



DCP Toilet Training Policies

DCP does accept two year old children in pull ups and will help in the toilet training process as needed.

Pull-ups with repositionable sides must be used by all children enrolled in our program who are not toilet trained. Diapers are not appropriate in our preschool environment for any child enrolled. We do accept young two year old and three year old children in pull ups and will help in the toilet training process as needed. Children who are toilet training must be familiar with the concept of pulling up and pulling down their pants and do so regularly. "Accidents" do happen occasionally. All children in Preschool must have a full set of clothing (including underwear or pull-ups) kept in their backpack in case of such accidents. Children who require pull-ups must bring and wear the kind with repositioning sides. Parents of children who run out of pull-ups will be charged \$4.00 for each pull-up the school provides. An initial interview will assist our team with placing your child in the right classroom environment.

Toilet training is provided as a courtesy to parents at no additional cost for two year old and young three year old children. Children who are 3 years and 9 months must be potty trained to continue in our program unless a doctor's note is provided citing a medical reason that a child is not able to be toilet trained.

Our toilet training guidelines are designed to promote small successes that build upon each other. Children are required to wear pull-ups with repositionable sides. During the school day children who are toilet training are encouraged to use the rest room every 30 minutes on a rotating basis. Teachers use verbiage such as, "Susie, it is your turn to go potty." Children are not given an option, they are lovingly required to sit and try. Parents should let their child's teacher know if their boys should sit or stand using the potty. Children are taken in small groups so they become comfortable with waiting their turn and watching the process. Children should be able to pull up and pull down their pants on their own and possess an understanding of the terms "pull your pants up" and "pull your pants down".

Destiny Christian Preschool recognizes that each family has a unique approach to potty training. We will do our best to support a parent's decisions regarding your child's readiness for underwear. However, we recommend the following for optimal success: once a child consistently stays dry in a pull-up for 3 hours here at school for two weeks in a row, the child's teacher will notify parents by a note attached to the sign in binder or via email that the teacher is ready to have a child start wearing underwear to school. When a child transitions to underwear, please pack 5 to 6 pairs of additional underwear and 2 to 3 bottoms in the child's backpack as accidents during this transition may occur. If a child has two accidents while wearing underwear in the same day, the child will be placed in a pull up for the remainder of their school day.

Parents of children who are potty training are asked to dress their child in clothing that is free of complicated fasteners and instead, elastic waist bands are preferred. Jeans with snaps, zippers or buttons are not appropriate for children still potty training.

If multiple daily accidents continue to occur for a period beyond two weeks after a child has transitioned to underwear, the teaching team will recommend that a child continue to wear pull-ups at school. We will suggest trying underwear again when a child's pull-up is consistently dry again for 3 hours over a period of two weeks.

Please direct toilet training questions to your child's teacher first, then feel free to come to the director for further clarification.