

Pacifier Policy

Policy:

All child pacifiers used will be provided by the child's parent/guardian. Children will only use the pacifier provided by their parent/guardian.

Procedure:

- Schools will not provide "center pacifiers." Pacifiers must be provided by families.
 - If a child's pacifier is left at home, a team member will contact the parents to see if they are able to bring a pacifier to the center.
 - If parents are unable to bring a pacifier to the center, ask the parents on Procare if they are interested in buying a pacifier.
 - Pacifiers are \$5.00 each.
 - Communicate with your Director if a parent would like to purchase a pacifier. The Director needs to assign a one-time fee to the parent for the pacifier.
 - This pacifier will be sent home with the parent that day or kept on the child's designated hook. It will belong to that child only.
- We encourage that all pacifiers are labeled. An acceptable form of labeling is the use of a permanent marker such as a Sharpie®. (Sharpie® markers are certified non-toxic). This may need to be done more than once to ensure the pacifier remains labeled appropriately.
- Pacifiers will be stored in the child's classroom on the hanging pacifier board, in the child's cubby or on a hook inside the classroom cabinet. All pacifier hooks will be labeled with the child's name.
- Pacifiers may not be left on the floor, in seats or in cribs when not being used. They must be placed back on the hook labeled with the child's name.
- If a child puts another child's pacifier in their mouth, the pacifier will be properly and thoroughly sanitized before it is given back to the correct child.
- Pacifier use during daily activities should be discouraged in the classrooms with mobile children as they can hinder language development and pose a sanitary concern. However, pacifiers will be used at the discretion of the child's parent/guardian.
- Parents can purchase personalized pacifiers from sites like:
 - <http://www.mypacifier.com/Shop.aspx>
 - <http://www.personalizedpacifiers.com/>
 - <http://www.ulubulu.com/shop/pacifiers/personalized-pacifiers>
 - <http://www.pacidoodle.com/>