



Tuition & Fees Schedule 2026–27

Preschool

NEW FAMILY ENTRANCE FEES *(Non-refundable)*

- **Application Fee:** \$80 per student
A completed application and \$80 fee are required of all prospective students.
Applications are accepted year-round; early applications are strongly recommended.
- **New Family Entrance Fee:** \$650 per family
This is a one-time, non-refundable fee that is due with your enrollment contract.

ANNUAL FEES

- **Enrollment Fee:** \$300 (Non-refundable)
- **Classroom Supply Fee:** \$60

TUITION PAYMENTS

- **2026-2027 Academic Year** (August 19, 2026 - May 25, 2027)
Tuition is paid in ten installments from August 2026 through May 2027
Families who elect to pay their balance in full by August 10, 2026, are eligible for a 2% tuition discount.

Base Tuition	Enrollment Option	Start Time	Dismissal Time
\$14,500	5 Day Full Time	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
\$9,700	5 Day AM	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
\$16,500	5 Day PM	9:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.

- **VOLUNTARY EQUITABLE TUITION (VET) Payments**

This is an addendum to your tuition contract that supports increases in faculty and staff compensation and benefits. It also supports the financial aid and Love In Action programs which help to provide increased access to and equitable experiences within Rainbow Community School and Omega Middle School.

- o **Tax-deductible**
 - o **Participation is voluntary**
 - o **Monthly payments billed along with your base tuition payments**
- **Summer Preschool 2026** – Begins June 8, 2026 and ends July 31, 2026. A \$500 deposit for summer is required to secure a spot upon acceptance. The balance is paid in two installments billed in June and July. [Preschool Rates Summer 2026](#)
- **Multiple-Student Discount**
Families with two or more children enrolled at RCS receive 10% off the second child's tuition and 15% off the third child's tuition (full rate is paid on the highest amount). ***This discount is only for tuition; it does not apply to any fees.***

- **Before School Charges**

Before-school care for preschool from 7:45 am to 9 is available for \$1,000 for the year, or for a drop-in rate of \$10 per day. Afterschool is available until 5:30 pm for a drop-in rate of \$60 per day for AM enrollees and \$30 per day for FT enrollees. Drop-in notification must be received in writing.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRESCHOOL

A limited amount of tuition assistance is available for families with demonstrated needs who would not otherwise be able to send their child to RCS. One of the purposes of financial aid is to increase the economic diversity and other forms of diversity on campus. Tuition assistance applications are completed through [sssahhttps://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com](https://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com). There is a \$60 application fee. Families whose application shows that they would qualify for free or reduced lunch automatically have this fee waived. Applications are **due February 9**. Awards will be announced on **March 6**. You may still apply after this date, as sometimes funds are available for families that have a financial crisis during the year, or funds become available when a family offered an award is unable to attend. Please note that we also have a Love in Action Fund to help support unexpected financial needs throughout the school year.

- **Vouchers**

- Vouchers are accepted for preschool tuition.
- **Please be advised that vouchers will not cover the full cost of preschool tuition & fees; parents must be able to pay the difference.**
- **Apply for vouchers** by calling Buncombe County Social Services, Childcare Subsidy Unit at 828-250-5500. Information is available at the following webpage:
<https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/publicassistance/Subsidy.aspx>

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

We are an affirmative action school. This means we apply weighted admission, giving preference to children and families of color who would like to join our community. Of course, this is the beginning. We need to ensure that once a family or child of color joins our community, we apply every effort to create a climate of inclusion and belonging. Affirmative Action means we exercise the right to interpret and apply policies differently for children and families of color. A commitment to Affirmative Action implies that when we build a culture of equity, instead of equality, we all benefit because our needs are met in compliance with our individualized experience.

UNENROLLMENT POLICY

Per the RCS Preschool Handbook, parents must give RCS one month written notice of their intent to withdraw their child from our preschool program. Billing will continue for one month, regardless of attendance.

Financial Questions? Contact:

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