

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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### Child Care

#### A. PURPOSE

To affirm the increasing importance of the issue of child care in Montgomery County and to specify the services that the Montgomery County Public Schools will provide in addressing child care needs

#### B. PROCESS AND CONTENT

1. The Montgomery County Public Schools offers its services as a partner with other county agencies in addressing child care needs to the extent that school facilities may permit.
2. The Montgomery County Public Schools will cooperate to the extent it can in the following areas:
  - a) The use of surplus space in operating schools by child care programs under the provisions of the Board of Education's Joint Occupancy Policy
  - b) The use of transportation services as identified in administrative procedures
  - c) The availability of the school system's expertise to assist child care by:
    - (1) Identifying needs through the use of MCPS student population projections
    - (2) Sharing expertise with child care providers
  - d) The assessment of MCPS curriculum needs related to child care and the latch key child
  - e) The encouragement of principals, PTA members, and the greater community to explore child care issues

- f) The identification of potential sites -- both at operating and future school sites -- for the placement of structures for use by day care programs where feasible
- g) The identification of space within school facilities for use by day care programs under a shared use arrangement provided such use does not adversely impact the MCPS instructional program
- h) Inclusion of child care programs in plans for future schools upon request to the county executive and with the approval of funds budgeted specifically for that purpose by the county government

**C. REVIEW AND REPORTING**

1. The Board of Education will receive updates on the planned and/or ongoing efforts of MCPS and county government staff on issues concerning child care in Montgomery County as appropriate.
2. This policy will be reviewed every three years in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

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