



# Village of Northbrook

## DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING SERVICES

### Zoning Code Interpretation

<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>PARKING FOR CHILD EDUCATIONAL USES</b>
<b>Northbrook Zoning Code Section(s):</b>	<b>Section 9-104-F – Required Parking Spaces</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>August 24, 2018</b>

#### Reason for Interpretation

The Northbrook Zoning Code does not have a specific parking standard for learning facilities geared towards children. Using the standard established for a vocational school is viewed as requiring too high of a parking requirement, since it presumes that students attending the school will be driving. With facilities that cater to younger children, the students are dropped off and picked up, but parents seldom stay. Parking is necessary for employees.

#### Interpretation:

We have determined that the parking standard in the Zoning Code that is most relevant to learning centers for children below the driving age is “Day Care”, as it has very similar parking characteristics.

Therefore, until such time as a Zoning Code amendment is adopted, educational services and similar uses for children under the legal driving age shall use the parking requirement for day care uses. These uses shall include tutoring, supplementary schools (computers/math/science, etc.), child care, after-school activity centers, and other such similar businesses. These are drop-off uses only, and shall not include uses where parents are in attendance, such as parent-tot classes.

Due to the fact that the students in these uses are not of driving age, the parking requirement is determined to be most similar to day cares, as follows:

1. Day Care	1 per employee PLUS 1 for each 10 children or non-employee adults.
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The Department may require that designated pick-up and drop-off areas be established for these facilities with signage posted as a condition of zoning approval for such uses.

#### Reviewed and Affirmed:

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