



Pacifier/Bottle Use Policy

To best support our students and their continued growth and development, we will be continuing to educate on the negative side effects of prolonged pacifier and bottle usage. During school hours, **pacifiers will not be permitted** (very limited exceptions to be discussed on an individual basis).

For the handful of students who require bottles for their nutritional needs, this will be closely monitored. When possible, more developmentally appropriate drinking tools will be incorporated into the child's school and mealtime program under the direction of their SLP.

Our OT and SLP teams will work closely with families and staff to provide age and developmentally appropriate tools to help with the transition from a pacifier or bottle by exploring other options for oral input, soothing, and liquid nutrition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to any member of the Speech Therapy Department.

Thank you.

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