



For Students Entering

Kindergarten through Grade Six

What is Bulldog Care?

Rutherford Public Schools is proud to offer Bulldog Care. Bulldog Care will take place before school starts and after school ends to meet the needs of today's working parents who need childcare outside of school hours. Registered participants will be involved in age-appropriate activities, which are planned and supervised by experienced staff.

Who can attend the programs?

Any Rutherford Public School student in kindergarten through sixth grade is eligible to participate in the Bulldog Care program.

Where will the programs be held?

The programs will be offered in the multipurpose room/gymnasium at the Kindergarten Center, Lincoln School, Washington School and Pierrepont School.

What kinds of activities will the children be involved in?

Children will be involved in age-appropriate activities while following social distancing procedures. Snacks will be provided in both AM and PM programs. Each building will offer homework help, arts and crafts, STEM, outdoor play and special events. A monthly calendar of themes and activities will be provided to children and their families. The children will be exposed to these activities through interactive, hands-on, and fun experiences. There will be plenty of time for socialization, physical activity and the arts.

What are the hours of operation?

Pending guidelines placed by Governor Murphy and the Department of Education regarding school opening, the program will follow the school calendar starting September 8, 2020. Bulldog Care AM will be scheduled to run Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to the start of school. Bulldog Care PM will vary by school for a total of 3 hours with the exception of Pierrepont School which runs on a single session day schedule. See below.

K-Center	End of School – 6:00pm
Lincoln/Washington	End of School – 5:45pm
Pierrepont	End of School(single session day) – 3:30
Pierrepont	3:30pm – 5:30pm for an additional fee *must be registered for aftercare

What happens if I am late picking my child up?

Parents who arrive after the dismissal time listed above on more than one occasion will be charged a late fee of \$15 for each 15-minute interval after dismissal time. If child is not picked up after 45 minutes and/or no contact has been made with parent/emergency contact, the child will be placed in the custody of the Rutherford Police Department. Late fees must be paid within 24 hours or child/children will be suspended from the program until fees are paid in full.

What happens if school closes due to inclement weather?

Bulldog Care follows the school calendar and schedules. If Rutherford Public Schools has a delayed opening there will be no before care, and if there is an early dismissal there will be no aftercare. Parents must make arrangements to have their child dropped off or picked up at the scheduled school time.



Special Activities/Date Nights

Throughout the year there will be special activities for families in the evenings for an additional fee.

Is there a registration fee for Bulldog Care?

Yes, there is a nonrefundable \$25 registration fee for each child enrolled in the program. Registration will be online.

Will flexible scheduling and Drop-In Services be offered?

Parents can choose to register their child for 2-5 days a week for both AM and PM Bulldog Care on a monthly basis for K-Center, Lincoln and Washington. Pierrepont School will register for the 10 days a month that they are in session at the school. There will be an additional fee for extended care since Pierrepont is running on a single session day. Drop-In services are available for emergency situations for an additional fee. In order to use the Drop-In service, students must be registered.

How can I register for the program?

Registration for the program will be offered online starting Wednesday, August 12, 2020. A separate link for each school is listed below. Please complete one form for each child registered. Payment information is listed below. Important information regarding payments, procedures, curriculum and discipline will be explained in each school's Parent Handbook. However, district policies and regulations will apply to this program. *Bulldog Care will follow all CDC guidelines for public schools and childcare programs. These will be listed in the school handbook as well.

K-Center Registration Form

<u>Lincoln School Registration Form</u>

Washington School Registration Form

<u>Pierrepont School Registration Form</u>

What is the payment schedule/fees?

Payment will be due by the 15th of the month. First payment will be September's tuition, plus one month security which will be applied to the final month's tuition. There will be a \$15 late fee, per child, for tuition not paid on time. Continuous late payments could result in removal of the program. For the 2020-2021 school year, the first payment will be due by August 28th.

How to I pay online?

Tuition will be paid online utilizing website https://www.payforit.net. Parents can choose to pay monthly or yearly.

What if I have a question?

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Monochello, Coordinator of Bulldog Care, at <u>bulldogcare@rutherfordschools.org</u>.

BULLDOG CARE

2020 -2021 COVID19 Fee Schedule

Bulldog Care AM 7:00AM – Start of School K-Center, Lincoln, Washington

Days of Week	Monthly Fee
5	\$152
4	\$140
3	\$122
2	\$108

^{*}Drop In fee \$20 per day plus registration fees

K-Center Bulldog Care PM Afterschool – 6:00PM

Days of Week	Monthly Fee
5	\$269
4	\$248
3	\$218
2	\$192

^{*}Drop In fee \$48 per day plus registration fees

Lincoln/Washington Bulldog Care PM-Afterschool – 5:45pm

Days of	Monthly Fee
Week	
5	\$269
4	\$248
3	\$218
2	\$192

^{*}Drop In fee \$48 per day plus registration fees

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Bulldog Care AM 7:00AM – Start of School Pierrepont

Total Days	Monthly Fee
10	\$76

^{*}Drop In fee \$20 per day plus registration fees

Pierrepont Bulldog Care PM Afterschool

Total Days	Monthly Fee
10 days 12:20 – 3:30	\$135
Extended Time 12:20 – 5:30	\$220

^{*}Drop In fee \$48 per day plus registration fees



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