

Chautauqua Parent Handbook 2025-2026



Wentzville R-IV School District

Dear Wentzville R-IV School District Families:

In a continuing effort to meet the needs of our community, the Wentzville School District is offering the Chautauqua Before and After School program for families needing a caring, enriching, and well-supervised program for their children's before and after school time. The Chautauqua Program has been offering care since we began in 2003, originally as a summer program. We are pleased to offer this service at all elementary schools as an extension of the school day.

Increasingly, studies show that after-school programs can make a difference and are a fundamental part of youth development. We are happy to provide a program that keeps kids safe, helps working families, and can improve academic performance.

The Chautauqua Before and After School Programs are designed to provide children with an enriching, nurturing, and safe environment. The program's focus is to enhance children's self-confidence, respect for others, and sense of responsibility while promoting the development of social, physical, cognitive, emotional, and creative skills, which are needed in everyday life.

If you are interested in registering your child(ren), please contact me at (636) 327-3800 ext. 20356 for more information. Thank you for choosing the Chautauqua Program, and we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kirkpatrick

Tanya Kirkpatrick, Ed.S
Chautauqua Coordinator

WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Wentzville R-IV School District does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, perceived sexual orientation, disability, or age, in its programs and activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Section 504/Title II Coordinator for Students
Ryan Bishop, Executive Director of Student Services
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Title IX Coordinator and Section 504/Title II Coordinator for Employment
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280 Interstate Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385
(636)-327-3800, ext. 20350
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Individuals who wish to file a complaint with OCR may contact OCR:

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights, One Petticoat Lane
1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
Telephone: (816) 268-0550; Fax: (816)268-0599; TDD (800) 877-8339;
Email: OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <https://ocrcas.ed.gov/contactocr> for

The address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Dr. Brian Bishop
Superintendent of Schools

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NOTICE OF REVISION

The Wentzville R-IV School District revised its Notice of Non-Discrimination to reflect the individuals designated to handle inquiries regarding its non-discrimination practices.

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CHAUTAUQUA CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL YEAR SESSION CHAUTAUQUA HOURS OF OPERATION

During the school year, the Chautauqua Program is available in every elementary school from 6:00 am to the start of school and from dismissal until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, following the Chautauqua calendar.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR
Before & After Chautauqua Program
2025-2026

September 1	No Classes-Labor Day	No Chautauqua
September 15	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
September 26	No Classes-PD Day	Chautauqua in Session
October 6	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
October 17	Early Release	Chautauqua Extended Hours
October 30-November 3	No Classes/Teacher Conf./Fall Break	No Chautauqua
November 4	No Classes-PD Day	Chautauqua in Session
November 17	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Break	No Chautauqua
December 1	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
December 19	Early Release	Chautauqua Extended Hours
December 22- January 2	Winter Break	No Chautauqua
January 5	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
January 19	No Classes - MLK Day	No Chautauqua
February 9	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
February 16	No Classes – Presidents Day	No Chautauqua
February 17	No Classes – PD Day	Chautauqua in Session
March 9	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
March 20	Early Release Day	Chautauqua Extended Hours
March 23-27	Spring Break	Chautauqua in Session
April 6-7	No Classes	No Chautauqua
April 20	Late Start	Chautauqua Extended Hours
May 25	No Classes-Memorial Day	No Chautauqua
May 29	Early Release-Last Day	Chautauqua Extended Hours

Chautauqua will have extended hours on late start and early release days. The program is available for students registered for care on those days.

WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

School	School Address	School Phone
Boone Trail Elementary	555 E. Highway N Wentzville, MO 63385	636-327-3830, extension 42265
Crossroads Elementary	7500 Highway N O'Fallon, MO 63368	636-625-4537, extension 44239
Discovery Ridge	2523 Sommers Road O'Fallon, MO 63367	636-561-2354, extension 48265
Duello Elementary	1814 Duello Road Lake St. Louis, MO 63367	636-327-6050, extension 47265
Green Tree Elementary	1000 Ronald Reagan Drive Lake St. Louis, MO 63367	636-625-5600, extension 43265
Heritage Elementary	612 Blumhoff Wentzville, MO 63385	636-327-3846, extension 40250
Journey Elementary	2000 Interstate Drive Wentzville, MO 63385	636-445-5190, extension 52265
Lakeview Elementary	2501 Mexico Road Wentzville, MO 63385	636-332-2923, extension 49265
Peine Ridge Elementary	1107 Peine Road Wentzville, MO 63385	636-327-5110, extension 46265
Prairie View Elementary	1550 Feise Road Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368	636-625-2494, extension 45265
Stone Creek Elementary	1850 Highway Z Wentzville, MO 63385	636-887-3898, extension 51265
Wabash Elementary	100 Golden Gate Parkway Foristell, MO 63348	636-887-3884, extension 50265

CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM ORIENTATION

Enrollment in the Chautauqua Before and After School Program constitutes an understanding that you will abide by the policies listed in this parent handbook.

Goals of the Program

The Chautauqua Before and After School Program will offer a variety of activities, which include:

- Reading Center-Promotes reading through reading aloud, listening to books on tape, storytelling, role-playing, and extension activities related to literature.
- Game Center- Encourages the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, math, language, and social skills.
- Art Center- Fosters creativity, freedom of expression, ability to follow directions, experimentation with a variety of media, and also encourages the development of fine motor skills.
- Homework Center- Provides a quiet, organized area where students can accomplish school assignments. Staff members and A+ tutors are available as needed.
- Dramatic Play- gives children the chance to relate to others through cooperative play, language, role-playing, and pretend play.
- Gross Motor Activities- Focuses on movement to help strengthen large and small muscle groups, coordinate actions, follow directions, and participate and cooperate as a group.
- Upper Grade Center- For the older students who need special age-appropriate activities.

All centers are presented as open-ended FUN activities, which encourage children to develop their organizational, critical thinking, conflict resolution, and intellectual skills. All children will be encouraged to learn and work comfortably with others.

Parent's Expectations

1. Children are cared for in a safe, supportive environment.
2. They may visit with the Lead Facilitator about concerns related to their child or the program.
3. They will be told about any misbehavior on the part of their child, and to visit the Lead Facilitator to bring about improvement in the situation.
4. They will be informed promptly if their child does not arrive at the program according to his/her enrollment information.
5. The Lead Facilitator will contact you if your child becomes ill while in the program.
6. You will receive important information regarding the program.

Chautauqua Expectations of the Parents

1. Pay fees on time as explained in the Parent Handbook.
2. Keep the child's records up to date.

3. Make alternate pick-up arrangements in the event you are unable to pick up by 6:00 pm.
4. Pick up children on time as explained in the Parent Handbook.
5. Follow the District's health policies.
6. Contact the Lead Facilitator if the child will not be attending on a scheduled day.
7. Pay attention to any communications from the Facilitator(s) regarding the child's behavior, and cooperate in efforts to bring about improvement in the situation.
8. Sign your child (ren) in and out daily on the iPad.
9. Support staff with discipline situations.
10. Provide lunch on days children are attending longer than normal hours.

Children's Expectations of Chautauqua

1. To have a safe, supportive, and consistent environment.
2. To use all the program equipment, materials, and facilities on an equal basis.
3. To receive respectful treatment from adults and other children.
4. To have fair discipline.
5. To feel welcomed by the staff and other children.
6. To experience success.
7. To have input on activities.

Chautauqua Expectations of the Children

1. Be responsible for their actions.
2. Respect the school rules that guide them during the day and while attending Chautauqua.
3. Remain with the Chautauqua staff at all times.
4. Take care of materials and equipment properly.
5. Use appropriate language and appropriately express emotions.
6. Treat staff and other children with respect.
7. To make choices and take responsibility for actions.

Application Procedures

The application is online and must be completed via the Chautauqua website. If you do not have access to a computer, you may come to the Chautauqua Office and complete an application at a district-provided computer.

The application process is the same for all families. There is a waiting period for applications to be processed, depending on the time frame of when the registration is completed and the circumstances surrounding your schedule. The application process is not complete until all forms and fees are received. If you prefer to pay in cash, you must come to the Chautauqua Office and pay in person. The Chautauqua Office is open daily, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am- 4:30 pm. Once you have read the handbook, you may begin the online application process. ***All applications will be placed on a waiting list. Once spots become available, you will be notified of your child's start date.*** No student enrollment is complete until you have received an email notification from the Chautauqua Office.

