



Ferry Beach Ecology School

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Letter to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to welcome your child to the residential Ferry Beach Ecology School program. Below are some important areas of FBES policy & procedure to be aware of:

Packing & Equipment

Please pay careful attention to the FBES packing list. Packing the right items can make a big difference to your child's comfort during his/her stay at Ferry Beach. Keep in mind that you don't need to go out and buy lots of new equipment for this trip. Since students sometimes get a little bit muddy or wet during lessons, pack older, more comfortable clothes that you won't mind your child getting dirty. Lots of layers (including waterproof clothing) are the most important things to send along with your child. While Ferry Beach Ecology School provides a safe learning and living environment, FBES is not responsible for any student property that is lost or stolen.

Communication with Your Child

Parents are encouraged to send their child mail during the week. Send your letters (perhaps a week in advance to assure they arrive in time!) to:

Name of Your Child
(Name of Child's School)
c/o Ferry Beach Ecology School
8 Morris Avenue, Building One
Saco, ME 04072

Unless there is an emergency or arrangements have been made with the classroom teachers and/or FBES, students are not permitted to use the phone at Ferry Beach Ecology School. Students are not permitted to have cell phones while participating in FBES programs.

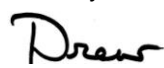
Health & Medications


It is important to note that in order to attend FBES residential programs, all students must have filled out and returned a *FBES Student Health Form* that indicates all relevant medical information and a *FBES Registration and Permission Form*. As noted on the *Student Health Form*, the Ferry Beach Ecology School nurse dispenses all medications. We provide basic over-the-counter medicines (such as cough drops, antacids and pain relievers) only with permission. In addition to providing any prescription medications your child is taking, parents are required to provide any specialized over the counter medications. We request that parents not take their children off any medications that they take on a regular basis. **No student medications will be dispensed unless properly labeled and in their original containers with specific dispensing instructions clearly noted.** Please do not pack medications in your child's luggage. All medications should be given to the classroom teachers before leaving the school.

Supervision of Students

All students participating in the Ferry Beach Ecology School program have 24 hour supervision. FBES staff are in charge of lessons, classroom teachers oversee the recreation fields and the dormitories at night, and the FBES staff and classroom teachers share the supervision of students during meal times. Any removal of students from the FBES program (due to appointments, illness, family emergency, etc.) must be arranged in advance with the classroom teachers and FBES. *Without the express permission of custodial parents/guardians, students are not allowed to leave the Ferry Beach program.*

Thank you!


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