

# What is the Lake Oahe Learning Academy (LOLA)?

A community-based, parent-led 501(c)3 nonprofit organization created with the mission of providing sustainable, affordable, quality childcare services to Mobridge and surrounding communities.

## How was LOLA created?

Emily and Bryan Moser, owners of the Rivers Edge Learning Center, teamed up with Haden Merkel and the Mobridge Community Development Corporation to merge two of Mobridge's licensed child care programs. The LOLA Board, together with its dedicated staff led by Executive Director Emily Moser, will now be responsible for both state-licensed child care programs in the Mobridge community; offering a continuum of care from infants and toddlers at Rivers Edge Learning Center to children ages 3-10 at Tiger Kids preschool, after-school and summer programs.

## Who are the LOLA board members?

Levi Jensen, *President*  
Parent of child at RELC

Jessica Flaherty, *Vice President*  
Mobridge-Pollock Public School representative  
Parent of children at RELC and Mobridge Pollock School District.

Stephanie Fiddler, *Treasurer*  
Parent of child in current Tiger Kids and Mobridge Pollock School District

Nicole Lipp, *Secretary, Assistant Director (non-voting member)*  
Parent of children at RELC

Haden Merkel, *Board Member*  
Parent of children in current Tiger Kids and Mobridge Pollock School District

Bryan Moser, *Board Member*  
Parent of children at RELC

Emily Moser, *Executive Director (non-voting member)*  
Parent of children at RELC

## Where is LOLA located?

LOLA's headquarters will be located at River's Edge Learning Center building and have classrooms at Freeman-Davis Elementary and Mobridge-Pollock Upper Elementary School in partnership with the Mobridge-Pollock School District.

The RELC building will serve infants up to preschool-aged children. We will have a full-day PreK program from 7:30-5:30 at Freeman-Davis Elementary, which will consist of a half day preschool and after-care classroom for children 4-5 years old. The preschool classroom will have a traditional preschool schedule in the mornings and an after care daycare program in the afternoons with a more flexible schedule. LOLA will have two after school classrooms at the Mobridge-Pollock Upper Elementary during the school year. During the summer, we will expand to three classrooms in the Mobridge-Pollock Upper Elementary School to help account for recent program growth. Our Bridge to Kindergarten program will have one classroom and two classrooms will be reserved for 1st-3rd grade students in the Summer Day Program.

## What is LOLAs goal?

Our mission is to provide and create sustainable, quality and affordable childcare for ALL children in our community. By merging Tiger Kids and River's Edge Learning Center, we are able to serve more children in the community and provide care to families from infancy to age 10. LOLA currently has openings at all of our sites for infants to school-age children.

## How do I enroll my child?

Please contact Executive Director Emily Moser at 605-850-4805 to get started today!

# Infant and Toddler Program

## Is a deposit required?

Yes, we require two weeks of payment to hold an infant/toddler spot. The deposit is applied to your first month bill once your child starts.

## Are meals provided?

Yes. We have a food service Director that cooks healthy and nutritious meals 3 times a day (breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack) following the Child and Adult Community Food Program (CACFP) food standards.

For infants under the age of 1, all formula or breast milk will need to be provided by the parents. We practice baby-led weaning once a child is old enough for solids usually around 6 months; so baby food is not used at the center. Your infant will be provided with fruits, vegetables, and purées made fresh daily.

## What do I need to provide for my child?

Parents supply diapers and wipes for their children. Other items that we ask you to bring for your child to keep at the center include a blanket for nap time, pacifier (if your child uses one), extra clothes, spill proof and dishwasher safe water cup, diaper cream, bottles for children under the age of 1, and breast milk or formula for children under the age of 1.

During the summer months, we ask that parents bring a swimsuit for their child to enjoy outdoor water activities. We provide swim diapers. During fall, winter and spring, we ask that parents provide appropriate outdoor clothing for their children to keep at the center. This may include a raincoat and rainboots or winter coat, snow boots, snow pants, gloves, and hat, depending on the weather.

# PreK

## Is a deposit required?

Yes, we require two weeks of payment to hold a full-time PreK spot. The deposit is applied to your first month bill once your child starts.

## Are meals provided?

Yes. We work directly with LOLA's food service director to provide a healthy and nutritious morning and afternoon snack. For lunch, we collaborate with the Mobridge-Pollock School Lunch Program. Snacks and lunch all follow South Dakota's Child and Adult Community Food Program (CACFP) food standards.

## What do I need to provide for my child?

We ask that all parents bring a set of extra clothes for their child and the following school supplies:

### **School Supply List**

- Box of 24 crayons
- Box of markers
- Box of colored pencils
- Pair of child scissors
- Pack of printer paper
- One folder to keep in backpack
- Package of glue sticks
- One bottle of Elmer's glue
- Watercolor paints
- Pack of dry erase markers
- Two boxes of Kleenex
- Backpack
- Clorox wipes

If you need assistance providing any of these supplies for your child, please reach out and let us know.

# **After-School Program**

## **Is a deposit required?**

Yes, we require two weeks of payment to hold a full-time afterschool program spot. The deposit is applied to your first month bill once your child starts.

## **Are meals provided?**

Yes. We work directly with LOLA's food service director to provide a healthy and nutritious afternoon snack that follows South Dakota's Child and Adult Community Food Program (CACFP) food standards.

## **What do I need to provide for my child?**

Please provide a water bottle for your child to use each day. All other materials and supplies will be provided by the program.

# **Bridge to Kindergarten Program**

## **Is a deposit required?**

Yes, we require two weeks of payment to hold a full-time Bridge to Kindergarten spot. The deposit is applied to your first month bill once your child starts.

## **Are meals provided?**

Yes, but sometimes there is a fee. We work directly with LOLA's food service director to provide a healthy and nutritious morning and afternoon snack. For lunch, we collaborate with the Mobridge-Pollock School Summer Feeding Program for the 8-weeks it is open. We will be offering an a la carte sack lunch option for all days the Summer Feeding Program is not running. Families may pay for sack lunches or bring their own from home on those days. Snacks and lunch all follow South Dakota's Child and Adult Community Food Program (CACFP) food standards.

## **What do I need to provide for my child?**

Pool pass to Mobridge Aquatic Center and Mobridge library card.

### **Summer Supplies List**

Swimsuit  
Towel for Pool  
Set of clothes to keep at the school  
Water bottle  
Wide brim hat (optional, but encouraged)  
Sunglasses (optional, but encouraged)

Parents will not need to provide a life jacket or floaties/puddle jumper for their children. Per Aquatic Center's request, LOLA will be purchasing matching life vests to be kept at the pool for our pool days for children who need them.

LOLA will provide sunscreen and bug spray to be used unless the parent has a different sunscreen/bug spray they would like them to use then please send it labeled with the child's name.

If you need assistance providing any of these supplies for your child, please reach out and let us know.

## **School Age Summer Day Program**

### **Is a deposit required?**

Yes, we require two weeks of payment to hold a full-time Summer Day Program spot. The deposit is applied to your first month bill once your child starts.

### **Are meals provided?**

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### **What do I need to provide for my child?**

Pool pass for Mobridge Aquatic Center, Mobridge library card, and signed up to participate in the Mobridge Youth Organization's REC sports.

**Summer Supplies List**

Swimsuit

Towel for Pool

Tennis shoes

Pool shoes

Set of clothes

Water bottle

Wide brim hat (optional, but encouraged)

Sunglasses (optional, but encouraged)

Parents will not need to provide a life jacket or floaties/puddle jumper for their children. Per Aquatic Center's request, LOLA will be purchasing matching life vests to be kept at the pool for our pool days for children who need them.

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