

**A-B-C Addendum to Financial Policies
Publicly Funded Families
Effective November 2025**



Our goal is to support the Mission of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (JFS):

To improve the well-being of Ohio's workforce and families by promoting economic self-sufficiency.

To be eligible for a space in any Mini University center, the family agrees to work towards economic self-sufficiency. Publicly funded families are also expected to:

- A** **Attend every day and at least 33 hours each week, when authorized full-time!**
- B** **Behave respectfully and responsibly: TAP in/out every day &**
- C** **Complete re-authorization paperwork & pay CO-PAYS on time.**

Pay on the 1st of each month

Mini University has a long history of providing excellent early care and education to help young children arrive at Kindergarten ready to learn and succeed. Our goal is to continue to provide high quality early learning, and improve the pay, benefits and retention of our great Team. Our financial policies and Tuition rates fund our Team. All families, regardless of how they pay their tuition, support the Team. Welcome to our School Family!

- 1) Abide by the Mini University Financial Policies and the policies outlined in this Addendum.**
- 2) Enrollment Priority & Full and Part-Time Authorizations:** Publicly funded families are welcome at all Mini University centers. Each center has an enrollment priority policy based on the needs of our sponsoring organization. Mini University accepts full-time and part-time authorizations for Nursery, Toddler & Twos, and Pre-Kindergarten children.
- 3) Recommended Arrival Time Is 8:30AM:** We encourage all families to establish a consistent drop off and pick up time, because it provides consistency and helps children understand the importance of "school" even at this young age. **Full-time publicly funded families must attend at least 7 hours per day and at least 33 hours each week. Part-time publicly funded families must attend at least 10 hours each week.** We have important early education work each day, so we suggest families arrive no later than 8:30AM each morning. 8:30 AM arrival is mandatory in our K-Ready Classrooms.
- 4) Initial Authorization: Children are authorized either full or part-time. All enrollment paperwork and written authorization is completed 2 weeks prior to the family's desired start date.** We realize this is not always possible, but we must have paperwork completed no later than one week prior to starting. Enrollment start dates are the 1st day of each month. Limited start dates may be available on the 15th of the month. If a family is "waiting on authorization" and all other enrollment paperwork is complete, the Director may approve a child to start **as early as the Monday after we receive notification of authorization.** This is contingent on **all** paperwork, including the Medical form signed by the doctor, being complete. We also prefer children have a class visit so the child and family can meet the teacher and have a general orientation to the program.

- 5) **Maintaining Weekly Authorization:** Each publicly funded family is responsible for keeping up with JFS required paperwork and re-authorization requirements. Mini University expects families to have all re-authorizations in hand 2 weeks prior to the authorization end date. We recommend families **start this process 3 months before the child's end date** to maintain eligibility and authorization. **Families who do not obtain authorization by their authorization end date, are withdrawn from the program and placed on our waiting list. Child Care can be provided if a spot is still available when the reauthorization is received.** Begin the process early to avoid any gap in services.
- 6) **Retroactive Authorization: Mini University does NOT accept retroactive authorization.** Anyone "waiting on authorization" who needs to start and can private pay, is accepting responsibility for paying all tuition charges in full for the month. When authorization is received, the family may request to move into a publicly funded space for the next month. The Director determines if there is a publicly funded space available or not.
- 7) **Attendance:** Attendance requirements for full and part-time authorization are required each week, including holiday weeks.
Full time = 7 hours daily and at least 33 hours each week, including holiday weeks.
Part time = at least 10 hours each week, including holiday weeks.
 - a. **Illness:** We know children get sick occasionally and families cannot bring children when they are ill. This should not happen often, and the state generously allows up to 20 "absent days" every 6 months. Absent days are allocated by the state for January-June and July-December. Please do not exceed this amount. Consistent attendance is important for all children.
 - b. Attendance warning letters are distributed when a family reports less than full time attendance in the TAP system. This means the child did not meet their minimum hour requirement.
 - c. If you are authorized full-time and do not attend at least 33 hours, families will be given one exception (warning letter). If you do not meet your full time attendance requirement a second time, you will be billed the difference between full-time and part-time reimbursement rates, and can be moved into a 2- or 3-day full day schedule. No exceptions will be made.
- 8) **Ohio Child Care Time, Attendance and Payment (TAP) System:** All publicly funded families are part of the TAP system. This system records attendance for children receiving publicly funded childcare (PFCC) services and has an important set of rules mandated by the state. All childcare centers provide a tablet at the center, so families TAP children in and out each day. On a child's first day, a family creates a PIN and accepts responsibility to TAP daily and approve "missed" TAPs quickly. Failure to TAP and follow these policies will result in a child being dis-enrolled.
- 9) **Monthly CO-PAYS & Withdrawal Notification:** All CO-PAYS are charged monthly for the number of Mondays in the month. This means CO-PAY charges may fluctuate between 4-5 weeks/month. All payments are due on the first of the month. If a child's CO-PAY is more than monthly tuition, the family will be charged the current monthly tuition rate. If a family withdraws, 3 weeks written notice is required, prior to the child's last day of attendance. After this 3-week period, if a family is due a refund, the monthly CO-PAY is pro-rated by week, and a check is sent to the family at the end of the month. No CO-PAY is refunded or pro-rated unless a family gives 3 weeks written withdrawal notice.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above stated policies.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Director Signature: _____

Date: _____