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1. What health and safety steps are being taken in child care?

Please see the [St. Louis Park Public Schools Return to School Guide](#).

2. What does distant learning support look like while in childcare?

We are currently collaborating with school district personnel to support learning models. Students will have the opportunity to participate in their synchronous learning while in childcare (during instructional time). The support offered will be aligned with the school day schedule for instruction.

3. Will my student be mixing with other students?

Pods will be created of 14 students by grade level to minimize contact and ensure safety. Students could have various grade levels in a space depending on registration.

4. Will staff be mixing with other students?

We are in the process of determining our staffing structure, our goal is to minimize the number of staff with the pod of 14 students. We will utilize our Substitutes pool to assist with staffing needs.

5. Do I qualify for childcare?

To be eligible for school-age childcare, Executive Order 20-82 states, that a school district or charter school that operates a hybrid or distance learning model “must provide school-aged care for Eligible Children at no cost during the time those children are not receiving instruction in the school building during regular school hours.” The school-age care for children of critical workers is intended for extreme circumstances in which no parent or guardian is at home, due to employment as a critical worker. This school-age care must be provided for district or school-enrolled school-age children age 12 and under who are children of critical workers in Tier I of the state critical worker list.

Fees for before and aftercare will mirror the current Kids Place rates. Care will be considered for all other Tiers of workers if Kids Place has the capacity to do so safely.

6. What is considered a Tier I Critical Worker?

Updated 8/19/20- [New School Age Care Guidance with Appendix on Critical workers](#). Tier I critical workers will receive priority upon registration.

7. I work for St. Louis Park Public Schools. Can my child attend at no cost?

SLP Employees are advised to utilize care for their children in the school districts where their student attends school.

8. What locations will childcare be located?

Child care for school age children in grades K-5 will be offered at each child’s home school: Aquila, Park Spanish Immersion, Peter Hobart, and Susan Lindgren. We will work with families of children who are in grade 6, and 12 years of age or younger.

9. Will there be care on Non School Days like winter break and spring break.

Care on non-school days listed on the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar will be available for Tier I critical workers. Registration for these non-school dates will open soon.

10. What childcare options are available for those who are not considered Tier I Critical Workers?

The State of Minnesota has compiled a list of additional [available childcare providers](#). At SLP, care will be considered for all other Tiers of workers if Kids Place has the capacity to do so safely.

Additionally, we are aware of School Age Care options via the [YMCA](#). Please visit their website for available [locations](#).

11. Are school districts and charter schools required to provide school-age care available to children of Tier I critical workers who choose distance learning when the district or charter school is implementing an in-person or hybrid model?

No, a school district or charter school is not required to provide school-age care for critical workers when the school is offering in-person learning.

12. Will the district provide transportation for my student(s) at the end of the instructional day? (School day ends at 2:15 p.m.)

Transportation will be provided at 11:30 a.m. no additional routes will be provided at 2:15 p.m. and parents/families will be responsible for transportation.