

Frequently Asked Questions

1. FEPC Kids Place starts August 24, but my child does not go back to school until after then. What are my options?

You may feel free to send your child the days you are signed up for before your school district start date. We will provide some grade-appropriate review material that they can work on during the learning blocks.

2. What steps are you taking to maintain a safe learning environment during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Parents and caregivers will not be allowed in the building during the school day. Masks will be worn at drop-off and pick-up by students, parents, and teachers. Should an early pick-up be required, or if a parent needs to drop off a forgotten item, they will need to contact the Program Director, and a staff member will meet them at the entrance. Additional cleaning measures will take place during the day by the teachers, and after school by the cleaning company. Students and staff will wash hands frequently. Hand sanitizers with greater than 60% alcohol content will be available as needed. Preschool/MDO children will not intermingle with Kids Place students. All recess/playground equipment will be cleaned before and after each class use.

3. I have a child in the preschool/MDO program. Can I pick up my child in Kids Place when I pick up my other child?

Absolutely! Just let us know at drop-off that your child will be picked up at 1:00 and we will bring them down to the main entrance at that time. If your other child is in preschool or pre-k, your Kids Place student can go to the designated drive-through waiting area with the sibling to be taken to the car at the same time. If they are a student in MDO, we prefer that you pick up the MDO student first and then come to the main entrance to pick up your Kids Place student. You can also contact the Program Director by phone or email to alert Kids Place of the change in pick-up time.

4. What is drop-off and pick-up like?

FEPC Kids Place will meet parents and students at the main church entrance at 8:50am. The entrance will be unlocked prior to this time (except on Mondays), but we ask that you remain outside until the staff has arrived to record your child's temperature. Once the child's temperature has been recorded, students will wait inside the vestibule with the teachers until all students have arrived or 9:15am, whichever is sooner. At that time, staff will escort the students to their classrooms. For pick-up, all students will be brought down to the vestibule and will wait with FEPC Kids Place staff until the parent or caregiver has arrived.

5. How will my child be able to complete their online assignments?

FEPC has graciously agreed to provide sufficient wireless internet access for the students in the program. The student will need to bring their computer or tablet each day they attend the program.

6. What if I don't want my child to do schoolwork during the day?

We have designed this program to help ensure students are able to complete their schoolwork in a setting that is as much like traditional school as possible. Therefore, if your child does not bring

work assigned by their home school, we will provide grade-level appropriate educational activities to be completed during the learning blocks. We ask that the parents please send in the assigned work each day that the child attends the program.

7. Will I need to send food for my student? Are refrigerators and microwaves available?

Parents will need to provide a snack and lunch for their child each day. Unfortunately, the wing of the building that FEPC Kids Place will use is not equipped with refrigerators and microwaves, so please keep this in mind when packing snacks and lunch.

8. What do I need to bring?

We suggest that all participants keep some basic school supplies in their classrooms. We will provide plastic, lidded bins labeled for each student. Upon enrollment, you will receive a supply list with suggested items to provide. Please understand that in an effort to keep the spreading of germs as minimal as possible, students will not be able to share supplies (exceptions may be made for siblings who are in the same classroom) and FEPC Kids Place will be unable to provide communal markers, crayons, etc. If applicable to their grade level, your child will need to bring their computer or tablet with plug and headphones each day they attend the program. These items need to be clearly labeled with your child's name so that things do not get mixed up. Any worksheets or reading material required by the home school must also be sent with your child if they are expected to complete those items during the program day.

9. Who are the teachers?

FEPC Kids Place is currently in the process of hiring teachers for the classrooms.

10. What will the daily schedule look like?

In general, the daily schedule will consist of blocks of time designated for schoolwork, recess, lunch, free play, and arts and crafts. The learning blocks will be approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour at a time and will be followed by a period of recess or "brain break". We estimate a total of 2-3 hours of schoolwork time during a typical day. Some students may need less time than this to complete school assignments. We will have a variety of activities they can choose to do while others continue to finish their assignments (puzzles, 1-2 person games, paper or pictures for drawing or coloring, etc.).

11. How will classes be grouped? Would my Kindergartener be in class with my 4th grader?

We will group classes by grade levels to the best of our ability, depending on enrollment. For example, one classroom might have grades K-2 and another classroom grades 3-6. If we do not have younger children on a particular day, the classes might be divided into grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. Once we have an idea of what grade levels will be enrolled and the number of days of the week they will utilize the program, we can better determine how the classrooms will be grouped.

12. How will FEPC Kids Place handle a positive case of COVID-19?

We will follow the guidelines from the Virginia Department of Health. Positive cases will be reported and we will follow their recommendations for cleaning and temporary closing of classrooms or facilities, if necessary.

13. My child has special needs. Can FEPC Kids Place accommodate this?

Please contact the Program Director regarding any special needs (IEP, 504 plan, etc.).