

Panther Care

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What is Panther Care?

Panther Care is a recreational child care resource offered to Spectrum Academy families to provide a safe, structured environment for your children before and/or after school. Please note that this program does not provide any educational services and is separate from Spectrum Academy.

How is Panther Care funded?

Panther Care is self-funded through the fees charged for the service. In order for Spectrum Academy to continue to provide this service, it is vitally important that Panther Care statements are paid in a timely manner. If an account is 30 days past due, you will receive a reminder with your billing. If an account is 60 days past due, Panther Care privileges will be revoked until the account is current or suitable arrangements have been made. This allows us to pay for adequate staffing to ensure appropriate supervision of participants.

There is an initial deposit of \$50.00 per family payable at the time you submit your Panther Care Policy and Agreement. The deposit cannot be used for monthly payments throughout the school year. However, it can be applied for the final fee with your June statement or it can rollover to the next year. Children will not be enrolled in Panther Care until the deposit is received. Additional details regarding fees is included in your Panther Care Agreement.

What can my child bring to Panther Care?

Your student can bring their own personal labeled electronics (iPod, nook, etc.) for use only when they are in the club. Also, in order to limit noise levels ear buds and or headsets are required. Please note all games or sites must be school appropriate and are at the discretion of the staff.

We ask that all personal toys or collectable trading card(s) be left at home and will not be allowed at the club(s).

When and where is Panther Care available?

Panther Care is available for all participants in the morning from 7:30 a.m. until the start of school. Drop off prior to 7:30 is not permitted, as there is no staff to supervise children until that time.

Panther Care is available for all participant in the afternoon from the end of school until 5:30 p.m. There will be a charge of \$1.00 per minute for any participant not picked up by 5:30 p.m.

- Grades K-6 will be located in the Elementary School Gym
- Grades 7-12 will be located in the High School Gym
- STARS building grades K-6 will be located in the Multipurpose Room
- STARS building grades 7-12 will be located upstairs in a location TBD

Please note that the school is locked during Panther Care hours. To pick up your child, please call the Panther Care number found on the front door of each school. A staff member will bring your child to you.

What are the safety policies for Panther Care?

For the safety and well-being all Panther Care participants, any participants who consistently create an unsafe environment will not be allowed to attend Panther Care. Panther Care staff will communicate with parents regarding any unsafe or disruptive behavior and make every effort to resolve concerns. If unsafe or disruptive behavior continues, Panther Care privileges will be revoked either temporarily or permanently, depending on the severity of the behavior. Additional details are included in the Panther Club Policies and Agreement.

What about COVID?

While we make every effort to provide a safe and clean environment, there are currently no specific COVID restrictions in place. Any future restrictions which may be required for schools by the State of Utah will carry over to Panther Care. If your child has an elevated temperature or is otherwise unwell during Panther Care you will be contacted to pick them up as soon as possible.

Do I need to send a snack with my child?

We ask parents to donate individually packaged snack items that will be provided to children during Panther Care. If your child has specific dietary needs, please provide their snacks separately. Snacks typically donated by parents include crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars, etc.

Please read, fill out and submit the Panther Care Agreement, along with your \$50 deposit. We look forward to seeing your children in Panther Care, and hope that this service is beneficial to your family.

Panther Care Policies and Agreement

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Initial: _____ **Behavior Policy:** Before and after school care participants will maintain their privileges ONLY by adhering to the following rules:

- No violent behavior is allowed. This includes hitting, biting, throwing items, scratching, pushing, or bullying of any kind.
- Any behavior which may be interpreted as sexual harassment or sexually inappropriate behavior is grounds for immediate termination of after school care privileges.
- If your child has difficulty with any of the above areas, a parent, guardian, or emergency contact will need to come and pick your child up within 20 minutes of contact from the after school care worker.
- No inappropriate language will be tolerated. This includes swearing or calling people derogatory terms of any kind.
 - Our preferred methods of dealing with participants who violate these policies are:

The first incident will result in a written warning. A second incident will result in a one-week suspension of child care privileges. On the third incident the child will lose after school care privileges for a month. Some participants may only be allowed to return to the program with a one to one or a three to one child/staff ratio, at a higher hourly rate. Please note, at the discretion of the staff and management, before/after school care privileges may be revoked after a single or series of serious behavioral problems.

Initial: _____ **Drop off/Pick up policy:** Participants may be dropped off starting at 7:30 and must be picked up by 5:30 p.m.

- Please keep in mind that even though staff may have already arrived they are in the process of preparing for the day and cannot start taking participants for the club until 7:30 am.
- If your child is not picked up by 5:30, **you will be charged \$1 per minute** for every minute after 5:30.
- On the third incidence of a late pick up, after school care privileges will be revoked.
- Children may only be picked up by parents, guardians, or people designated and approved by parents on this form. Any changes in pickup must be made with the staff **prior to the pick-up**.
- Pickup for after school care: Will be located at your student's school main doors.

To pick up your child from after school care, you will need to call the Panther club cell phone. This will be posted at the school, on our web page and will be provided at back to School Night.

Initial: _____ **Damage to equipment or supplies:** Parents or guardians are responsible for the replacement cost of any equipment or supplies that are damaged or broken.

Initial: _____ **Personal Electronics:** Your child can bring their own personal labeled electronics (iPod, nook, etc.) for use only when they are in the club. Also, in order to limit noise levels ear buds and or headsets are required. Please note all games or sites must be school appropriate (YouTube is not allowed) and are at the discretion of the staff. Note: There is a three strike policy for personal electronics. The first strike is a written verbal warning of the child watching/playing school inappropriate sites. The second strike is the personal electronic taken away from the child for the rest of the time at the club and taken out to the parent with a warning. The third strike will be that the child is no longer allowed to bring personal electronics to the club.

Initial: _____ **Personal items:** We ask that all personal toys or collectable trading card(s) be left at home and will not be allowed at the club(s).

Initial: _____ **Allergies:** If your child has any allergies to foods or other severe allergies, please note that information:

Initial: _____ **Health Concerns:** If your child has any medical problems (asthma, diabetes, etc.) that the staff needs to be aware of, please note that information:

Initial: _____ **Steps to take:**

Billing and payment: There is an initial deposit of **\$50.00 per family** that you will need to pay when you fill out and sign your Panther Club policy and agreement. The deposit cannot be used for monthly payments throughout the school year. However, it can be applied for the final fee with your June statement or it can rollover to the next year.

The fee for daycare that you will be billed is \$4.00 per hour (prorated) for the first child from your family, \$3.00 per hour for the second child and \$2.00 per hour for each additional child. Participants are billed alphabetically by their first name (Adam - \$4.00, Jake - \$3.00, William - \$2.00). Participants needing one on one and three on one will be billed at a rate of \$8.00 per hour for 3:1 and \$11.00 per hour for 1:1. Bills will be sent out at the end of each month and must be paid by the 15th of the following month (information will be provided at Back to school night). **Note:** You have 30 days to dispute a fee.

Child Information:

Last Name: _____ First: _____

Prefers to be called: _____ Grade: _____

Initial _____ **Emergency Contact Information:** Parent or guardian contact information

Name	Relationship	Best phone number
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Please note two people who can be contacted in the event that a parent or guardian is unable to be reached. These people must be authorized to pick up your child if a Parent or guardian is unable to do so.

I _____ signify that I have read the after school care Policies and agree to abide by them.

Parent Signature
Date

Printed Name

Child Signature

Date