

The Extended Day Program at Spartanburg Day School is the way in which we provide care of our SDS students after school hours, on early dismissal days and some teacher in-service days. This program is designed to be an extension of the school day. The Extended Day teachers and staff actively promote the social, emotional, and physical development of each child, while building self-esteem through positive interactions and experiences. During the afternoon children will have the opportunity to engage in centers, play outside, start homework, and participate in many other diverse activities.

Extended Day provides care for preschool students from 12:15-6:00pm and for K-4th students from 2:30-6:00pm. Extended Day is also offered for 5th-8th grade students from 3:05-6:00pm. **All students must be registered for the program by semester. There will be no drop-ins available.** If you arrive after 6:00pm, you will be charged a late fee of **\$25.00 per every fifteen minutes.** Enrollment for Extended Day will be done online with the new School Doc forms due by August 3rd. Please contact Beth Ryan (beth.ryan@sdsgriffin.org) with any questions.

The Extended Day Program has incredible faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing the highest quality program that promotes each student's growth and happiness in a caring and safe environment.

Extended Day Staff

Director of Extended Day	Beth Ryan
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Lunch Bunch for Preschool Students (2K, 3K, 4K) 12:15-2:30pm

Preschool offers a tuition bundle that includes Lunch Bunch/ Extended Day. This option must be selected by August 3rd by contacting the business office.

Extended Day in preschool includes children eating lunch either brought from home or purchased from the school, rest time and extended playtime with activities and outdoor playground time.

Lunch

Lunch time provides much more than nourishment for young children. Healthy habits are encouraged as children learn to wash their hands, eat with utensils and choose nutritious foods. Social interactions and fine motor skills are nurtured as children practice passing, pouring and socializing. Healthy foods provide children with the energy they need to play and learn. Your child's lunch should be balanced and considerate of classroom identified allergies. The Day School partners with our food service to provide a meal plan or an option for daily purchase of lunch.

If your child does not participate in the meal plan, we recommend lunches that are ready-to-serve (sandwiches, yogurt, soup in a thermos, fruit (peeled), crackers, cheese, etc.). We will provide water with lunch in the classroom. Caffeinated or carbonated beverages will not be served. Please try to avoid foods that contain excessive amounts of sugar, preservatives, artificial flavorings and caffeine. We are unable to refrigerate lunch boxes; please use an ice pack to keep items cold.

Nap/Rest

Children in our preschool classes are required to have the opportunity to lie quietly on their mats for approximately 30 minutes. Quiet music is played, the lights are dimmed, and it is a period of relaxation for both nappers and non-nappers. Those children who do not fall asleep during the initial 30-minute quiet time are given the opportunity to select quiet activities such as books or puzzles to occupy themselves on their mats while their classmates rest. Although we make every effort to meet each child's individual rest needs, it is difficult to guarantee a specific length of nap time or wake-up time as a child's rest needs vary with activity level and sleep patterns. Parents will need to supply a rolled nap mat that will be sent home every Friday to be washed and returned on Monday. A change of clothes to be kept in the classroom should also be provided.

Extended Day for Preschool/ Lower School after 2:30pm **Middle School Students after 3:05pm**

During the afternoon children will have the opportunity to engage in games, play outside, start homework (if applicable), socialize with friends, and participate in many other diverse activities. An afternoon snack is provided by Extended Day on a daily basis. Items such as fresh fruit, graham crackers, pretzels, and vegetables may be served. Water is served with all snacks. Each division will provide separate space and care for students enrolled in Extended Day. Although

grouped during the school day with children in the same grade level, please note that students will co-mingle with other grade levels, as needed, in Extended Day.

K-8th New Bundled Rate

Spartanburg Day School now offers a K-8th bundled rate of \$2,500 per year, or \$1,250 per semester. (Please note this cost does not include Special Extended Days.) The sign-up for Extended Day will now be done in School Doc on-line registration forms that are due August 3.

Afternoon Pick-Up

In accordance with new SDS Covid19-related policies, parents will not be allowed to enter the building for pick-up. You will pick-up your Preschool-4th grade child from the Lower School carpool circle and your 5th-8th grade child from the Middle School carpool circle. Pick-ups may also occur from the playground. Please communicate any irregular pick-up instructions with the Director of Extended Day at extendedday@sdsgriffin.org.

Middle School Athletics

If your student makes a middle school fall or winter athletic team and you wish to pick your child up directly from practice, you will receive a prorated refund for that semester. If your student needs to return to Extended Day after practice, he/she is welcome to do so, as you will have already paid for the semester.

Special Extended Day Offerings

Special Extended Days will be available on predetermined early dismissal days and teacher in-service days as determined by demand for an additional fee. A Special Extended Day calendar and schedule of fees will be provided separately. Registration will take place on a monthly basis online.