



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER HANDBOOK

Early Room and Extended Day Programs

2026 - 2027

*** Early Room will begin on Wednesday,
August 26, 2026**

***Extended Day will begin on Monday,
August 31, 2026**

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Admission into the Early Room and Extended Day Programs

We are happy to provide these programs as a service to our families who need before and after school care for their child(ren) and/or who would like an after school enrichment activity for their child(ren). Both programs are open to all students of Side by Side Charter School on a first-come, first-served basis. An Enrollment and Financial Agreement along with an Emergency Information Form (included in this packet) must be completed and signed for both programs. Please note that any outstanding balances **must be paid in full prior to enrollment**. Late payments or non-payment will render your child ineligible to participate in the program. Please see Late Payment section.

Hours of Operation

Early Room will be available on Wednesday, August 26th. Early Room hours are from 7:30 – 9:00 am. Extended Day will be available on Monday, August 31st. Extended Day hours are from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. There is no Early Room option in the event of a delayed opening and Extended Day does not operate on early dismissal days.

Tuition Policy

Early Room coupons are prepaid 5-day or 20-day and purchased from the Early Room Coordinator, Carolyn Geter. Coupons may be used anytime throughout the school year. Tuition is on a sliding scale fee of \$2, \$5 or \$7 daily depending on your family's annual income and size.

Extended Day tuition must be prepaid by the first business day of each month. Tuition is on a sliding scale fee of \$7, \$10 or \$12 daily. Credit is granted only when Extended Day is cancelled due to low enrollment, emergency school closings, or early dismissals due to inclement weather.

To determine if your family qualifies for the reduced rate, you must submit a copy of two consecutive paystubs of all adults in the family, a copy of your previous year's tax return, or copies of SNAP eligibility. If you need assistance, please contact Beatriz Abreu at extension 146.

Cash, check, money order or MasterCard and Visa are accepted as payment. There is a service fee of \$25 for each returned check, and your child(ren) will not be able to participate in the program(s) until the tuition, and the service fee has been paid. Note: We reserve the right to accept cash or money order as the only form of payment when checks are returned unpaid.

Attendance

Attendance is taken daily by the teachers. Please call Beatriz Abreu at ext. 146 if your child will not be attending Extended Day on a particular day.

Enrollment

Some of our programs have limited enrollment or enrollment requirements. We reserve the right to cancel any activity that does not meet enrollment requirements.

Late or Non-Payment

Students are only guaranteed a spot in Early Room and Extended Day by the timely payment of tuition. Under certain circumstances, we may issue a 3-day grace period for payment, however if payment is not received after this period, the student may not participate in the program(s) until full payment is made. Payments overdue 30 days will result in the student losing his/her eligibility to participate in the program(s). Progress reports, report cards and student records will be withheld in the event of unpaid fees and there is the possibility of these fees being sent to collection.

Arrival

Early Room

Parents must escort their children into the gym for Early Room and sign them in. Attendance is taken upon student arrival. Students may not be dropped off prior to 7:30 am. If you have a young child attending Side by Side for the first time, we encourage you to bring your child to school at 9:00 am until a routine is established and he/she is comfortable enough to begin using the Early Room program.

Extended Day

Extended Day students wait in the hallway outside of the office for staff to pick them up for their assigned room.

Schedule

Early Room

Early Room students may have breakfast and/or play quietly, read or finish homework. Early Room students line up prior to the 9:00 am bell and proceed to their classrooms. Staff members accompany the preschool students to their classrooms.

Extended Day

Extended Day includes time for snack, recess and/or homework plus a special activity which may include sports, fitness & nutrition, Spanish language, arts & crafts, etc. Students are divided into age appropriate groups and participate in the scheduled activity for the day.

Departure

Extended Day ends promptly at 5:30 pm. We cannot send students to the parking lot to meet parents. Students will only be released to parents or adults on the Emergency form. If your child is going home with someone else, we must be notified in advance via telephone, email or written note. In emergencies, please call the school with the name of the individual picking up your child. They will be asked to provide their proof of identification (e.g., driver's license or other photo ID).

