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SIGNS YOUR CHILD IS READY TO WEAR UNDERPANTS TO SCHOOL

Your child is ready to come to school in underpants when s/he can do the following:

1. Follows simple directions
2. Stays dry for two or more hours at a time
3. Communicates when s/he needs to go potty
4. Pulls pants up and down independently
5. Expresses the desire to wear underpants
6. Has limited accidents and makes you aware if s/he has had one
7. Is willing to try to go potty on a public toilet

It is imperative that your child be able to do all of the above before you send him/her to school in underpants. We want it to be a positive experience for everyone involved. Also with carpeting throughout the building, we need to keep accidents to a minimum due to sanitation issues. If your child is ready, please notify us before bringing him/her to school in underpants so that we can make a plan together. We will recommend that you be the first to take your child to the toilet at school so that s/he can be most comfortable. If your child is a boy, please let us know if he stands at the urinal or toilet or sits on the toilet. This is a very exciting milestone for a child, so it is very important that we work together on this skill.