

Handwashing Policy

Performance Standard: 1302.47(b)(6)(i)

Staff members, parent helpers, and volunteers will wash their hands in the following situations:

1. At the beginning of the school day
2. After using the bathroom or helping a child to use the bathroom
3. Before handling food or cooking utensils
4. Before and after eating
5. Before and after a diaper change
6. After handling items that may be soiled with body fluids of waste
7. After coming in from outside play time
8. After cleaning activities
9. At the end of the school day
10. Before putting on gloves to conduct first aid or to clean up a bodily fluid and after conducting first aid and cleaning up a bodily fluid
11. Before and after administering medication
12. Staff will assist children in washing hands
13. Procedures for proper hand washing will be posted by the sinks in each center

Procedure:

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.
6. Turn off water using a paper towel instead of bare hands
7. Discard towel in trash can