



2026-2027 Space to Thrive Tuition Rates

All Programs	
Annual Administrative Fee (registration fee)	\$100

Summer Programs		
School Age Child Care (SACC)		
	Weekly Rate	
	K-5th Grade	Raymond PreK
5 Days	\$260	\$273
4 Days	\$208	\$218
3 Days	\$174	\$183
2 Days	\$130	\$137
Fours & Fives (Located at ECE building)		
5 Days	\$310	
4 Days	\$248	
3 Days	\$204	
2 Days	\$150	

School Year 2026-2027		
School Age Child Care (SACC)		
	2026/2027 Weekly Rates	
	K-5th Grade	Raymond PreK
Monday - Friday, Afternoons only	\$145	\$150
Monday - Friday, Mornings only	\$105	\$110
Monday - Friday, Mornings & Afternoons	\$190	\$200
Single Afternoon (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)	\$48	\$50

Single Afternoon (Wednesday)	\$53	\$56
Wednesday Only	\$65	\$68
Single Morning	\$31	\$32
Full Day (prorated based on weekly enrollment)	\$80	\$84

School Year 2026-2027	
Early Childhood Education (ECE)	
	2026/2027 Weekly Rates
Infants Monday - Friday	\$360
Infants Monday, Wednesday, Friday	\$285
Infants Tuesday, Thursday	\$210
Ones Monday - Friday	\$345
Ones Monday, Wednesday, Friday	\$230
Ones Tuesday, Thursday	\$140
Twos Monday - Friday	\$325
Twos Monday, Wednesday, Friday	\$250
Twos Tuesday, Thursday	\$160
Threes Monday - Friday	\$310
Threes Monday, Wednesday, Friday	\$245
Threes Tuesday, Thursday	\$160
Mornings & Afternoons Monday - Friday (PreK & K)	\$165
Mornings Monday - Friday (PreK & K)	\$90
Afternoons Monday - Friday (PreK & K)	\$130
PreK Full day (vacation weeks)	\$80

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are there so many different rates?

Our rate structure reflects the different scheduling needs of families and helps keep our costs lower. The fewer days per week needed, the higher the daily cost, as those schedules create complex staffing needs and additional administrative tasks. In order to provide a la carte scheduling, we have to account for many different scheduling scenarios, leading to a lot of different rate options!

What does the administrative (registration) fee cover?

The administrative fee supports the behind the scenes work required to enroll and maintain your child's spot in our program. This includes processing enrollment, maintaining required records (immunizations, permission forms, etc.) for licensing and accreditation, setting up billing and communication systems, and preparing classrooms and materials prior to a child's start. It helps offset costs that are not covered by weekly tuition but are essential to operating the program.

Why is Raymond PreK a higher rate than K-5 SACC?

Raymond PreK students require a lower staff-to-child ratio, with one staff member for every 10 children, compared to 1:13 for older age groups. This also means there will always be a staff designated to the PreK children, allowing two separate age groups. The rate reflects the cost of maintaining that higher level of staffing.

Why do I have to re-register each year for SACC, but not for ECE?

Our School Age Child Care (SACC) programs shift year to year based on school schedules, site needs, and enrollment demand. Annual re-registration allows us to confirm schedules and appropriately staff each location. Early Childhood enrollment is more continuous and year-round, so re-registration is not needed in the same way.

Why are rates not available sooner?

Space to Thrive is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which means our budget is approved annually by our Board of Directors. The process is lengthy with several layers of checks and balances between the finance committee and the full board. As our organization grows, one of our goals is to develop budget projections further into the future so that tuition rates can be available ahead of summer & fall registration.

Why is ACH required?

ACH (automatic bank withdrawal) helps us keep costs down and operations efficient. Credit card processing fees are significant, and processing cash or check payments requires staff time for handling and bank deposits. Using ACH allows us to streamline administrative processes and keep overhead costs lower. That said, if ACH is not a workable option for your family, please reach out to Justine, and we can work with you to find an alternative.

Why do I have to pay for days when school isn't in session? (like vacation weeks)

Tuition reserves your child's spot in the program, rather than covering only the days attended. Even when the program is closed, we continue to have fixed expenses, including staff wages and facility costs. Consistent tuition allows us to provide stable staffing and avoid fluctuating costs for families throughout the year.

Why is child care in general so expensive?

Child care is a labor-intensive field that requires specific staff ratios, so nearly all costs go directly to wage costs. At the same time, child care is what economists call a "broken market," and most

programs operate on extremely thin margins, generally less than 1% (Space to Thrive included). Child care cannot be outsourced, technology doesn't do much to reduce costs, and recruiting and retaining qualified educators is challenging.

There are also significant behind-the-scenes expenses. Liability insurance is one of our highest costs outside of payroll, and this is a growing national issue as insurance providers leave the child care market. Regulations continue to get more and more strict, and required tasks mean additional administrative time.

It's also helpful to understand how child care differs from recreation programs. Rec programs are often at least partially funded by municipalities, with costs like space, administration, and insurance already built into town budgets. They are also not licensed and do not have to meet the same regulatory requirements, including staff training & experience, documentation, and background checks. Child care programs operate without that public funding structure while maintaining stricter standards, which contributes to the overall cost.

Is a varied schedule available for before & after school for ECE?

No, ECE Before & After school care is only available Monday - Friday, a la carte scheduling is not an option. For kindergarteners who attended PreK with Space to Thrive, before & after school care is available at the ECE building and children will be bussed to Windham Primary School. Parents/guardians will be responsible for the paperwork with the bus garage.

My child will turn _ during the year, will their rate change on their birthday?

No, the rate for the year is based on their age on October 15, 2026.

Can I register for just one morning or one afternoon? (SACC)

Each child must be registered for a minimum of two slots (i.e., one morning, one afternoon; two mornings; two afternoons). The only exception is for Wednesday early release afternoons.

How are full day rates calculated if regular tuition is due during vacation weeks?

Full days & vacation weeks are prorated based on weekly fees. SACC example: if your weekly rate is \$190, and you would like to sign up for 4 full days of a vacation week, you would pay an additional \$130 ($80 \times 4 = 320$; $320 - 190 = 130$)

What happens if I am running late to pick up?

An additional late pickup fee of \$1 per minute will be charged and will be automatically added to the electronic payment portal.

How do I change my child's schedule or unenroll my child?

Any changes to your child's schedule require a two-week notice in writing via email to your program director.

When are weekly fees due?

Full payment is expected on Fridays for the following week's attendance.

What if my payment is late, or if my payment is returned?

Late tuition payments will incur an additional fee of \$25 per week, charged on the following Monday. This includes ACH/Credit card declines, which also incur a fee of \$5 to cover the charges by the processing company for declined payments.