

Out-of-Pocket Costs for Seattle Preschool Program Families

The Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) preschools operate on a schedule that is similar to the public school calendars for kindergarten through 12th grade. That is, they are open 5 days per week, Monday through Friday, for 6 hours per day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for 180 days per year.

Some of our families have been asking about additional costs for care of their children with “wrap-around care” (also known as before- and after-school care) and during the summer (late June through August). Below are answers to some frequently asked questions:

- Many SPP providers will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in order to offer before- and after-school care. Please contact your provider for their schedule. The cost of this care is NOT included in SPP. Families will have to pay out of pocket for before- and after-school care and care, as well as during the summer.
- Families that need care before 9 a.m., after 3 p.m., and over the summer will be charged by their preschool providers.
- Some families are eligible for assistance from the State or the City to pay for this wrap-around care and for care during the summer. Income and employment restrictions apply. Families will be screened when they enroll in SPP to determine if they are eligible to have a portion of these costs paid. To learn more about these programs, visit seattle.gov/education, call 206-386-1050 or email at preschool@seattle.gov.