



POTTY TRAINING POLICY

All preschoolers must be potty trained to attend Meeting Street Academy. Children must wear underwear with very few accidents. A child having accidents daily is not be considered potty trained. Please note that a child wearing pull-ups is not considered to be potty trained.

Why do children have to be potty trained at Meeting Street Academy?

There are strict DSS standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers. The classrooms are not equipped for diaper changing. When one teacher is changing a child's diaper or soiled clothing, it is taking them away from the learning time and supervision needed for all children in the class. Having students who are not potty trained in our classes can result in us losing our DSS license to serve preschool students.

What does it mean to be potty trained at Meeting Street Academy?

A potty trained child is a child who can do the following:

1. Communicate to teachers when he/she needs to go to the restroom before they need to go.
2. Alert him/herself to stop what he/she is doing, to go and use the bathroom.
3. Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance.
4. Wipe him/herself after using the toilet.
5. Get on/off the toilet by him/herself.
6. Wash and dry hands.

Throughout the day, teachers have scheduled times when children must use the bathroom (arrival, before rest time, and after rest time). A teacher will monitor children as needed in the bathroom, but children should be able to use the bathroom independently.

What does my children need at school to be successful with potty training?

At the beginning of the school year, we anticipate that children will have potty training setbacks as they adjust to a new learning environment. All preschoolers attending MSA must keep an extra set of clothes in their cubbies throughout the school year. MSA cannot provide children with a change of clothes if an accident occurs. If a child does not have a change of clothes in their cubbie, a family member will be called to bring clothes to school for their child.