



Ferry Beach Ecology School

8 Morris Avenue, Building One
Saco, Maine 04072

Letter to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

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 their stay at Ferry Beach. Pack all items in an easy to carry container like a suitcase or duffel bag. 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 on lessons, pack older, more comfortable clothes that you won't mind your child getting dirty.

While Ferry Beach Ecology School provides a safe environment, FBES is not responsible for any student property that is lost or stolen. Students must take their own precautions to protect their property at FBES.

Mail & Phone

Parents are highly encouraged to send mail (please, no emails) during the week— kids appreciate receiving letters from home and it really helps alleviate homesickness. Send your letters (perhaps a week in advance to assure they arrive in time!) to:

*Name of Student
(Name of Student'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, parents are requested not to call or email their child during their week at Ferry Beach.

Medication

As noted on the *FBES Student Health Form*, the Ferry Beach Ecology School nurse & directors dispense all medications. We provide basic over-the-counter medicines (such as cough drops, antacids, & pain relievers) only with permission. We request that parents not take their children off any medications that they take on a regular basis, especially at school. *It is the policy of Ferry Beach Ecology School that no student medications will be dispensed unless properly labeled and placed in their original medication containers with specific dispensing times noted clearly. Please do not pack any 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. *Without the express permission of custodial parents/guardians, students are not allowed to leave the Ferry Beach site. Any visits and/or 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.*

If you have any questions concerning these FBES policies and procedures, please give us a call.