

## **Bathroom Policies and Procedures**

What is Independent Toileting? This is when your child is able to independently enter a bathroom stall alone, unbutton pants if need be, take down pants and underwear, and sit on the toilet. Having used the toilet they are then able to adequately wipe their private area, pull underwear back up, pull pants up, button pants if need be, and wash and dry their hands.

Please reinforce independent toileting at home. By having your child practice independent toileting at home this will enhance their ability to transfer this skill in the school environment.

Your child is given the opportunity to use the bathroom at least three times throughout the day and is free to use the bathroom whenever necessary and whenever they ask to use it. There are more than adequate opportunities for students to use the bathroom.

However, should your child have an accident while at school the following steps will be taken:

- One of the classroom teachers will escort your child to the bathroom.
- Your child will enter a stall by themselves while the teacher waits on the other side of the stall door. A teacher will not enter the stall with the child.
- The child will take off wet or soiled clothing and underwear and place them in a plastic bag that has been provided by the teacher.

- The child will independently clean their private areas using toilet paper or baby wipes and dispose of them properly.
- Child will put on clean underwear and clothing.
- Child will wash hands upon completion.

A teacher will be right outside the stall door at all times should the child need reminders. The teachers will NOT enter the stall with a child nor will they clean a child's private parts. This has nothing to do with the teacher's lack of desire to help a child, but more to do with our school's licensing. We are not qualified or approved by law to clean your child's private areas at any time. NSCS is an academic institution and not certified as a daycare facility.

Should a child soil while at school and they indicate an inability to independently clean themself, a parent will be called to come into school and assist their child. Should a child soil/wet themselves more than two times in a given month a parent will be called to come in and speak with the classroom teacher to see how the child can best be assisted in his/her toileting and how future accidents will be managed. If accidents persist at school, the Administration will need to make a decision about the child's readiness for school at this time.

We do not anticipate any serious issues in this area. It is our desire to see your child grow and thrive while they are here. Each child is precious to us and we consider it a privilege to work with you and your child. We thank you again for entrusting your child to us.