Notification of Acceptance

An email confirmation will be sent when your child has been accepted into the program. This email will contain general program instructions along with your PIN number for pick-up/drop-off purposes.

Absences

If your child will not be attending Chautauqua because of appointments, vacations, or other absences, please notify the staff in advance by emailing the Chautauqua Office, notifying a Facilitator as you sign in, or calling the Chautauqua Office. (This is especially important if your student is in aftercare.) Absences without prior notification may be mistaken for a missing child, and time spent searching for the child may occur. If a child does not arrive at Chautauqua as intended, the Lead Facilitator will contact the parents. If the parents cannot be reached, the Lead Facilitator will contact the child's emergency contact designee. ***Please note, if your child is absent from school or leaves early, they may not return to the building to attend the Chautauqua Program.***

Changes in Schedule

If a change needs to be made to your monthly schedule as indicated on the application form at any time during the year, parents must submit a Change of Schedule Request via your student's account in Eleyo. A two-week notice is required for all changes. If changes are made in the middle of the month, an adjusted invoice will be sent to the parent, provided the proper notice has been given. Please note that we do not allow more than one change per month.

Withdrawal from the Chautauqua Program

A student may be withdrawn from the program at any time with a two-week notice. Notice must be submitted through your student's account in Eleyo. Tuition fees will be charged through the last day of the required two-week period. If you wish to return at any time and a notice was not given, you will be required to pay the outstanding balance before your student can re-enroll.

Changes in Personal Information

Any changes in personal information on the application form (i.e., changes in address, work numbers, etc.) can be made through your Eleyo account.

Staff Development Days and Spring Break

The Chautauqua program is available for certain days that students are off due to the professional development of district teachers; please consult the calendar that is included in your handbook. This program costs \$35/day/student. No discounts apply. Students will be required to bring a sack lunch during this time. Advance sign-up is required, and participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The program will be located at select elementary sites due to a condensed enrollment on these days. Site directions will be given upon registration for these days. **If the Chautauqua Program is closed on these days due to inclement weather, parents will be notified before the program begins.**

Late Start/Early Release

The Wentzville School District offers the program at our regular start time during Late Start days. The Chautauqua Before School Program will be available to students who are registered in the Before School Program on a full-time basis or who are regularly scheduled to attend the program on that scheduled day. This includes a delayed start due to inclement weather. The program is available after school releases during a scheduled early release day for those students who are enrolled on that day only.

2025-2026 CHAUTAUQUA SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM RATES

A \$75.00 per-family one-time non-refundable application fee is due upon registration for new families.

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CHAUTAUQUA FEES Before/After Care Chautauqua Fees				
FEES PER MONTH	4 or 5 Days Per Week		3 Days or Less Per Week	
AM Only	August	\$160	August	\$115
PM Only	August	\$160	August	\$115
AM & PM	August	\$200	August	\$140
AM Only	September-May	\$320	September-May	\$230
PM Only	September-May	\$320	September-May	\$230
AM & PM	September-May	\$400	September-May	\$280

August 2025-August is prorated due to the shortened month.

Fees are based on the total number of student attendance days in the District's academic calendar. Payments are divided into ten (10) equal payments. There are no charges for school holidays, parent/teacher conference days, or break days included in this fee structure. Fees are based on the student's academic calendar.

Sibling Discount

A 10% discount will be given for additional children and will be taken off the lesser amount.

Chautauqua Staff Children Discount

WSD employees who have a child enrolled in the District and Chautauqua will receive a 20% discount off the base Chautauqua price for the requested service and each child. This does not apply to non-school days, late fees, or registration. You must notify the office that you are a current district employee when applying.

Chautauqua Families Who Qualify for Free or Reduced Meals

Any families who qualify for free or reduced meals will receive a 20% discount off the base Chautauqua price for the requested service and each child. This does not apply to non-school days, late fees, or registration. You must notify the office upon application that you qualify for free meals.

Discounts cannot be combined and do not include non-school days, late fees, and registration.

