



**Enhanced after school opportunities for
Orange Beach students in Kindergarten
through 12th grades**

**Parent Handbook,
Information,
Policies and Procedures
2020-2021 School Year**

About Expect Excellence

Expect Excellence is an enhanced after school program offered by the City of Orange Beach that serves kindergarten through twelfth grade students who are Orange Beach residents. This includes students that are in virtual school or are being home schooled. For the 2020-2021 school year, Expect Excellence will operate each school day from 3:00-6:00 pm. The program will also operate on school holidays from 7:00 am-6:00 pm, with the exception of National Holidays and City of Orange Beach closure days, (specified on Page 3).

The City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence program is designed to allow every student in Orange Beach the opportunity to identify interests and passions at an early age and to develop related skill sets. Expect Excellence is not simply after school child care; it is an enhanced program for **Academics**, **Arts** and **Athletics**.

Each student registering in the Expect Excellence program will be required to participate fully in classes, behave properly and respectfully at all times, and strive for growth. It is each parent's responsibility to fully understand the policies, procedures and expectations of participation in the Expect Excellence program and convey that to their student.

In addition to the Academics, Arts & Athletic programs taught at Expect Excellence, we are continually teaching the core values of

CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, WORK ETHIC, RESPECT & DISCIPLINE.

To that end, every student enrolled will be required to participate in the Etiquette and Life Skills class.

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EXPECT EXCELLENCE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION

To start Expect Excellence on the first day of school, August 12th, students must be registered by 5:00 pm on Monday, August 10th.

Following the start of the school year, if a student is registered for the program between Monday-Thursday, the student may begin attending Expect Excellence the following Monday. If a student registers AFTER 5:00 PM on a Thursday, it will be the FOLLOWING Monday (10 days later) until they may begin attending Expect Excellence.

Students must be registered for Expect Excellence to attend.

Students can be registered at www.orangebeachal.gov

EXPECT EXCELLENCE FOR KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADES

The kindergarten through second grade program is designed to help students with homework, offer opportunities for creative play, and provide fitness, arts and enrichment classes. Each class will have a weekly schedule that combines these three elements, daily.

Each week will include the following programs:

Guided free play	Behavior & Etiquette	Building Challenges
Life Skills	Arts & Crafts	S.T.E.M.
Story Time	Fitness Games	Spanish
Board Games	Puzzle Games	

EXPECT EXCELLENCE FOR 3RD-6TH GRADES

The third through sixth grade program is designed to help students with homework, offer continued tutoring opportunities, and an array of extracurricular opportunities. In this program, parents will be able choose the extracurricular classes that best suit their student's interests. Monday-Thursday will begin with homework lab, and then students will move into their selected extracurricular activities. There will be no homework lab on Friday, with additional enrichment opportunities to choose from.

Students in 3rd-6th grades will be able to choose from the following programs:

Academics

Tutoring

Strategy Board Games

Athletics

Baseball / Softball

Soccer

Football

Basketball

Volleyball

Tumbling

Fitness Challenge Games

Yoga & Youth Mindfulness

Arts & Enrichment

Robotics

S.T.E.M

Spanish

Etiquette & Life Skills

Visual Arts 1 & 2

Tangible Arts

Dance Combination (?)

Intro to Theatre

Acting 1

Acting 2

Theatre Improv Games

Available to 5th & 6th Grades Only:

Theatre Costume and Makeup Design

Musical Theatre Performance/Dance

Culinary Arts: Savory

Culinary Arts: Baking

EXPECT EXCELLENCE FOR 7TH-12TH GRADES

The seventh through twelfth grade program offers transportation from the middle and high schools for homework and tutoring five days a week.

Students in 7th – 12th grades will be able to choose from the following programs:

Culinary Arts-Savory	Culinary Arts-Baking	S.T.E.M.
Etiquette & Life Skills	Robotics	Spanish
Strategy Board Games	Acting 2	World Cultures
Pixar in a Box	Theatre Costume & Makeup Design	
Musical Theatre Performance/Dance		

MUSIC CLASSES FOR 3RD - 12TH GRADES

Voice	Guitar	Piano
Percussion	Songwriting	Music Theory

OPERATION TIMES

The Expect Excellence after school program is held Monday-Friday from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on days that Baldwin County Schools are in session.

