

Elementary Early Morning Program

Newton Public Schools

100 Walnut Street

Newtonville, MA 02460



INFORMATION PACKET

September 2016 through June 2017

7:30 AM – 8:20 AM

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Starting September 12, 2016, Newton Public Schools will again be offering the Early Morning Program for students in Grades K through 5 in each of the elementary schools. The program is designed to provide a needed service by giving parents the opportunity to bring their children to school prior to the beginning of the regularly scheduled school day. Within the program, each elementary school will offer supervised before school care from 7:30 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. when the school day begins.

Information:

The cost of the program is \$211.20 per semester for each weekday chosen, based on a fee of \$12.00 per day. The program is divided into two semesters. The first semester runs September 12, 2016 through January 27, 2017. The second semester runs January 30, 2017 through the last day of school, currently scheduled for June 26, 2017. If snow days cause the last day of school to be after June 26, 2017, the program will run on those days. Payment for semester one is due August 15, 2016. Payment for semester two is due by January 15, 2017. If you know your student will be attending both semesters you may send payment for both semesters at once. **Please note that you will not receive a bill for the second semester.**

On the Application Form you will find a chart with the cost of the program per semester. Please check off all days that apply. You may choose a single day of the week, multiple days, or all of the days of the week. It is important to note that once you have chosen your days, you may not change them without the consent of your school principal and program staff.

Instructions:

Please complete the Application Form attached at the end and return to:

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Attention: Janelle Roth – Business, Finance and Planning, Room #200

Questions and Answers:

Who is entitled to sign up for the program?

Any child registered at any Newton Public elementary school is allowed to attend this program.

What are the hours?

You may drop your child off at 7:30 a.m. at his or her respective elementary school. At 8:20 a.m., he or she will be brought to their regularly scheduled class.

What is the cost?

The cost of the program is \$211.20 per semester for each weekday chosen. This is based on a fee of \$12.00 per hour multiplied by 176 days (the number of days the program will run), divided by 5 (cost per weekday), and divided by 2 (cost per semester).

Is financial assistance available?

Yes; all waiver requests must include an Early Morning Program Financial Assistance Application. The form is available online, or you may call 617-559-9025 to request a hard copy. The Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial and Administrative Officer will review all applications and determine eligibility.

Can my child attend the morning program at a different elementary school than the school they attend for class?

No. There will be no transportation available to take the children from one school to the other.

How many days do I have to sign up for?

You may sign up for a single day of the week, or as many days as you'd like. However, the days are not transferable and your child will only be allowed to attend the program on the days for which you pre-registered.

Why must I sign up in the summer?

Staffing for this program is contingent upon the number of children we will have attending. Accurate numbers are necessary in advance to insure a proper staff to student ratio from the onset of this program.

May I sign up for a single semester?

Yes. You may sign up for the first semester, the second semester, or both. However, you must state on the form which semester(s) you are enrolling in.

Will I need to sign up again in January 2017 if I want to continue?

No. There will be one registration and two payments per year. Payment will be collected at the beginning of each semester. Payment for semester one is due August 15, 2016. Payment for semester two must be received by January 15, 2017 in order for your student to remain eligible for continued admittance in this program. If you did not enroll your student in the first semester, and wish to enroll your student for the second semester, you may do so. Payment is due by January 15, 2017 and the second semester begins January 30, 2017.

If I do not sign up for the program in advance, may I drop my student off on sporadic days when assistance is needed?

No. There will be no one available to collect a daily fee, and we cannot guarantee the program will be properly staffed for additional children who are unregistered. If circumstances arise mid-semester where weekly early morning care becomes necessary, please contact the Department of Business, Finance and Planning. If space remains at your child's school, it is possible that your student can be added after the program has begun for a prorated fee. This is strictly subject to availability and the discretion of the program administrator.

What if there is a delayed start?

The program will not operate on days with a delayed start due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The delayed start is designed to give the city time to prepare the schools. There will be no refunds for delayed starts.

Will I receive a refund if there is a snow day?

No, there will be no refunds. However, if snow days cause the last day of school to be after June 26, 2017, the program will run on those days with no additional charge.

Will breakfast be available?

Breakfast will not be provided, but your child is welcome to bring a small snack to eat.

Who will be watching my child?

The program will be staffed by trained Newton Public Schools personnel.

What will my child be doing for the duration of this program?

Depending on the age of your child and the school they attend, students will spend their time reading, playing games, doing homework, or working with staff members on a variety of other projects.

Can I register and pay on-line?

Yes. The website is <http://www3.newton.k12.ma.us/earlymorningprogram>. You may pay online using your checking account or by MasterCard and Discover. It is free to pay by electronic check. There is a convenience fee for online credit card payments from your credit card service provider.

Who can I speak with if I have further questions?

Please contact the Department of Business, Finance & Planning at 617-559-9025.

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Enrollment Application 2016-2017

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| STUDENT DATA: | | |
| Child's Name: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small; margin-top: -10px;"> Last First Middle Initial </div> | | |
| Child's D.O.B: _____ Phone: _____ Email : _____ | | |
| Elementary School as of Sept. 2016: _____ Child's Grade as of Sept. 2016: _____ | | |

| Semester 1 September 12, 2016 - January 27, 2017 | |
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| Check Day(s) Needed: | |
| Monday _____ | |
| Tuesday _____ | |
| Wednesday _____ | |
| Thursday _____ | |
| Friday _____ | |
| Total Number of Days Checked (Up to 5) _____ | |
| Cost Per Number of Days Checked: | |
| 1 Day..... | \$211.20 |
| 2 Days..... | \$422.40 |
| 3 Days..... | \$633.60 |
| 4 Days..... | \$844.80 |
| 5 Days..... | \$1056.00 |

Payment for Semester 1 due 8/15/16

| Semester 2 January 30, 2017 - June 26, 2017 | |
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| Check Day(s) Needed: | |
| Monday _____ | |
| Tuesday _____ | |
| Wednesday _____ | |
| Thursday _____ | |
| Friday _____ | |
| Total Number of Days Checked (Up to 5) _____ | |
| Cost Per Number of Days Checked: | |
| 1 Day..... | \$211.20 |
| 2 Days..... | \$422.40 |
| 3 Days..... | \$633.60 |
| 4 Days..... | \$844.80 |
| 5 Days..... | \$1056.00 |

Payment for Semester 2 due 1/15/17

Check Number: _____ **Amount:** \$ _____

Please Make Check Payable To: **Newton Public Schools - Early Morning Program** and mail to address listed above **Attention: Janelle Roth – Business, Finance and Planning, Room # 200**

OR

Register & Pay Online at <http://www3.newton.k12.ma.us/earlymorningprogram>