



MENACHEM MENDEL ACADEMY

Early Learning Center

TODDLER PROGRAM POLICY

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to welcome you and your child to our MMA ELC Toddler Program! As your baby continues to develop in amazing ways, our Toddler Program supports every step of their growth. At MMA, we believe the world is our classroom, and we aim to foster curious exploration from the earliest ages. Toddlers learn best through purposeful play. Our environment is designed to facilitate the cultivation of their absorbent minds through a strategically designed day full of joyful, playful education.

If this is your child's first time in school, we want to help make the transition as smooth as possible for your family! It typically takes 1 - 4 weeks for young children to adjust to a new environment away from home. We will treat your little one with the utmost loving care to help them thrive in this new phase.

In addition to the MMA Family Handbook, we have a few more details to share with you regarding our Infant Program in order to successfully operate as a Home/School Family.

What We Provide:

- Breakfast (arrival before 8:00 am)
- Morning Snack
- Lunch
- Afternoon Snack
- Bibs for mealtimes
- Diapers
- Wipees
- All learning, development, and play materials used throughout the day
- Unlimited amounts of attention and TLC!

What You Need to Bring:

- 3 changes of clothes** to be stored in their cubby, including socks
We will send dirty clothes home for washing with a courtesy notice asking for clean replacements on behalf of your child

- 2 crib sheets** to cover the sleeping mats during nap time.
We'll send them home for washing once a month.
- Any blankie or lovie** your child likes to sleep with (You can let us know if you want this to stay in their cubby or go home daily)
- Diaper cream/ointment** when needed (no sprays)
- Sweater and/or jacket** to accommodate indoor/outdoor temperature changes
- Sippy Cup** for water labeled with your toddler's name
We will send the sippy cup home daily for washing/sanitation purposes per licensing law

New Toddlers

If your child is graduating from our Infant Program, they will be learning to eat from a table, instead of a high chair. They will also begin napping with all toddlers at the same time on their individual mat/cot after lunch. Our MMA Team is here to help your little one adjust and adapt this new life skill, as this may be a new routine for your toddler. Rest assured, your toddler will master their new environment in no time!

First Day of School

On the first day of school, parents and children may need extra doses of love from each other. It's completely understandable! We know how difficult it can be, especially in the beginning because each parent wants their child to feel safe and secure when being dropped off at school. To encourage your toddler to adapt quicker to their new environment, it is best to drop your child off quickly in the mornings. Especially after their first day! Linger around your child and their classroom has a tendency to make the drop-off process longer, which may discourage your child from adapting to their new friends and environment. We promise to take great care of your little one!

Sign In/Sign Out

A friendly reminder from our Family Handbook that each child must be **physically signed-in and signed-out of the room** by the designated parent or guardian each day of attendance, per state law. You will find the sign-in tablet in your child's classroom.

Last, but not least, we want to support you as a parent and help make your life easier! If you communicate your intended drop-off and pick-up times daily, we will do our best to help you with smooth and quick transitions. By knowing your time of arrival, we can anticipate welcoming you and your child in the mornings and also when to have your child prepared and ready to go in the afternoons.

The following page must be filled out in its entirety and submitted before your child's first day at Menachem Mendel Academy Early Learning Center.

You can bring in a hard copy on the first day or you can send it back in electronically.

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TODDLER DAILY SCHEDULE & PRODUCT CONSENT FORM

Child's Name: _____

Diapers

MMA uses [Andy Pandy](#) and [Dyper](#) Bamboo Disposable Diapers and Training Pants

- I authorize my child to use these diapers in size small medium large x-large
- I do **NOT** want my child to use these diapers, and I will supply my own.

My child currently uses diapers training pants regular underwear

Wipees

MMA uses *WaterWipes*. You may research the product [here](https://www.waterwipes.com/us). [<https://www.waterwipes.com/us>]

- I authorize my child to use these wipes.
- I do **NOT** want my child to use these wipes, and I will supply my own.

Eating Schedule

MMA ELC provides organic, kosher, whole-foods, and plant-based meals made at school

- ★ Breakfast - served to all toddlers with arrival **by 8:00 am**
- ★ Morning Snack - 9:30 am
- ★ Lunch - 11:20 am
- ★ Afternoon Snack - 2:10 pm

Sleeping Schedule & Soothing Support

Toddler nap time is between 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

What tips should we know to help your child get good rest at nap time? _____

What is the best way to soothe your child if needed? _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Today's Date