Payment Policy

A non-refundable, non-transferable enrollment fee of \$75 for each new first-time family is due at the time of enrollment. We do not offer partial payment for days missed. There is no refund policy for weeks/days missed other than the allowed five-day credit (see Illness/Vacation.) If divorced, both parents will have access to account information unless we have court papers stating otherwise. We do not get involved in custody situations determining payment of childcare; the parent who registers the child is responsible for payment on the Chautauqua account.

The monthly tuition is due on the first day of each month. A \$15 late fee will be assessed if an account has a balance after the 10th of each month. Your payment must be received by the 10th of each month. Parents will receive a notice that their account is delinquent, and an opportunity will be given to pay the account in full.

If payment is not made, your child could be removed from our program.

Payment options available:

- Credit Card - We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. Payments can be made online via invoices that are emailed monthly, and parents can set up an automatic debit option to have their tuition taken monthly from their account.
- ECheck - Parents can set up tuition payments on an auto-debit system to come out of their checking/savings account every month.
- Check or Cash - Do not mail cash or bring it to the staff. Cash payments should be made directly to the Chautauqua Office. All other payments will be made through your Eleyo account. If we receive a returned check, we will require a different form of payment on your account.

Receipts

Receipts can be automatically obtained through your online account.

Tax Statements

Tax statements can be automatically obtained through your online account. The EIN number for the Chautauqua Program is **43-6004018**.

Delinquent Account Policy

Once a family has been terminated from the program due to non-payment of tuition, a letter will be sent to the parent responsible for the account, and an opportunity will be given to pay the account in full. If the balance remains unpaid, a fine will be placed on your child's school account.

Part-Time Care/Schedules

If your child is enrolled in the program on a part-time basis, it is up to the parent to provide a schedule to the Chautauqua Office in writing every month. If schedules are not provided, you may be asked to make other arrangements for the safety of your child(ren). Monthly schedules are binding, and changes cannot be made for the safety of the students.

Late Pick-up Fees

The program opens at 6:00 am and closes at 6:00 pm daily. Please be considerate of the closing time of the program. Chautauqua staff will begin calling your emergency contact list at 6:00 pm. Failure to pick up your child by 6:00 pm will result in a charge of \$2.00/every minute per family. If your child is left at the site past 6:00 pm on more than three occasions, we will dismiss your child from the program.

If a child is still at the program after 6:00 pm, the staff will take the following steps:

1. Contact parent/guardian phone numbers
2. Contact persons authorized on the child's enrollment form
3. Late fees will be assessed
4. At 6:30 pm, the police and/or the Department of Family Services may be contacted unless we have received word from an authorized pick-up person.

Vacation Procedure

Credit can be obtained for five **consecutive** school days of absence during a school year and will be deducted from your monthly payment. No more than one vacation credit can be claimed in one school year; days are non-transferable. The parent is responsible for notifying the Chautauqua Office and must submit a request at least one week in advance to claim a credit for **vacation** purposes. This does not include days that school is not in session, such as holidays and snow days. **Vacation credits must be requested one week in advance, no credits will be given for past dates or dates that include days that school is not in session or days that your child is not in school due to illness.**

Sign-In Procedure

Parents/guardians/co-parents are required to accompany their child(ren) into the cafeteria and sign them in each morning. The check-in system is for your child's safety. Failure to comply with the sign-in system can result in dismissal from the program.

Sign-Out Procedure

Parents/guardians are required to pick up their child(ren) and sign them out each day in the cafeteria. If you are unable to pick up your child by 6 pm, please plan with one of the people on your child's authorized pick-up list to get your child. Please let the Coordinator know if the person listed to pick up your child changes. We check photo identifications; no child will be released to leave with someone who refuses to show identification when asked. This is for your child's safety. Any special circumstances regarding custody of children should be brought to the Coordinator's attention. The Chautauqua Program adheres to Wentzville School District policy regarding divorce/custody situations. **Please note that no one under the age of sixteen will be allowed to pick up a student from the Chautauqua Program.**

Snow Days/Closing Policy

In the case of inclement weather or another emergency, the Superintendent may decide to close the school. If this should happen, parents/guardians will be notified. The Chautauqua Program will not be in session on these days.

