

Pay for K Program Description & FAQ

Schmitz Park School

Schmitz Park School will be continuing its Pay for K Program for 2009-2010. The state of Washington only provides for half-day kindergarten. Seattle Schools provides one full day kindergarten with options for schools to use discretionary funds, grants or fee based programs to extend full day kindergarten to all students. The description and FAQ below will give important details on the Pay for K program. If you have further questions please call the school office at 252-9700.

Program Overview:

- Enrollment will operate as normal. Once school assignments are determined in May, each family assigned to Schmitz Park will receive a "Pay for K" packet, the packet will include...
 - Enrollment confirmation. We need to confirm the intent to attend as early as possible. Families will have the following options:
 - To attend full day with a fee of \$200/month.
 - To attend half day with no fee (only one class will be designated for half day attendance).
 - To attend full day with fee exemption (available to those qualifying for the federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program)
 - To indicate that they would like to not attend Schmitz Park.
 - A payment pledge form describing payment options
 - A deposit payment form (the deposit is **non-refundable**, but it is transferable to other Pay for K programs within Seattle Schools.)
 - A fee exemption request form
 - Instructions for giving the school feedback concerning student placement
- Once we hear back from each family we will start enrolling those on the waitlist if any openings are made available.
- Forms and deposits will be due approximately one month after the forms are mailed (we hope to have the forms mailed in May). Anyone not returning the forms will be assumed to be registering for the half days. Changes from half days to full days can be made at a later date, understanding that class assignment may have already been made.
- Payment options include:
 - **Monthly Installments** of \$200 per month due the first of each month from September through May. The deposit will count as the final payment. **Automatic monthly credit card charges will be made available.**
 - **Annual Payment** upfront will be given a 5% discount. The cost for annual payment upfront will be \$1,900. An additional \$50 discount is offered for full payment by personal check.
- Deposit payment and all forms will be returned to and processed by the school office. If payments fall behind by two months the student will be moved to half days.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How do half-day and full-day kindergartens differ?**

Half-day kindergarteners are provided about 2 ½ hours of daily instruction (9:05 – 12:00). Effort will be made to emphasize core academic areas (reading, writing and mathematics) in the morning. Other activities will generally occur in the afternoon. These activities will include the bulk of physical education, music, art, science, etc.

Experience has shown us that half-day students struggle to stay with their peers' progress academically and socially. A consultation with the principal is required for all families considering the half-day option.

- **What are the qualifications for the federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program?**

The chart below gives the 2008-09 guidelines for qualifying for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program. Income is a total of all household gross income including child support, pensions and interest/dividends. For more information please visit the district web site at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/nutrition-svc/applications.html> .

INCOME CHART Effective from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009				WHO SHOULD FILL OUT AN APPLICATION? If your household income is the SAME OR LESS than the amount on the chart or you receive Basic Food, take part in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for your children or are applying for a foster child, complete the application. Return the application to the school. We will notify you if the application is approved or denied.	
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	WHAT MUST BE ON THE APPLICATION? <u>For households not receiving Basic Food or TANF/FDPIR:</u>	
1	19,240	1,604	370	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child's name • Names of all household members • Income by source for all household members • Social security number of the adult household member who signs the application, (or check the "I do not have a social security number" box) if the adult signing does not have a social security number. • Adult household member's signature 	
2	25,900	2,159	499	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child's Name • Basic Food, TANF, or FDPIR case number • Adult household member's signature 	
3	32,560	2,714	627	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child's name (one per application) • Child's personal use income • Adult's signature 	
4	39,220	3,269	755		
5	45,880	3,824	883		
6	52,540	4,379	1,011		
7	59,200	4,934	1,139		
8	65,860	5,489	1,267		
For each additional member add:	+ 6,600	+ 555	+ 129		