

BEFORE-SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The North Reading School Department is pleased to announce the continuation of the Before School Childcare Program for children at the Batchelder, Hood and Little Schools and now at the Middle School on days when school is in session. Please note, this program is not available for Pre-K students.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How do I enroll my child(ren) for the Before-School Program?**
To enroll your child(ren) for the Before-School Program, please visit the following link to register.
<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/north-reading-public-schools-child-care>
2. **What are the hours?**
7:00 – 8:05 a.m. at the Hood School and Little School
7:00 – 7:45 a.m. at the Batchelder School
7:30-8:55 a.m. at the Middle School
Parents may drop their child(ren) off anytime during these hours if they are registered in the program and will be met by a member of the school staff. Ten minutes prior to the school starting time, the Before School Childcare children will be released to their classrooms.
3. **What is the tuition?**
Tuition payments are due on the fifteenth day of the previous month. If you plan to enroll your student(s), the first tuition payment (for the month of September) is due by August 15, 2020. Please also note that tuition is charged regardless of attendance. **If tuition payments fall more than 1 month behind, we reserve the right to withdraw your child(ren) from the program.** The charge for more than one child enrolled will be 50% of the regular tuition rate. (Example: \$50.00/mo for 1st child + \$25.00 for second child = \$75.00/month for both children). Families needing to use the Before-School program on a per diem basis will be charged \$10.00 per day/per child and will need to complete an application which can be found in the Business Office. The tuition is fixed regardless of your drop-off time. Also, please note that tuition is charged, regardless of attendance.

Tuition for 1 day per week

- \$25/month for 1 day/week (one child)
- \$37.50/month for 1 day/week (two children)
- \$50/month for 1 day/week (three children)

Tuition For Cohort A/B:

- \$50/month for up to 3 days/week (one child)
- \$75/month for up to 3 days/week (two children)
- \$100/month for up to 3 days/week (three children)

Tuition For Cohort C:

- \$100/month for up to 5 days/week (one child)
- \$150/month for up to 5 days/week (two children)
- \$200/month for up to 5 days/week (three children)

4. How do I pay each month's bill?

To keep costs down we do not generate monthly bills. Instead, we ask that you pay in advance by the 15th of the previous month. For example, September's payment is due by August 15th, October's payment is due by September 15th, and so on.

Payments can be made through Unibank (our online banking system) at the following link: <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx> or you can pay by check. Cash payments cannot be accepted. If paying by check, please make the check payable to: NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS and please add your child's name and school in the memo section. You may leave your check with your school child care provider or mail it to the Business Office at 189 Park Street in North Reading, MA 01864, Attn: Rosaly MacKillop.

5. What if I only need to access the Before-School Program on a Per-Diem basis?

Families needing to use the Before-School program on a per diem basis will be charged \$10.00 per day/per child and will need to complete an application which can be found in the Business Office.

6. What should I do if my child will no longer attend the program?

Please contact the Business Office at 978-664-7811 and school directly to notify them of your intent to withdraw. Otherwise the tuition will still be due.

7. What happens on holidays, vacation periods or snow days?

We are closed when the school is closed. We factor these days into the tuition. There are no refunds or reductions in tuition due to school being closed. Therefore, there is no fee charged for the month of June. However, if you enroll your child(ren) after April 1st, you are responsible for June's payment.

8. What happens if there is a 90-minute delay?

On days there is a 90-minute delay, before-school care is canceled.

9. Do I get a refund if my child is sick?

No

10. What is an average morning like?

There are many activities available - board games, reading, writing, puzzles, recreational games, crafts, videos.

11. Who are the personnel?

School personnel, primarily paraprofessionals, are responsible for supervising your child(ren).

12. Is there nursing care available?

No

13. Is there transportation provided?

No

14. Is there breakfast provided for students?

The Food Services Department will continue to offer breakfast to those students in the program daily from approximately 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. The breakfast includes both a grab and go style option as well as a la carte options daily. For more information on breakfast you may visit the Food Service page on the District website or click on the following link: https://www.north-reading.k12.ma.us/sites/northreadingps/files/uploads/elementary_breakfast_flier.pdf