

PRESS RELEASE



After School Daycare Services to be Offered by the Ponca City Public School System

Since the closure of the Ponca City YMCA, the Ponca City Public School System has recognized the need in the community for after school daycare services for working parents. Due to this need within the community, the district has decided to offer a program entitled "Cat Care."

After school services will begin on the first day of school, which is set for August 14, 2019. Parents and guardians will be able to register their children for after school daycare services during the district's annual school registration window which is set to begin Monday, July 8 and run until Thursday, July 18. Registration will take place at the PCPS Registration Center located at 111 West Grand Avenue. To ensure convenience, students will be able to register for school and after school daycare at the same time. Hours for regular school registration for the upcoming 2019 school year are listed below.

Mondays and Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (closed Fridays)

The school district plans to have after school daycare at all elementary sites including the Prekindergarten Center. After school care will begin immediately after school dismissal and run until 5:30 pm. If there are not enough students enrolled to warrant after school care at a particular site, the district will work to arrange transportation of enrolled students to another neighboring site in the district.

There will be a non-refundable \$25 registration fee at the time of enrollment. Parents will also receive a parent/student handbook to provide them with more information about the services that will be offered. The district will accept cash, checks, debit and credit cards.

The cost of the program will be \$160 each month, and payment will be due at the 1st of every month.

Teri Vogele, PCPS Associate Director of Elementary Curriculum, explained, "The district has hired a district coordinator, purchased supplies, and scheduled all after school caregivers for first aid and CPR training. Our hope is that this service will fill a need within the community and be a real convenience for our parents."

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