

St. Vincent Ferrer Early Childhood Program Toilet Training Policy

As stated in the school handbook, all students enrolled at SVF must be fully toilet trained, and must wear regular underwear (no pull-ups). Our school is not licensed to assist in child restroom usage; therefore, by state law, students must use the restroom independently and without any assistance. All students should be able to voice the need to use the restroom and be able to undo, pull down, and pull up all items of clothing without assistance. Students should be able to sit on the toilet, flush, and clean themselves independently. Lastly, students should be able to wash hands adequately.

In the case of a urine accident, students are expected to change themselves. If teacher assistance is given, however, the student must change and clean him/herself independently. Teachers are legally not allowed to touch a student during a change. In the case of a bowel movement accident, the same procedure takes place. However, if the child is not capable of cleaning adequately, a parent will be called and asked to come to school to change the child.

In the case that an accident occurs and the child does not have an appropriate set of extra clothing, a parent will be called and asked come to the school to change the child.

A child is not considered "toilet trained" if he/she has three or more accidents within one week's time. Therefore, if a child has three or more accidents in one week, he/she will be asked to remain home to continue training for a minimum of one full week (five school days). Once the child returns to school, if the child continues to have three or more accidents a week, this procedure will be repeated, however the minimum number of weeks for training increases to two weeks (10 school days). A third instance of needing to be "toilet trained" will result in the family being asked to remain home for the remainder of the school year, and to enroll in the program again the next year.