

First Baptist Weekday School

an outreach of First Baptist Church
815 North Main Street
South Boston, VA 24592

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Code of Virginia, Section 63.2-1716, allows child day centers operated by religious institutions the opportunity to file for an exemption from licensure by meeting documentation and other requirements specified within the religious exemption law. The statements below have been prepared and distributed to meet the requirements of the religious exemption law.

Religious Exemption

In compliance with the Code of Virginia, Section 63.2-1716, First Baptist Weekday School is religiously exempt from licensure and is classified as a 'religiously exempt child day center.

Child care centers operated by religious institutions may be exempt from licensure, per § 63.2-1716 of the *Code of Virginia*, if the religious institutions submit certain documents to the Virginia Department of Social Services prior to opening the child day center and then annually prior to the expiration date of their exemption.

Facilities seeking exemption must submit certain documents to the Virginia Department of Social Services annually. These documents include:

- statement of intent;
- certification of tax-exempt status;
- local health and fire reports;
- verification of required staff/child ratio and staff health reports; and
- a statement showing the facility is in compliance with other health and safety requirements in the Code.

The Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Licensing, may send inspectors to these facilities only to confirm that they are in compliance with Code requirements and to investigate complaints.

Qualifications of Personnel / Health Requirements for Staff

FBWS staff are mature individuals who have a personal relationship with Christ. They have a strong interest in the well-being of every child. Each teacher or assistant has experience in working with children in organized and structured programs. Each staff member has the desire to see children grow in their love of Christ and others. It is preferred that lead teachers have a degree in early childhood education, experience or a combination of both.

Staff employed at FBWS are certified by a practicing physician to be free from any disability which would prevent them from caring for children. All staff have had background checks through the Virginia State Police, FBI and the Department of Social Services. Six staff members are Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED trained. Documentation is on file in the school office.

Description of Facilities

First Baptist Weekday School is located at 815 North Main Street, South Boston, Virginia. The school uses classrooms in the education building and the Godly Play room in the older wing of the church. Our three and four-year-old classes are located on the second floor of the education building. Two-year-old classes are on the first floor. Preschool classes use the recreation room in the basement, as well as our fenced-in playground.

After-school classes meet in the following locations.

pre-k & k	second floor classroom
grades 1 – 2	basement, playroom
grades 3 – 5	second floor classroom (FBC Youth room)

For special events and programs, the school uses the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and kitchen.

Enrollment/Capacity

The maximum number of children that FBWS will enroll in the educational building is 150. The maximum number of children at any one time (as dictated by the local building inspector) is 150.

Food Service

First Baptist Weekday School provides a morning and an afternoon snack. Parents send a packed lunch, including appropriate items to keep foods/drinks cool and/or warm. We do not heat or cook lunches. FBWS is a peanut free school.

Public Liability Insurance

FBWS is covered by liability insurance which provides coverage in the event that someone brings suit for personal or bodily harm suffered during the operation of the Center as a result of negligence.