

Elementary Afterschool Fees- Family Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for 2026-2027

- What is the registration fee?
 - Upon acceptance into the program, a non-refundable registration fee of \$35.00 must be paid to secure a student's placement in the morning or afterschool program.
 - All parents will be required to pay the registration fee, including parents receiving subsidies (for example ELC, VA, etc).
 - The fee is non-refundable after the first day of the school year.
 - The registration fee is valid for the entire school year at any elementary school within the School District of Palm Beach County.
- Will fees increase?
 - No. Both registration fees and afterschool fees remain the same for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Will the fee structure change?
 - No. We reached out to families to determine if our fee structure should be changed. The responses indicated that parents set aside fixed amounts and are either neutral, satisfied, or very satisfied with the current fee structure of equal monthly payments.
- How are the fees calculated?
 - Monthly fees are based upon the current afterschool hourly rate (\$3.70 K-5/\$5.11 VPK wraparound) and are calculated based on contracted attendance (number of school days in the year).
 - To support families in their budget planning, the total annual tuition is divided into equal monthly payments at the whole dollar amount.
- Why do smaller months cost the same (November, December, etc.)?
 - The total number of contracted days (school days) are used to calculate the fees and the total cost is divided into equal monthly payments. The majority of families shared in our survey that having a consistent monthly amount helps them plan their household budget.
- If my child attends fewer days, do I get a credit for those days?
 - No. Fees are not prorated based on the number of days of attendance; they are based on contracted attendance. The program is holding a spot for the child and must plan accordingly. Payment for

the full month is due, even if the student is not in attendance every day, misses a day due to illness, vacation, or any other reason.

- Drop-in services are not available.
- When are payments due?
 - Payments are due on day 1 and 15 of each month. If either date falls on a weekend or holiday, payments will be due on the next business/school day.
 - Full monthly payment is required regardless of the enrollment date. Fees are not prorated based on days of attendance, as they are determined by the contracted schedule.
- Can AutoPay be used to pay in two installments?
 - No. At this time, there is not a way for AutoPay to only pay half of an invoice on the 1st. Selecting AutoPay allows the system to pay the invoice in full on the due date of the invoice. If you would like to pay in installments, do not enroll in AutoPay.
- Are employees offered discounts?
 - District employee fee schedules reflect the 25% employee discount on tuition, totaled for all contracted (school) days, divided equally by ten months.
 - A new PBSD 2476 Employee Verification for Afterschool Programs (form available July 1) must be completed EACH school year (after July 1) for EACH child enrolled in afterschool. Discount eligibility does not roll over from year to year without annual submission of a new form.
 - Discount is applied beginning the month after the employee submits the electronic [PBSD 2476 Employee Verification for Afterschool Programs](#) (form available July 1).
 - Please note that a qualified discount of up to 20% may be excluded from wages. The IRS requires the remaining discount (5%) be included as wages on the employee's W-2 Form. The taxable amount of the 5% difference for the calendar year will be assigned as income on the employee's paycheck in December.
- How much do I owe if I receive ELC?
 - For those students who are subsidized, the portion of fees for which parents are responsible will be totaled for all contracted (school) days and divided equally by ten months.

- The tuition fee for students who attend afterschool and morning care is greater than the reimbursable rate provided by ELC. The parent/guardian is responsible for the parent co-payment assigned by ELC, as well as the difference in rate.
- What if I enroll or withdraw from the program mid-month?
 - If a student is enrolled after the first of the month, payment for at least one installment is due at registration or prior to student attendance.
 - Payment for the full installment (or payment for the total month) is required, even if the student is not in attendance every day, enrolls mid-month or misses a day due to illness or any other reason. Drop-in services are not available.
- What other fees are charged?
 - Late pickup fees: A late pickup fee of \$1 per minute per family is charged when students are picked up late.
 - Late payment fee: Payments not made on or before the due date specified in the fee schedule will incur a \$10 late payment fee per family each month.
 - Please note payment must cover the total balance due, including tuition, late pickup fees, late payment fees and all other fees.
 - If payment is not received, services will be suspended/terminated. To return to the program, the account must be brought current, with all past-due tuition and late payment fees paid in full.
 - There will be no proration (credit) of fees for days missed due to termination for non-payment.