



New Tardiness and Late Pick-up Policies

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We have two new and important policies to share this year, approved by the City Neighbors Board of Directors. Please read them carefully as they will be implemented starting the first day!

The End of Lateness at City Neighbors Charter School

Have you heard? All students at City Neighbors Charter School will be on time this year! They will be in their classrooms, ready to learn by 8:15! And, the impact on learning will be profound—as classes can begin on time, late arriving students will not disrupt the class, and late students will not have to spend time trying to catch on to what's going on!

To help us all, we have instituted a new late procedure and policy.

To support you, we will have a signal at the front gate. If the sign is **yellow** it is strongly recommended that you hurry and that you walk your child into school. If the sign is **red**, your child is definitely late, and you must walk your child in to school.

If a student is late:

Parents must escort their children into the building and to their classroom. **Students will not be allowed to go to class without a parent sign-in.**

Parents of students who are late more than three times in a trimester will be required to meet with the principal to discuss intervention strategies.

Middle school students who are late more than twice in a trimester will face a loss of recess for each subsequent late day. Middle school students, who are late more than 10 times in a trimester, will earn a five point deduction from their grades in all major subject areas.

After school Pick-up

After school pick-up will remain generally the same. Unless they attend Aftercare, all children are expected to be picked NO LATER than 3:30, except on Wednesdays, when they are expected to be picked up no later than 1:15.

This year, as part of this summer packet, we have asked every parent to complete the Aftercare registration form. If you are late picking up your child more than once in a trimester, your child will be sent to Aftercare. Upon receipt of your child, you will be required to pay the Aftercare fee (and the registration fee if it is your first time).

We, of course, want to be understanding that emergencies arise on occasion. However, whether it is to go home after a long day or to hold an important meeting or to do some extra work, after school time needs to be preserved for our teachers, assistants and office staff.

We appreciate your cooperation and your understanding when we adhere to these policies.