

Elementary Early Morning Program
Newton Public Schools
100 Walnut Street
Newtonville, MA 02460



INFORMATION PACKET

**September 2010 through June 2011
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Starting September 13, 2010, Newton Public Schools will be offering an 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 \$141.60 per semester for each weekday chosen, based on a fee of \$8.00 per day. The program is divided into two semesters. The first semester runs from September 13, 2010 through January 31, 2011. The second semester runs from February 1, 2011 through the last day of school, currently scheduled for June 16, 2011. If snow day(s) cause the last day of school to be after June 16, 2011, the program will run on those days. Payment for semester one is due July 15, 2010. Payment for semester two is due by January 15, 2011. If you know your student will be attending both semesters you may send payment for both semesters at once.

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 directors.

Instructions:

Please complete the Application Form attached at the end and return to:
**Newton Public Schools
100 Walnut Street
Newtonville, MA 02460
Attention: Danielle Niro – Fee Administration, Room #305**

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 sent to their regularly scheduled class.

What is the cost?

The cost of the program is \$141.60 per semester for each weekday chosen. This is based on a fee of \$8.00 per hour multiplied by 177 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 Assistance Application from the Office of Elementary Education. You may call 617-559-6105 to request a form. The Assistant Superintendent for Business, Finance, and Planning 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 July?

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 tell us what you are signing up for by July 15, 2010. Additional registration may happen in December 2010 on a space available basis at the discretion of the school principal.

Will I need to sign up again in January 2011 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 July 15, 2010. Payment for semester two must be received by January 15, 2011 in order for your student to remain eligible for continued admittance in this program.

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 main office of your child's school. 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 16, 2011, 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, MasterCard or Discover Card.

Who can I speak with if I have further questions?

Please contact your school's principal or the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education at 617-559-6105.

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Enrollment Application 2010-2011

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STUDENT DATA:		
Child's Name: _____		
Last	First	Middle Initial
Home Address: _____		
Number	Street	Zip
Phone: _____		
Elementary School as of Sept. 2010: _____ Child's Grade as of Sept. 2010: _____		

Semester 1 September 13, 2010 - January 31, 2011	
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.....	\$141.60
2 Days.....	\$283.20
3 Days.....	\$424.80
4 Days.....	\$566.40
5 Days.....	\$708.00

Payment for Semester 1 due 7/15/10

Semester 2 February 1, 2011 - June 16, 2011	
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.....	\$141.60
2 Days.....	\$283.20
3 Days.....	\$424.80
4 Days.....	\$566.40
5 Days.....	\$708.00

Payment for Semester 2 due 1/15/11

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

Please Make Check Payable To: **Newton Public Schools - Early Morning Program** and mail to address listed above **Attention: Danielle Niro - Fee Administration, Room #305**

OR

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