attending KEEP for 1, 2, 3 or 5 days.



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