

Watauga County Schools

** AFTER SCHOOL FEES 2019-2020**

After School fees are based on the 180 day school calendar. Since we begin so late in August, charges are divided into 9 equal payments to be the same each month unless you have late charges or late pick up fees. Basing fees on school days eliminates the need to credit back inclement weather days, makes billing simpler and fees easier to remember. *The monthly flat rate applies regardless of the number of days the facility is open during a month.*

The first payment is expected at the time of registration before your child may attend the program and be considered officially enrolled. You will receive your first bill via email in September for the month of October. Thereafter, you will receive a bill each month throughout the year for the first of the upcoming month. For example, if you register and pay in August, you will receive your first bill in mid-September for the month of October, due October 1. (Note: the August payment covers both August and September). If you register in October, you would pay for October at registration and receive a bill mid-October due November 1. Families with children attending after school for the full year will not receive a June bill.

Please take the time to set up your account with the OSP software (see instruction sheet in the parent handbook or on our webpage listed under the schools). By doing this you will be able to access your account to see that payments have been credited, make payments online or print off payment information for tax purposes.

BILLING SCHEDULE:

- **1st of each month- Payment is due on or before the 1st, in advance for the upcoming month.**
- **3rd of the month - A late fee applies to bills not fully paid on or before the 3rd of the month.**
- **5th of the month - Children will be excluded from attending the program if your bill for the month is not fully paid ON OR BEFORE the 5th.**

Parents registering after the 15th of a month will pay half a month rate. Half month rate is not available for the months of August or December due to pro-rating payments for the entire year. Please note: you will not receive refunds for inclement weather days. These days will be rescheduled as school days and we will operate on the make-up day. No refunds will be made for days not used.

Parents registering children for the program *after October 1* or who withdraw any time during the year and re-enroll, will pay half a month rate to attend in June. Parents who have been registered before October 1 and continue to be registered during the year without withdrawals do not pay a monthly bill for June.

AFTER SCHOOL - MONTHLY FEES PER CHILD

# days per week	REGULAR RATE	Reduced Rate Scholarship	WCS Employee Scholarship
3 days or less, OR Limited Use	\$149.00	N/A	\$21.00
4	\$196.00	\$98.00	\$27.00
5	\$203.00	\$101.50	\$34.00

HOLIDAY/SNOW DAY PROGRAM FEES- PER DAY, PER CHILD

1	\$23.00	\$11.50	\$4.00
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ADDITIONAL FEES, CHARGES:

Late payment fee: \$10.00 first 2 times, \$15.00 thereafter

Late pickup charge: \$1.00 per minute past 6:00 (for limited use, past 3:30)

Returned check fee: (charged and collected by private contractor)

OSP online payment fee: 4% + .35 per transaction

WITHDRAWAL

If you withdraw a child from the program, you must provide **prior written notice** to avoid continued charges for one half month after the last day of attendance. A form to notify us of withdrawal or changes in days of enrollment is available on our webpage.

See reverse side for additional information regarding specialty rates and scholarships

SPECIALTY RATES / SCHOLARSHIPS:

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BEFORE ATTENDING THE PROGRAM

LIMITED USE RATE: for 1 hour or less per day (2:30-3:30) \$149.00/month, 5 days per week.

This special rate cannot be combined with regular hours of use on other days of the week. Late pick up fee applies after 3:30.

After School "CALL AHEAD" RATE: \$23.50/DAY – HOLIDAY/SNOW DAY: \$34.00/DAY

The program gives priority to children who are registered on a regular pre-determined schedule. The "Call Ahead" rate is for those not pre-registered on a regular schedule or when a pre-registered child attends an extra day for which they are not registered (i.e. a child is pre-registered for M, W, F but also attends on a Thursday they are not registered for). If enrolled as a "Call Ahead" the parent must send a form available online in advance to see if service can be provided on the day the parent will need care. Space and availability for this service is not guaranteed.

Middle school volunteers Fee is the same as the reduced rate. A limited number of spaces are available and the child must be willing and have the behavioral maturity to serve as a role model to younger children in the program. The child must attend a minimum of 4 days per week. Child must have a recommendation letter from a teacher. Preference is given to parents that have a younger child in the program. First Aid/CPR is offered as an incentive for older children to adopt a leadership role.

The Reduced Rate Scholarship is available to low income parents. Priority is given to younger children and those registering for 5 days per week. To be eligible for August scholarship, application must be received no later than Aug 9, 2019 (including all accompanying documentation). Parents must apply and be approved for the scholarship. To be eligible, parents must first apply and be denied subsidy through the Department of Social Services.

Watauga County Schools Employee Scholarship

The after school scholarship for the children of Watauga County School Employees (not available to substitutes) is based on not hiring additional staff. In after school, we maintain staff to child ratios that are regulated by state licensing regulations. The current regulation is one staff employee per 14 children in any group that has a five-year-old, in all other age groups, we maintain a ratio of 18 to one staff member. We also have a maximum number of children we can serve in each school dependent on the size of the space we are able to occupy by the principal. This scholarship is eligible to:

- Any child of a Watauga County Schools employee on a first come, first served basis, provided there is space in the child's group without having to hire additional personnel. If another person enrolls for the last space in a group, the space will be relinquished to the person willing to pay the full price.
- Employees who register, apply for the scholarship and agree to follow the policies of the program as set forth in the Parent Handbook as any other person registering.
- Does not apply to Pre-K personnel working for ASU.
- Employees who contact the After School Program Coordinator at your child's school to discuss details regarding how to apply for the scholarship and fees required.
- Space and availability for this service is not guaranteed.