

Lake Pointe Childrens Ministries and Child Protection Policy – Addendum

Lake Pointe Children's Ministries are designed and intended for children in the age groups of post-nursery through elementary (ages 2-12). The expectation of our ministry volunteers and families is that the attendees in the class will be in the indicated age range.

Periodically, requests are made to the Children's Ministry Team to allow post-elementary aged individuals attend the classrooms as students. This addendum is intended to provide formal guidelines around such requests.

Requests will not be considered for pre-Kindergarten classes. Requirements for consideration in K-5 grade classes are listed below.

1. Interview with K-5 Children's Ministry team leader including the prospective attendee and their legal guardianship as appropriate; team leader may invite others as deemed necessary
2. Approved background check
3. Registration form including name, address, name(s) of guardian, current medical care, current medication, allergies, etc.
4. Evaluation as deemed necessary by K-5 Children's Ministry team leader to assess current level of learning abilities

Approvals required:

1. K-5 Children's Ministry team leader
2. One Elder (typically Elder over Children's Ministries but can be another based on availability)
3. Background check

Protocols for attendance at classes (if request is approved):

1. attendance record via sign-in / sign-out sheet per standard policy
2. attendee may not bring visitors without prior approval of K-5 Children's Ministry team leader

As of the writing of this addendum (Fall 2021), the consideration of post-elementary aged individuals will be limited to one per classroom. This is due to teaching resource constraints and space limitations in our current operating environment.

If an individual is approved for participation, the Children's Ministry leadership will notify the parents/guardians of children regularly attending the Lake Pointe Children's Ministry to provide awareness and allow opportunity for feedback.

This addendum specifically covers the Lake Pointe Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings. This policy does not cover other ministries where children are in regular attendance such as AWANA or MOPS.

While this addendum allows for consideration of post-elementary aged individuals, the Children's Ministry is not intended to be the default option at Lake Pointe for post-elementary individuals currently at an elementary aged learning level.