On school holidays, Expect Excellence will operate from 7:00 am-6:00 pm, with the exception of National Holidays and designated City of Orange Beach closure days listed below.

Expect Excellence will be closed on the following dates:

- September 7 (Labor Day)
- November 11 (Veterans Day)
- November 25, 26 & 27 (Thanksgiving Holidays)
- December 23, 24 & 25 (Christmas Holidays)
- December 31 & January 1 (New Year's Holidays)
- January 18 (MLK Jr.)
- February 16 (Mardi Gras Day)
- April 2 (Good Friday)

The Expect Excellence 2020-2021 after school program year will begin on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, (the first day of school), and end on Tuesday, May 25, 2020, (the last day of school).

The Expect Excellence program will be closed May 26-31.

The Expect Excellence Summer Camp program will begin on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and will require a separate registration.

ARRIVAL

Kindergarten through sixth grade students will be escorted to the Recreation Center from Orange Beach Elementary School by Expect Excellence/Recreation Center staff. All students must be registered for 2020-2021 Expect Excellence before arrival.

Orange Beach Middle & High School students will be picked up from the middle and high schools by Expect Excellence staff in City of Orange Beach vans and transported to the Recreation Center each day after school

*Any student in the Recreation Center from 3:00-6:00 pm MUST be enrolled in the Expect Excellence program.

PICK UP

Children must be checked out daily by an authorized adult. When picking up students from the Recreation Center, the parent (or authorized representative) must come **inside** to sign out. Students are not allowed to leave the building without an adult.

Changes to the approved pick up list and the emergency contact list may only be made by the "Primary Parent", who registered the child.

HANDWRITTEN or EMAILED notice is required if your child is to leave with persons other than the ones designated on the registration form.

THERE IS NO SCHOOL PICK UP IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE RECREATION CENTER, TENNIS CENTER OR AQUATICS CENTER.

Parents must use the OBES car line or come inside the Recreation Center to sign out students.

Pick up times for Kindergarten-2nd grade are:

- Any time between 3:30 and 4:30
- Anytime between 5:30 and 6:00

Pick up times for 3rd- 6th grades are:

- 4:30 (after homework lab)
- Anytime between 5:30 and 6:00
(6:00 pm for Visual Arts 1 & 2 students)

Pick up times for Middle & High School Students are:

- 4:30 (after homework lab)
- Anytime between 5:30 and 6:00
(6:00 pm for Visual Arts 1 & 2 students)

Parents of 7th-12th grade students may authorize students to check themselves out with handwritten or emailed documentation sent to ppittman@orangebecahal.gov. If a student remains on property, he or she must be checked into the program.

Students must be picked up by 6:00 pm. If a student has not been picked up by 7:00 pm, he or she will be taken to the Orange Beach Police Department.

ABSENCES & WAITLIST CLASSES

Many classes have limited availability and have a wait list. If your student is in one of these classes, you will be informed of this upon registration. Students in these classes will be allowed a maximum of FOUR absences per semester. Late arrivals and early dismissals are considered absences. Upon the fourth absence, the parent will be notified to change the student's schedule so that a waitlist student can be added to that class.

EARLY CHECKOUT

Checkout during classes is disruptive to instruction and to students' development. Expect Excellence programs are led by professional instructors. Please be respectful of their time and expertise, as well as the investment that the City of Orange Beach is making in student development.

BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE

Appropriate behavior and respect for staff, property, and other students must be demonstrated by participants at all times. Repeated disruptive behavior and disrespect will result in the student's dismissal from the program.

Students who cannot adhere to the behavior outlined above may not register for the Expect Excellence program.

Three Teachable Moments

If a child does not participate or is disruptive to other students and to the activities of the program, they will be counseled by the program administration.

We will use three opportunities for teachable moments and after that, the student will no longer be allowed to take part in the Expect Excellence program.

Parents will be informed of each incident as it occurs and is documented. Parents will receive an incident report that will require a signature, and it will become part of the student's file.

