



Town of Kent

Parks and Recreation Commission



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Dear Kent families,

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent survey and share candid feedback about after-school care in Kent. We listened carefully to what you told us.

Based on that feedback, and discussion with the After School Program Subcommittee and Parks and Recreation Commission, we are restructuring the pricing policy of the program so it can be more sustainable for Parks and Recreation while still serving families well. To protect access for all families, scholarships and discounts will remain available as needed for households with financial need. We are also working to increase collaboration with Kent Curiosity Lab, our youth sports program, and other community partners so the after-school experience is simpler and more seamless for families.

We appreciate your support as we make these changes. The goal is a program that is more stable, more transparent, and better aligned with what Kent families told us they need. Please view the Pricing Policy on the next page of this letter.

Respectfully,

Matthew Frasher, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director



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Below is the pricing policy that will apply for 2026-2027 School Year.

Purpose

- This policy sets out the family pricing structure for the next program year.
- Pricing is being increased to make the program more sustainable for Parks & Recreation so it can continue serving families reliably.
- The structure is intended to stay easy for families to understand, fair across households, and aligned with staffing capacity and family willingness to pay.

Core Pricing Principles

- Pricing should be easy for families to understand and pay on a weekly basis.
- The program should remain affordable for typical Kent families while covering staffing and operating costs.
- Families should be able to choose the service level that matches their needs.
- Enrollment will not exceed the staffing ratio of 1 staff member per 12 children. With 2 staff members, the maximum group size is 24 children. We require a minimum of 2 staff for the program to provide a safe experience.

2026-2027 Pricing Structure

- Program: \$100 per child per week (adjusted for weeks less than 5 days)
- Drop-in / occasional care (fewer than full week): \$25 per day

Sibling Discount

- Second child: 10% discount on weekly tuition.
- Third child and beyond: 15% discount on weekly tuition.

Payment Policy

- Children must obtain a membership to register for ASP, which allows for families to answer questions for the program only once, opposed to multiple times at each registration instance.
- Families must sign up in advance for the following week, so we can staff responsibly and keep the program running smoothly.
- If a family cancels after the weekly sign-up deadline, or a child does not attend after being registered, the family will still be responsible for payment for that reserved spot.
- Families may pay by the month if preferred, but the weekly rate remains the pricing basis.
- Payment is due before the child attends the program week.
- Continued enrollment depends on accounts being current.

Late Pickup and Schedule Changes

- Late pickup charges of \$5/5 minutes may apply after the published program end time.
- Any fee for late pickup should be clearly posted in advance.
- If a child is moved from one track to another, the family should be charged the rate for the new track beginning the following billing week.

Financial Assistance

- Need-based scholarships or fee reductions are available. Assistance decisions will be handled confidentially.

Annual Review

- Pricing will be reviewed before each school year.
- Any adjustment should reflect staffing costs, enrollment levels, and family feedback.
- If demand exceeds capacity, additional staffing should be added before increasing enrollment beyond 24 children per 2 staff.