



Portage Path CLC

The Mission of Portage Path CLC is to empower students to become inquiring, compassionate, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for all and take action to create a more peaceful world.

Arrival/Dismissal

- Students will enter through the Cafeteria Door (located through the playground)
- Breakfast begins at 7:50 a.m. & ends at 8:15.
- **Students should arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m. There is no supervision prior to this time.**
- Dismissal is at 2:30 pm. Please be sure you pick up your child promptly. **Students picked up by car will exit the main door. Students who walk will exit the cafeteria door.**
- There is no supervision for children after school who are not picked up on time. **Please plan on using aftercare if you can't be here by 2:30.**

History of Portage Path CLC

The original Portage Path Elementary School building was constructed in 1908. The school's origins can be traced back to the "Portage Path," the path used by Native Americans who journeyed from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, using the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas Rivers of Summit County as a link. These two rivers were separated by a distance of only eight miles and were connected by the "Portage Path." It followed the present Portage Path road south to Copley Road, through Perkins Woods, dropped near Manchester Road, and then ended at a landing near Long Lake. By 1850, a small stone building known as the Chestnut Grove School served as the first school in this district. By the early 1900s, the growth of the city and continued westward expansion led to the building of a new school, eventually known as the "Portage Path" school, which took its name from the famous Indian trail of so long ago.

Philosophy

Portage Path Community Learning Center is organized to provide an environment where children are given opportunities to grow at their own rate— physically, emotionally, scholastically, socially, and culturally. Our school is a partnership of community, parents, and school staff who are committed to nurturing children.

Our school program is designed on the precept that children differ in abilities, personal traits, and cultural heritage. A philosophy of academic excellence directs the course of our educational program. Students are regarded as unique individuals who are challenged to work to their greatest capacity. Instruction and learning situations are planned and provided in a disciplined, safe environment where children feel successful and want to learn while providing a foundation of basic skills for lifelong learning.

Portage Path is currently an IB PYP Candidate School. Our school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to high-quality, inquiry-based learning that develops international-mindedness and strong personal values, encouraging every student to take responsibility for their learning.

** Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status does not guarantee that authorization will be granted.*

HEALTH AIDE

Our health aide is present from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The duties of the health aide include:

- Administering first aid
- Distributing medications, prescription and OTC, (authorized by a physician and parent with current documentation on file)
- Keeping health records up to date

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance to school is vital for success. Please help us ensure that your child is at school on time every day. Each week, all students who are at school on time, every day, with no early sign-outs, will participate in our PATH-TASTIC Friday Theme—you will receive more info about this soon:)



SCHOOL VISITATION

We welcome visitors to our school. You must enter through the **front door and sign the visitor register in the office.** As required by Ohio Law, all visitors to a public school must report to the office upon entering the building to obtain a visitors pass. All visitors must sign in and state the purpose of their visit to the office staff. Visitors must wear their pass while in the building and sign out prior to leaving.

In an effort to eliminate classroom disruptions, all visitors must make arrangements with the classroom teacher prior to coming in to the school to visit (a minimum of 24 hours notice). The teacher must then fill out a Visitor Notification sheet and turn that in to the office prior to your arrival. If the office does not have one of these sheets on file for your visit, you will not be permitted to visit the classroom. This procedure is in effect for all visitors between 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you come in during non-teaching time we will call into the room to see if the teacher has the opportunity to speak with you or establish a conference. Regularly scheduled volunteers need only contact the teacher once and will be put on that day's expected volunteer list in the office. Please understand that this is not to deter individuals from coming in to the building to visit or volunteer. It is imperative that we know who to expect each day and how many visitors are in the building.

In addition, we have two lunch periods at Portage Path to ensure that students receive a nutritious lunch and have a recess period where they can socialize with friends and have an opportunity to enjoy playground equipment and sports. For the sake of time and the safety and security of all students; parents are not permitted to eat lunch in the cafeteria with students. These procedures are created to maintain the safest learning environment possible for all students.



WALKING STUDENTS TO CLASS

Parents may walk all students to class on the first day of school only (August 29, 2019). Only parents of Kindergarten students may walk their child to class on their first day of school (September 3, 2019). No students may be walked to class by their parents after the first day of school. All students should be picked up outside of the building. Please do not walk into the building to pick up for dismissal, wait for your student to exit the building.

Take the time during the first day of school, while walking students to class, to show them how to get there and show them where you will be waiting after school when they are dismissed.. Please refer to the Arrival and Dismissal Policies in the Portage path Student Handbook for specific information about how we arrive to and dismiss from the building safely. Again, these procedures are created to maintain the safest learning environment possible for all students.

SCHOOLWIDE ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS

"Respect Yourself, Others and the World Around You"

As an IB PYP Candidate School, we create Essential Agreements to foster PYP Learner Profile Attributes and maintain a safe, respectful learning environment. **All members of the Portage Path Learning Community are encouraged to become.....**

Inquirers	Acquire skills to conduct inquiry and show independent learning
Risk-takers	Approach unfamiliar situations with courage and forethought
Balanced	Understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance
Thinkers	Apply critical and creative thinking skills to approach complex problems
Caring	Show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others
Open-minded	Seek a range of points of view from others and be willing to grow from the experience
Communicators	Express ideas confidently and creatively in more than one language and collaborate
Principled	Act with integrity and honesty, take responsibility for own actions and consequences
Knowledgeable	Explore global concepts, ideas and issues and acquire knowledge in multi-disciplines
Reflective	Give thoughtful consideration to own learning and experience including strengths and limitations in order to support personal growth and development

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Students may not bring toys or other personal items to school because they are often misplaced, lost or stolen. Cell phones **MUST** remain in the off mode and stored in the student locker before and during the school day.

Items will be removed from the child's possession and kept by the teacher or principal until a parent/guardian comes to retrieve them.