



Tuition & Fees Schedule 2021–2022

Preschool

NEW FAMILY ENTRANCE FEES *(Non-refundable)*

- **Application Fee:** \$75 per student
A completed application and \$75 fee are required of all prospective students. Applications are accepted year-round; early applications are strongly recommended.
- **New Family Entrance Fee:** \$625 per family
This is a one-time, non-refundable fee that is due with your enrollment contract.

ANNUAL FEES

- **Enrollment Fee: \$300** (Non-refundable)

TUITION PAYMENTS

- **2021-2022 Academic Year** (late August through May)
Tuition is paid in ten installments from August 2021 through May 2022. Families who elect to pay their balance in full by August 10, 2021, are eligible for a 2% tuition discount.

Base Tuition	Enrollment Option	Start Time	Dismissal Time
\$12,711	5 Day Full Time	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$8,476	5 Day AM	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
\$14,867	5 Day PM	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
\$9,187	3 Day Full Time	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$6,126	3 Day AM	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
\$10,440	3 Day PM	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
\$6,242	2 Day Full Time	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$4,161	2 Day AM	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
\$7,144	2 Day PM	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.

In order to keep tuition lower, there is an annual campaign to help cover the gap costs that tuition does not cover.

- **VOLUNTARY EQUITABLE TUITION (VET) Payments**

This is an addendum to your tuition contract that supports increases in teacher compensation and benefits. It also supports the financial aid and Love In Action programs which help to provide increased access to and equitable experiences within Rainbow Community School and Omega Middle School.

- **Tax-deductible**
 - **Participation is voluntary**
 - **Monthly payments billed along with your base tuition payments**
- **Summer Preschool 2021** – Begins June 14, 2021 and ends August 2, 2021 from 9:00-3:00pm Monday through Friday. A \$500 deposit for summer is required to secure a spot upon acceptance.
The balance is paid in two installments billed in June and July.

5-Day (Mon. – Fri.)	\$3,410	\$500 deposit and two installments of	\$1,455
3-Day (Mon., Wed. & Fri.)	\$2,520	\$500 deposit and two installments of	\$1,010
2-Day (Tues. & Thurs.)	\$1,630	\$500 deposit and two installments of	\$565

- **Summer Extended Care Charges** – Summer extended care will be offered pending enrollment. If offered, you will be *billed monthly for the previous month's usage*. \$5.50/hour or Flat Monthly Rate of \$250~ Extended Care 3:00-5:30 PM.
- **Multiple-Student Discount**
Families with two or more children enrolled at RCS receive 10% off the second child's tuition and 15% off the third child's tuition (full rate is paid on the highest amount). ***This discount is only for tuition; it does not apply to any fees.***
- **Before School Charges**
Programming design and fees for Before School Care at Rainbow for the 21-22 school year remains in development due to the unpredictable nature of pandemic education. Administration is working with the RCS community to continually assess need and feasibility for before school care programming, in an effort to provide this valuable asset to working families. More details will be shared as they become available.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRESCHOOL

A limited amount of tuition assistance is available for families with demonstrated need who would not otherwise be able to send their child to RCS. One of the purposes of financial aid is to increase the economic diversity and other forms of diversity on campus. Tuition assistance applications through TADS are **due February 15**. Awards will be announced on **March 15**. You may still apply after this date, as sometimes funds are available for families that have a financial crisis during the year, or funds become available when a family offered an award is unable to attend. Please note, we also have a Love in Action Fund to help support unexpected financial needs throughout the school year.

- **Vouchers**
 - Vouchers are accepted for preschool tuition and for before- & after-school charges.
 - **Please be advised that vouchers will not cover the full cost of preschool tuition & fees; parents must be able to pay the difference.**
 - **Apply for vouchers as soon as possible** by calling Buncombe County Social Services, Childcare Subsidy Unit at 828-250-5500. Information is available at the follow webpage:
<http://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/dss/sufficiency/Subsidy.aspx>.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

We are an affirmative action school. This means we apply weighted admission, giving preference to children and families of color that would like to join our community. Of course, this is the beginning. We need to ensure that once a family or child of color joins our community, we apply every effort to create a climate of inclusion and belonging. Affirmative Action means we exercise the right to interpret and apply policies differently for children and families of color. A commitment to Affirmative Action implies that when we build a culture of equity, instead of equality, we all benefit because our needs are met in compliance with our individualized experience.

UNENROLLMENT POLICY

Per the RCS Preschool Handbook, parents must give RCS one month written notice of their intent to withdraw their child from our preschool program. Billing will continue for one month, regardless of attendance.

Financial Questions? Contact:

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