

ST. JEROME EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

FEES FOR ALL AGES & PROGRAMS

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Deposits: For all EC2, EC3, EC4 (non-VPK) students, a Registration/Supply Fee of \$175.00 is due upon submitting the completed enrollment application.

For VPK students, a deposit of \$100.00 is due upon submitting the completed enrollment application. The deposit secures your child's space in our program. Following the first scheduled day in attendance, you may choose to: 1. Apply the deposit to upcoming Extended Day or Pledge; 2. Donate your deposit to your child's classroom; or 3. Submit a written request for a refund. Beginning with our scheduled VPK start date, \$25 will be deducted from that deposit for each non-attended day until your child begins the VPK program.

ALL Core Programs (9:00am – 12:00pm): The annual tuition for the 2023-24 school year at St. Jerome ECC is for our three hour per day core morning program. Options of 2, 3, or 5 mornings are available for our EC2, EC3, and EC4 (non-VPK) programs. Our VPK program is 5 mornings (Mon.-Fri.). Tuition is to be paid: **Annually** (1 Installment: due August 1), **or, "Monthly"** (10 Installments: due the first of each month – August-May). The "monthly" fee is the annual fee divided into 10 equal installments. It is not based on the number of days in each month.

Adjustments will not be made for absences or holidays. If a child withdraws during the year, prepaid tuition will not be refunded. All Tuition Fees are noted below:

Tuition	Annual	Monthly
2 Day	\$3,483.00	\$348.30
3 Day	\$4,455.00	\$445.50
5 Day	\$5,826.00	\$582.60

VPK Program: The state VPK Program pays for 540 hours of instruction received in your child's EC4 year. To apply for the VPK certificate of eligibility please visit www.elcpinellas.net or call the Early Learning Coalition at 727-400-4411. Since the funds provided by ELC only cover about half of our annual tuition, VPK families are strongly encouraged to participate in our Pledge Drive to help offset this shortfall (refer to letter, website, or Family Handbook for more information). For families who do not qualify for VPK (or are returning to our program for a second EC4 year), they will be responsible for paying the tuition amount listed above.

Extended Care Program: *(Optional participation, in addition to our Core Program).* Extended Care hours are available for ALL students in the morning (8:00am – 9:00am) and in the afternoon (12:00pm – 3:00pm). Students must be able to fully participate in the activities associated with Extended Day including independent rest time.

Families have two options for Extended Care billing:

Option 1: Routine Daily Schedule for Extended Day Usage: Families who choose the **Routine Daily Schedule** will pay the same flat fee each month as outlined below. Adjustments will not be made for absences or holidays (with the exception of Thanksgiving Week, Christmas Break and Holy Week). Routine charges were established to provide a significant reduction from the hourly rate for families needing daily/routine Extended Day hours. Extended Day payments will be due on the 15th of each month and considered late after the 20th.

'ROUTINE' AM EXTENDED CARE (8:00 – 9:00 am): All Ages

Routine AM Care	Annual	Monthly
2 Day	\$475.20	\$47.52
3 Day	\$660.00	\$66.00
5 Day	\$1,188.00	\$118.80

'ROUTINE' PM EXTENDED CARE (aka “Lunch Bunch” 12:00 – 3:00): All Ages

Routine PM CARE	Annual	Monthly
2 Day	\$1,430.00	\$143.00
3 Day	\$1,980.00	\$198.00
5 Day	\$3,564.00	\$356.40

Option 2: 'As Needed' Schedule for Extended Day Usage: Families who choose the **'As Needed' Schedule** will be billed at the beginning of the month for the prior month's hours (i.e. Sept. hours will be billed the 1st week of Oct.). Payments will be due on the 15th of each month and considered late after the 20th. The minimum charge for AM care is \$10.00 for any child using Extended Day **any time** before 9:00am. The minimum charge in PM care is \$30.00 for children who stay **any portion** of Extended Day after 12:00 pm.

'AS NEEDED' EXTENDED CARE: All Ages

As Needed Extended Care	Daily Fee
AM: 8:00 – 9:00	\$10.00
PM: 12:00 – 3:00	\$30.00

Payment Methods: Tuition, Registration Fees, and Extended Care payments can be made by cash or check (payable to “St. Jerome ECC”) in the school office. We also accept credit card payments which can be made in the office (a 7% processing fee will be applied for credit card payments). **Late Payment Fees:** Tuition paid after the 10th of the month; or Extended Care payments made after the 20th of the month will incur a late payment fee of \$25.00. **Late Pick Up Fees:** Children who are not picked up at their designated dismissal time will incur a late pick-up fee of \$5.00 for each fifteen-minute increment, or portion thereof, a child remains after 12:10pm or 3:05pm. (ie: A parent picking up at 12:12 will be charged \$5.00; 12:25 = \$10.00; 3:08 = \$5.00; 3:17 = \$10.00 etc.). *Please call the ECC office at 727-596-9491 with any questions.*