

# St. Peter Catholic School Potty Training Policy

Children enrolled at SPCS must be potty trained.

Why do children have to be potty trained before they begin school? Our focus is on providing a quality educational program with minimal distractions. There are also strict standards under our licensing for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers. The classrooms are not equipped for diaper changing. When an adult is busy changing a child's diaper or soiled clothing, it is taking away from learning time for all students and it removes one adult from the direct supervision of and interaction with the rest of the class. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently.

## **A potty trained child is a child who can do the following:**

1. Wear underwear and not pull-up diapers.
2. Communicate to the teachers that he/she needs to go to the restroom before they need to go.
3. Alert him/herself to stop what he/she is doing, to go and use the bathroom.
4. Pull down his/her clothes and belts, and get them back up without assistance.
5. Wipe him/herself after using the toilet.
6. Get on/off the toilet by him/herself.
7. Wash and dry hands.
8. Postpone going if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or if we are away from the classroom.
9. Awaken during nap time should they need to use the bathroom.

We certainly will ask your child and offer the opportunity to use the bathroom multiple times throughout the day. The opportunity to use the bathroom is included in rest time preparation as well as any transitions away from the classroom. Of course, we understand that even potty trained children will occasionally have toileting accidents and always work with our school families in such instances. It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to have a setback when in a new environment. Our faculty are aware of this and will assist the children when necessary. Please dress your child in clothing that can be undone and changed easily. Please also send a complete change of clothes (including socks and shoes) that is appropriate for the season. These will remain in your child's backpack so that you can replace them as needed. Parents will be notified if a child has a toileting accident.

We understand that each child arrives at this milestone differently, therefore we will allow 3 weeks from the first day of school for your child to demonstrate accomplishment of this goal. However, if the situation is not manageable within the classroom environment, we will discuss the issue with the parents and reserve the right to suspend attendance of the

child at such time. If your child is not completely potty trained as described above when preschool starts, the following options are available:

1. You may withdraw your child from preschool and place their name at the top of our waiting list. Registration fees are non-refundable; however, if your child is re-enrolled in our program at a later date during the same school year, you will not need to pay these fees again. If you choose this option, we cannot guarantee that a space will be available within the same school year.
2. You may pay 1/2 tuition to hold your child's spot (for up to two months) until potty training has been completed.

**The following policies are in place for children who have toileting accidents:**

1. Parents/guardians will be notified each time a child has a toileting accident.
2. The classroom teachers will document all toileting accidents.
3. The classroom teachers will document the efforts that have been made to help reduce bathroom accidents.
4. St. Peter Catholic School reserves the right to terminate any child's enrollment if the child persistently has toileting accidents despite our combined efforts to help him/her be successful with bathroom breaks.

I have read and fully understand these policies.

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Child's name

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Parent signature

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Date