



## ***TX State Specific Policies***

### **Communicable Disease Reporting Guidelines**

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

[https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/IDCU/health/schools\\_childcare/Communicable-Disease-Chart-Schools-and-Childcare-Centers-072922.pdf](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/IDCU/health/schools_childcare/Communicable-Disease-Chart-Schools-and-Childcare-Centers-072922.pdf)

### **24-Hour State Child Abuse Hotline**

For complaints regarding possible child abuse or neglect, call the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline toll free number: 1-800-252-5400 or [visit txabusehotline.org](https://www.txabusehotline.org)

[HYPERLINK "tel://800-332-6347"](tel://800-332-6347)

### **Regional Licensing Office Contact Information**

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/child-care/contact-child-care-regulation>

### **Child Care Centers are a Gang Free Zone**

Please be advised that under the Texas Penal Code any area within 1,000 feet of a child care center is a gang free zone, where criminal offenses related to organized criminal activity are subject to a harsher penalty.

### **Hearing and Vision Screening Requirements**

The Texas Department of State Health Services requires Licensed Child Care Centers and Licensed Child Care Homes with enrolled children ages 4 years and older to have vision and hearing screenings reported annually. The reporting period for the screenings begins in January, and results are required to be submitted online at the Child Health Reporting System by June 30 of each year.

### **Policy on Food Safety**

#### *Parent Responsibility for Meeting Child's Nutrition Needs in Child Care*

At Lightbridge Academy, we recognize the vital role that proper nutrition plays in a child's growth, development, and overall well-being. To support a healthy and nurturing environment, we ask that parents/guardians who are providing their own snacks, adhere to healthy nutrition guidelines, including a balance of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and protein sources.

### **Vaccination Requirements for Teachers**

Lightbridge Academy respects the individual autonomy of all child care providers and acknowledges that vaccinations are a personal choice. Therefore, we do not mandate child care providers to be vaccinated as a requirement for employment or continued employment within our facility. Child care providers who are unable to be vaccinated due to medical or religious reasons will not face discrimination. Those seeking an exemption will be asked to provide appropriate documentation, and reasonable accommodations will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.



## **Parents Rights**

### *Rights of Parent or Guardian*

A parent or guardian of a child at a child care facility has the right to:

1. Enter and examine the child care facility during the facility's hours of operation without advanced notice;
2. Review the child care facility's publicly accessible records;
3. Receive inspection reports for the child care facility and information about how to access the facility's online compliance history;
4. Obtain a copy of the child care facility's policies and procedures;
5. Review, at the request of the parent or guardian, the facility's:
  - A. Staff training records; and
  - B. Any in-house staff training curriculum used by the facility;
6. Inspect any video recordings of an alleged incident of abuse or neglect involving the parent's or guardian's child, provided that:
  - A. Video recordings of the alleged incident are available;
  - B. The parent or guardian of the child does not retain any part of the video recording depicting a child that is not their own; and
  - C. The parent or guardian of any other child captured in the video recording receives written notice from the facility before allowing a parent to inspect a recording;
7. Have the child care facility comply with a court order preventing another parent or guardian from visiting or removing the parent's or guardian's child;
8. Be provided the contact information for the child care facility's local Child Care Regulation office;
9. File a complaint against the child care facility by contacting the local Child Care Regulation office; and
10. Be free from any retaliatory action by the child care facility for exercising any of the parent's or guardian's rights.

By signing the Receipt of Acknowledgement form provided to me by the Center, I acknowledge I have received a written copy of my rights as a parent or guardian of a child enrolled at this facility.

### *Parents Rights Resources*

Facility Information and Online Compliance History: <http://txchildcaresearch.org>

Child Care Regulation Contact Information: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/child-care/contact-child-care-regulation>