



MD State Specific Policies

Communicable Disease Reporting Guidelines

A complete list of reportable excludable communicable diseases, can be found at:

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/3/illnessandreportablediseasesinchildcare2015.pdf>

24-Hour State Child Abuse Hotline

For complaints regarding possible child abuse or neglect, call the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline toll free number: 1-800-91PREVENT (1-800-917-7383)

Find your local agency here: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/child-protective-services/reporting-suspected-child-abuse-or-neglect/local-offices/>

Inclusion Policy

At Lightbridge Academy, we are dedicated to creating a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can thrive, regardless of their abilities or needs. Our center is committed to inclusivity, and we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to grow, learn, and play in a space that embraces their unique strengths and challenges.

We recognize that children with special health care needs and disabilities bring valuable perspectives and qualities to our family. To support their growth, we strive to provide tailored resources, more individualized attention to meet each child's specific needs, and partnerships with specialists to provide the child with more one on one care. Additionally, our teachers help to support our children by adapting materials or instructions, providing more time to complete a task and partnering with the family /school district to obtain additional support, research and resources. Lightbridge Academy will strive to provide all reasonable accommodations to ensure this is a safe, inclusive and appropriate for your child to be in while in group care.

Please note that our program requests a copy of your child's IFSP/IEP, if applicable.

Family/Teacher Conference Sign Up Procedures

Sign-up sheets will be hung on your child's classroom door or posted digitally via The Lightbridge Journey App at least two weeks prior to the designated conference dates. Reminders for upcoming conferences will be sent out via the Lightbridge Journey App.

Behavior Management - Choices for Children

As part of our Behavior Management Policy, redirection consists of providing the child with appropriate choices in lieu of the situation that was initially causing disruption. Some age-appropriate choices that a child might be allowed to choose from would be reading a book, listening to music, taking a walk, working on breathing techniques or quiet time to self-regulate.

