

El Jardín Infantil Potty-Training Enrollment Guidelines

Many Parents have asked for clarification on how to know if their child is potty-trained in order to be able to attend preschool. Here are some descriptions of what a potty trained child can do:

1. Be able to TELL the adult that they have to use the bathroom before they urgently have to go. They must be able to say “I need to use the bathroom” or “I need to go pee” before they begin to urinate.
2. Be able to pull down their underwear and pants and get them back up without assistance. It is helpful for parents to dress children in clothes with which they can be successful independently. Zippers, buttons, overalls are not good choices for a child that is still learning to use the bathroom. Once completely potty-trained, the introduction of these clothes is appropriate, with the child being taught to use the moving parts themselves.
3. Be able to wipe themselves after using the toilet.
4. Be able to wash and dry hands.
5. Be able to follow directions about the routine for returning to the classroom from the bathroom.
6. Be able to postpone urinating briefly while waiting for another child to exit from the bathroom or if we are outside.

Some things that we do to help kids succeed bathrooming.

- All children receive support with washing hands properly and are taught that we are washing off germs, as well as talking about what germs are and what they do.
- Children are given supporting oral directions to help them with clothing, while they use their hands to accomplish their dressing task.
- Children are given many opportunities to use the bathroom throughout the day as part of transitions, for example, before we go outside, and children can always ask to go at other times of the day.

Some things that we don't do.

- We do not clean out dirty underwear. We will bag it and return it to the parent at the end of the day.
- We do not “put kids on” the toilet. There is a step stool.