

Dear Before/After Care Families,

Thank you for your patience this school year as we navigate through this time of covid in our society. As you can imagine, there are many decisions being made to ensure the safety of your children and our employees. With the district going with an AB blended schedule that has also impacted the Before/After Care programs. Because our hours will now be limited to only four days, we have made the decision to operate independently of DHS. Rest assured that our programs will still maintain the same quality and high standards that they always have. By not being connected to DHS this allows us more flexibility especially with staffing if teachers are suddenly required to quarantine.

The programs will continue to open at 7:00 am for before care students and close at 6:00 pm for after care children. The tuition schedule has changed slightly due to increased costs for cleaning supplies, etc. The weekly tuition fee schedules are below. (Note: Not all sites have prek students in their Before/After Care programs. Check with the director at your school for this information.)

Tuition for Early Start Schools

2020-2021 Before/After Care Weekly Fee Schedule PreK and Kindergarten Rates			
# of Days	Before Only (7:00-8:20 am)	After Only (3:35-6:00 pm)	Both (Before and After)
4 Days	\$53	\$76	\$96
3 Days	\$43	\$62	\$77
2 Days	\$33	\$48	\$58
1 Day	\$23	\$34	\$39

2020-2021 Before/After Care Weekly Fee Schedule First Grade—Fifth Grade Rates			
# of Days	Before Only (7:00-8:20 am)	After Only (3:35-6:00 pm)	Both (Before and After)
4 Days	\$49	\$72	\$92
3 Days	\$40	\$59	\$74
2 Days	\$31	\$46	\$56
1 Day	\$22	\$33	\$38

Tuition for Late Start Schools

2020-2021 Before/After Care Weekly Fee Schedule PreK and Kindergarten Rates			
# of Days	Before Only (7:00-8:50 am)	After Only (4:05-6:00 pm)	Both (Before and After)
4 Days	\$61	\$70	\$96
3 Days	\$49	\$57	\$77
2 Days	\$37	\$44	\$58
1 Day	\$25	\$31	\$39

2020-2021 Before/After Care Weekly Fee Schedule First Grade—Fifth Grade Rates			
# of Days	Before Only (7:00-8:50 am)	After Only (4:05-6:00 pm)	Both (Before and After)
4 Days	\$57	\$66	\$92
3 Days	\$46	\$54	\$74
2 Days	\$35	\$42	\$56
1 Day	\$24	\$30	\$38

There will still be a late charge of \$1/minute for children picked up after 6:00 pm. (Teachers have been working for eleven hours so we want them to be able to go home as close to 6:00 pm as possible.)

Since some children may be required to quarantine this school year, we have taken that into consideration with tuition charges. If your child is required by the school to quarantine, please let the director know ASAP. You will not be charged for tuition during that quarantine period. However, if your child is sick with another illness, on vacation, or absent for another reason, you will still be charged for those days. We are making an exception this year only for quarantining.

Submitting tuition payments will be handled a little bit differently this school year, also. An instructional document will be given to you soon that will explain the new procedure. You can still give cash and

checks to the directors for payments and use a credit card through the online program InTouch. (If using a credit card, please make sure to put money in each child's InTouch account since tuition is charged individually not per family.) You will still need to pay at the beginning of the week or month to avoid a late charge. However, the main difference is that your weekly or monthly prepayment will be placed in an InTouch holding account and only transferred out by the director to your InTouch Before/After Care account after the week has ended. We think this will be a more efficient and accurate way to track the amount owed/paid since factors like quarantining and the potential of going fully virtual may occur. Even though you will still deposit the money prior to services rendered, you will only be officially charged once services have occurred. We are hoping this will eliminate the need for refunds, as the money will stay in your child's holding account and can be used for various school payments. Basically, the only thing that you will "see" differently from your side will be when making a credit card payment—you will click a different button than the Before/After Care button. You will still be able to check your online balance, deposits, and payments in the InTouch program like in the past.

Drop off and pick up procedures will look a little differently this year, too. With the covid situation, we will be taking extra precautions this year and want to limit the number of people in the building. Therefore, when dropping off or picking up children, the adults will be asked to remain outside the building and wear a mask. The Before/After Care staff will sign the children in/out to reduce touching of pen/paper. Each program will also be equipped with a touchless thermometer. Upon arrival at both before and after care, every child's temperature will be taken. If the child's temperature is 100 degrees or higher, the child will not be allowed in the Before/After Care program. In the morning, the adult will leave with the child. In the afternoon, the child will be sent to the office and the parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick up the child immediately.

Safety is always of utmost importance and especially this year. Most of our staff is CPR certified and first aid items are available, if needed. Before/After Care programs will be continuing with the same procedures that are followed during the school day. For example, drinking fountains will remain turned off, and students will be asked to drink from their water bottles. All the adults will be wearing masks, while the students will follow the school's plan which includes occasional mask breaks. Students will be kept together in cohorts that will travel together to the various activities available. This transition time between activities will include time for handwashing and wiping down toys, etc. Students are allowed to bring their own hand sanitizer, if desired, although numerous stations are located throughout the building. If you would like your child to use his/her own personal art supplies (markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc.), you may have a supply bag with art items (labeled with your child's name) kept in his/her backpack to use at Before/After Care. The programs will also have these items available to use that will be wiped/sprayed after use.

Hopefully, this letter answers many of your questions. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we adapt to this new situation we are currently in. Please know that your children's safety is our number one goal. Let us know if you have any other questions or concerns. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

Stay safe,

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