

March 12th, 2026

To: Parents of Early Education Center
Re: 2026-27 School Year Rates and Calendar changes

I hope that everyone is enjoying a nice start to March, and the real end of winter will be finding us soon! I am looking ahead to this summer and next fall! There will be rate increase that we want everyone to be aware of now, as you are planning and registering your children for the new school year (as you know we re-register our families each year, the registration information will go out to you tomorrow). The changes will go into effect at the start of the school year in August 2026.

Due to the costs associated with operating a high-quality, appropriately staffed childcare center, a rate increase is typically needed each year to keep up with the increases and changes that will happen in the Center's budget over the next school year. I would be happy to share any other budget information (such as our expenses) with you if you are interested. The new rates are indicated below. There will be an increase for the upcoming year of about 5%. This increase is needed to maintain our budget and is consistent with the percentage increases in our expenses.

We will continue to use our monthly rate for billing. Using this rate scale, the cost will be the same each month, including August, even though the number of days that the Center is open may vary from month to month. Please note that although it may seem like you are, you are not charged for the two weeks that the Center is closed in August. Instead, your rate has been adjusted accordingly over the remaining months of the yearly calendar to make the monthly payments more consistent. Just like in previous years, you will receive your August bill at our back-to-school open house, and it will be due on the 20th of the month.

There is also an important change in our calendar days for next year that I would like you to be aware of as well. Next year the EEC will be closing October 14th- 16th so that our entire lead teaching staff can attend the Conscious Discipline National Conference. Growing in our knowledge and use of Conscious Discipline has been a goal of ours in the last couple of years. Professional development and staying up to date with the current early childhood trends and research is also highly important to us. Attending this conference as a group will help us to meet those goals. This is not a calendar update that we anticipate will be part of every year, but instead one that we hope to rotate in every 2-3 years. Knowing this information now will hopefully allow you to plan ahead for the closure. When you see the calendar information in full you will notice that we will be open some days in the 2026-2027 calendar that we may have not been in past years. We did some moving around to accommodate attending the conference and keeping the total days that the Center is open for the year similar to past years.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this information or any of the changes. Our summer information as well as the registration forms and calendar for the 2026-2027 school year will be available tomorrow. Look for them in your inbox and hard copies here at the EEC. I will need all of the information returned by March 23rd.

Thank you!
Lacey

Monthly Full-Time Rate Schedule (Monday through Friday):

	Toddler (under 3)	Preschool (3 and over)
Student	\$ 1170	\$ 1105
Faculty/Staff/Community	\$ 1280	\$ 1220

Monthly Part-Time Rate Schedule:

Part-time will be offered on a **limited basis** and must be done for either 2 full days (Tuesday and Thursday) or 3 full days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).

2 Day (Tuesday and Thursday)		
	Toddler (under 3)	Preschool (3 and over)
Student	\$ 655	\$ 605
Faculty/Staff/Community	\$ 765	\$ 695
3 Day (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)		
	Toddler (under 3)	Preschool (3 and over)
Student	\$ 905	\$ 860
Faculty/Staff/Community	\$ 1005	\$ 970