Early Dismissal Policy

In the case of inclement weather or other emergencies, the District Administration Office may decide to close school early. If this should happen, parents/guardians will be notified. We will make every attempt to keep Chautauqua open; however, we do not want to endanger you or our staff and may ask that you pick your children up before 6:00 pm.

Meals and Snacks

The after-school program provides children with an afternoon snack. If your child has a food allergy, please note that on the registration form. **A snack calendar is posted monthly, and students have the option to bring a snack from home if they choose not to take the one provided by the program. Please note that, for the safety of our students, snacks cannot be shared, and we ask that students do not bring snacks containing peanuts.** On the full days that the program is open, children will need to bring a sack lunch.

Dress

Remember that Chautauqua staff will take children outside early mornings and afternoons whenever weather permits. Please be sure all children are dressed appropriately for outside/gym play.

Homework Policy

The Chautauqua Program will offer a homework center where students can have a quiet learning environment. We will not, however, force children to do homework. The opportunity will be there for every student with the availability of A+ tutors on certain days.

Special Needs of Children

If your child has special needs, note the proper information on the registration form or contact the Chautauqua Coordinator at 636-327-3800, ext. 20356. Every effort will be made to accommodate your child as we will work in coordination with the Wentzville School District Student Services Department. If we cannot accommodate your child due to staffing, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Discipline

We want to ensure a safe and fun environment for your child(ren). We have established rules to help us meet this goal. Attendance in this program is considered to be a privilege and is not a requirement. We appreciate and require parental support when you are informed of a disciplinary situation. If we do not receive support in our discipline process, the family will be dismissed from the program. The goal of discipline is that children will regulate their behavior. Occasionally, parents are requested to pick up a very disruptive child.

Discipline Plan

If rules are not followed or if disciplinary action is necessary, these steps will be used.

1. Verbal warning and discussion, or a reminder of expected behavior. This may include redirection to another activity chosen by the staff or the child.
2. Parent phone call.
3. Discuss recurring or serious behavior concerns with the child. A behavior form may be required.
4. In any situation where we cannot gain control of the child, the parent will be contacted to immediately pick up the child.

Dismissal from the Program

Immediate dismissal from the program will be necessary in the case of a child or parent becoming physical or violent with a staff member or another child, or repeated incidents of a serious nature. The parent /guardian will be contacted and required to immediately pick up the child with no reimbursement for the day. A child will also be dismissed in the case of repeated incidents endangering the physical or emotional safety of any child or staff in the program, or consistently disrupting the flow of the program. In certain circumstances, a child may be released from the program without notice. Safety is our main priority. The Chautauqua staff will work with the child and cooperate with families to resolve problems. If behavior does not change, dismissal from the program will result. Any student who is serving an "In-School Suspension" will have limited activities in the program. Any student who is serving an "Out-of-School Suspension" may not participate in the program for the days listed on the District's Discipline Report.

Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases

We must attempt to control the spread of communicable diseases. We appreciate your consideration in following these guidelines:

1. Students should be fever-free (without the influence of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.
2. Students should be free of contagious coughing.
3. Students should remain at home for 24 hours after taking the first dose of an antibiotic for an infection.

Illness Policy

If your child is ill or experiences any of the above, please DO NOT bring them to Chautauqua. Should your child become ill while in the program, you will be asked for the child to pick up as soon as possible. Immediate first aid will be provided for a child who sustains a minor injury (scrape, scratch, insect bite, etc.). A written report will be filled out and given to the parent at the time of pick-up. In serious cases, 911 will be called, and an emergency vehicle will take the child to the hospital. The parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. If an emergency is such that immediate transportation to the hospital is necessary, a staff member may accompany the child and will have in their possession the emergency consent form signed by the parent.

Medications

Parents of students who require the use of medication are encouraged to give medication to their students before attending the program. Each building's health clinic is open during school hours only. There will be no access to the health clinics during Chautauqua's before and after school hours. Chautauqua staff cannot dispense medications. If your child has a medical situation and requires the use of an Epi pen or inhaler, the parent is required to note that on the registration form and make sure staff are aware. Please do not send medication with your child.

Transportation

To ensure the safety of the students in our program, we do not allow the option to have a bus on record if your child is enrolled in the before or aftercare program on a full-time basis.