MEDICATION, MEDICAL CONDITIONS, & SICKNESS

Sick children and children with medical conditions (including diarrhea/uncontrolled bowel movements, fever– temperature of 100.0 or above, vomiting, head lice or nits, conjunctivitis, un-diagnosed spots– chicken pox, or severe colds) will be sent home. If the conditions persist or become a continual occurrence, the child will not be allowed back into the program until the problem is remedied.

All medication, prescription or non-prescription, must be rendered to the Expect Excellence staff and a medication form filled out by the parent.

No medications will be administered by staff unless the medical authorization form has been filled out and signed by the parent. Any prescription or non-prescription drugs sent to the center shall be in its original container and clearly labeled with the child's name and directions for administering the drug. Prescriptions bearing the name of a person other than that child, will not be administered.

Expect Excellence staff may not administer any non-prescription medication without the written consent of a parent.

Children are not allowed to have any prescription or non-prescription medications in their possession at any time. **If a child is found to be in possession of any form of medication, they will be dismissed from the program.**

If a sudden, possibly life-threatening condition should occur, immediate safety of the student is our first concern. Ambulance transportation to a hospital will be arranged. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible.

Emergency information must be kept current at all times. We must be informed immediately if a change is made in address/phone number, authorized pick-ups, employment, doctor, etc.

ELECTRONICS AND PHONE USAGE

The Expect Excellence program is an **Electronic Free Zone**. Students will not spend time playing games or watching videos on a device at any time during this program.

All mobile devices including phones must be left in the student's bag. Students are not allowed to use cell phones at any time during Expect Excellence.

Students are not allowed to make phone calls. In an emergency, an Expect Excellence staff member will contact parents.

Important messages for students may be left at the Expect Excellence desk by calling 251-981-7836.

SNACKS

Expect Excellence does not provide snacks.
Please be sure that students bring a snack, or bring money to make purchases from the concession stand.

SCHEDULING

Students are not permitted to make changes to their class schedules.
Parents who wish to change a student's schedule may contact the Expect Excellence Administrator, Polly Pittman, at 251-974-2337 or ppittman@orangebeachal.gov.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Academics

Homework Lab

All students will attend Homework Lab. This lab provides a safe and quiet place for students to complete assignments and receive help needed from the supervising teachers.

Tutoring

This time will be for students in 3rd -12th grades to receive additional help with homework and more in depth focus on subjects as needed. Teachers will accommodate 3rd-12th grade students in this period as needed for tutoring in specific subjects.

Strategy Board Games

Students will enhance critical thinking skills by using a variety of common, family-fun games.

Athletics

Baseball/Softball

Athletes will work on throwing, pitching, tee work, infield defense, outfield defense, base running, hitting and situational baseball/softball.

Basketball

Specifically designed for the younger athlete, this program will focus on the crucial keys for young athletes to become excellent at the game of basketball. Students are separated into teaching groups and teams based on their age and ability.

Volleyball

The class will include instruction in the basic skills of serving, passing, setting, attacking and blocking. The class will also cover tactical skills of basic volleyball offensive and defensive play, as well as the rules and scoring.

Tumbling

This class is for all levels of tumbling, whether you want to learn how to do a handstand or build up to a back tuck. We will focus on the fundamentals of tumbling and practice skills such as handstands, cartwheels, round-offs, backbends and more.

Arts & Enrichment

S.T.E.M

This class will provide hands on learning based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines: science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Spanish

This is a fun and interactive foreign language class for students in 3rd-12th grades. Students will learn the basics of Spanish language through games, worksheets and conjugation lessons.

Robotics

The objective of this course is to introduce the student to basic programming as well as problem solving strategies. This course will involve students in the development, building and programming of a VEX Robotics system. Students will work hands-on in teams to design, build, program and document their progress.

Etiquette & Life Skills

A combination of graceful Southern etiquette and home economics, this class will focus on manners, handshakes, eye contact, basic waltz and social interactions, entertaining and appropriate conversation topics, hygiene and dressing for occasions, sewing, cleaning, finances and budgeting.

Visual Arts 1

Students are introduced to the basic elements of design used by an artist when creating a work of art (color, value, line, shape, form, texture and space). Students learn art principles including balance, emphasis, harmony, variety, gradation, movement, rhythm and proportion.

Visual Arts 2

In this class, students will delve deeper into techniques and projects using mediums like acrylics, watercolors, pencil, ink, pastels, clay and more. Student must have previously taken Visual Arts 1 or 2 to register for this class.

Tangible Arts

Tangible Arts will include crochet, weaving, cross-stitch, collage, recycled arts and other heritage-based art forms in a fun, hands-on environment.

Dance Combination

This combination of ballet, jazz and contortion stretch will teach proper techniques and inspire a love of dance.

Intro to Theatre

Students will learn the ins and outs of the exciting world of theatre! They'll explore multiple aspects of live theatre and the different facets needed to bring a play to life—from acting to directing, graphic design to lighting design, production management to producing, and much more!

Acting 1

Students will begin learning the basic tools of bringing a character to life and storytelling through performance as they develop their skills to become young artists. Budding actors will learn various acting techniques, such as Stanislavski, Strasberg, Adler and Meisner.

- Requirements: Students will need to memorize solo monologues throughout the course and perform in class.

- Note: This course will help with students' memorization, study skills and public speaking.

*It is preferred that enrolled students have previously taken Intro to Theatre, or be currently enrolled, in order to already have an understanding of theatre basics.

Acting 2

Students will continue their acting training and begin partner scene work while putting their knowledge from Acting 1 to the test. Students will develop their listening skills, dialect work, and learn to be part of an ensemble.

- Requirements: Students will need to memorize scenes throughout the course and perform in class with others. Students MUST have previously taken the Acting 1 course before enrolling in Acting 2

- Note: This course will help with students' memorization, study skills, public speaking, and working in a team.

Theatre Improv Games

Students will learn the art of improv through various games. They will develop problem solving skills, listening / reacting and thinking on their feet.

Theatre Costume and Makeup Design

Students will study the history of costume design for the stage and learn all the steps required to bring a costume to life. This includes costume research, sketching / color layout, costume plotting, adaption and sewing and developing a complete costume!

This class will be great for cosplayers and crafters.

Musical Theatre Performance / Dance

This class is great for beginners all the way to experienced actors and is offered to students in 5th-12th grades.

Performance: Students will be trained in techniques necessary for auditions and theatre productions, as well as song selection, story telling through music and body, musicality, and how to feel confident in solo performances / auditions. This class is offered in the fall 2020 semester.

Dance: Students will be trained in techniques, combinations, and production numbers in the style of dance required for current and upcoming productions with the Orange Beach Community Theatre. This course is for all levels of dancers. Students with previous experience will be challenged to expand their abilities, while beginners will learn correct technique for their new foundation in dance. This class is offered in the fall 2020 semester.

Culinary Arts: Savory

This hands-on class will teach students in 5th-12th grades about basic cooking techniques, knife skills, grocery shopping, pantry stocking and menu planning, along with meal preparations and gardening. This class will focus on savory dishes.

Culinary Arts: Baking

This hands-on class will teach students in 5th-12th grades about basic baking techniques, mixing, grocery shopping, pantry stocking and menu planning, along with dessert preparation. This class will teach the science and execution of baking.

Pixar in a Box

Pixar in a Box is a behind-the-scenes look at how Pixar artists do their job. You will be able to animate bouncing balls, build a swarm of robots, and make virtual fireworks explode. The subjects you learn in school - math, science, computer science, and humanities - are used every day to create amazing movies at Pixar. This class will cover the art of storytelling, color science, patterns, environment modeling, the art of lighting, virtual cameras, rigging, character modeling, simulation, effects, and animation!

World Cultures

This immersive experience will feature fascinating history and events, culinary offerings, unusual traditions, plus all the details and eccentricities that make up cultural heritage throughout the world. Together, we will cover historical and modern aspects of each culture to give students a broader scope of how our world has been, and still is, shaped. This class will lead to field trips and traveling opportunities in the future.