Late Pick-Up

If an emergency arises, we will allow a five minute grace period, however you must call us. There is a late fee of \$15 per student for each 15 minutes or part thereof. For example, if you pick up between 5:35 pm – 5:45 pm, there is a \$15 late fee per child; between 5:45 pm – 6:00 pm, the late fee is \$30 per child. Late fees are paid directly to the staff member supervising your child. Frequent patterns of late pick-ups may result in your child being removed from the program.

Staffing

The Early Room is staffed by two highly qualified SbS staff members. Extended Day is coordinated by administrative personnel and can be staffed by SbS teachers, staff, parents, college and high school students and professional specials teachers.

Please note that a nurse is not staffed during Extended Day nor does Extended Day staff have access to our nurse's records or student medications. Trained staff will administer Epi-Pens, Benadryl and asthma inhalers if doctor's orders are given to the school nurse.

In the event of an emergency, our policy is to contact Emergency Medical Services (911) and notify a parent or guardian about the nature of the emergency. If a situation of this nature should occur, it is in the child's best interest to allow Extended Day staff access to any known medical conditions, as well as allergies to foods or

medicine. This will allow us to provide the most up-to-date medical information to emergency personnel. (The Emergency Information form is attached.)

Code of Conduct

Early Room and Extended Day follow the same code of conduct as our regular school day. Our belief is that every person in this school is worthy of respect. We neither tolerate disruptive or disrespectful behavior, nor do we use public humiliation or embarrassment as means of discipline. Please see our Discipline Policy in our Student & Parent Handbook for more details.

Equal Opportunity

Both programs follow Side by Side's policy of providing equal opportunity in its programs and practices regardless of race, color, creed, religion, economic status, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or specific needs.

Questions and/or Comments?

Extended Day

Family Resource Center Coordinator, Beatriz Abreu, 203-857-0306, ext. 146

Extended Day Coordinator, Esther Shatavsky, 203-857-0306, ext. 130

Early Room

Early Room Coordinator, Carolyn Geter, 203-857-0306, ext. 134



SIDE BY SIDE
CHARTER SCHOOL

Family Resource Center's Extended Day Program's Enrollment and Financial Agreement

1. Please fill out one enrollment form per child.
2. Check the boxes in the chart below of the days your child will be attending.
3. Fill out child's name, pick-up, and emergency contact information below.
4. **Fill out your daily rate based on the Rate Schedule listed. Please note that two consecutive copies of pay stubs of all adults in the family or a copy of last year's tax return must be submitted for reduced rate fees.**
5. **Enclose the first month's payment (checks payable to Side by Side Charter School). Cash, Money Orders and MasterCard/Visa are also accepted.** All outstanding balances must be paid prior to your child(ren)'s enrollment. Late payments or non-payment will render your child ineligible to participate in the program and will result in the withholding of report cards and student records until all outstanding financial obligations have been met. Please see Late Payment section.
6. Sign and date both this Enrollment and Financial Agreement.

Daily rate per child from schedule below \$_____ What date will your child start the program? _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent Name _____ Address _____

Please check in the box the days on which your child will participate.

Grades	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PK 3/4's K, 1 & 2					
3rd & Up					

I will pick up my child myself by 5:30 pm or my child will be picked up by (name) _____.

I understand late fees will be incurred after a five-minute grace period. Please see the Family Resource Center packet for more details. If there is a change in the person picking up my child, I must notify the school in writing, via email or by telephone in advance. (For emergencies, please call the school with the name of the person picking up your child. They will be asked to provide a photo I.D. as proof of identification.)

In case of emergency, I can be reached at (telephone) _____. If I cannot be reached, please contact (name & telephone) _____.

I, _____ on this _____, have read and understand the
(Name) (Date)

conditions of the Extended Day Program and agree to pay my Extended Day tuition in full by the first business day of each month.

Rate Schedule

Family Size	Annual Income	Annual Income	Annual Income
2	<\$27,843	<\$44,427	>\$44,428
3	34,395	55,031	55,032
4	40,946	65,513	65,514
5	47,496	75,995	75,996
6	54,048	86,477	86,478
Rate	\$7.00/day	\$10.00/day	\$12.00/day

Office Use:
Date Enrolled _____
Exit Date _____



SIDE BY SIDE
CHARTER SCHOOL

EARLY ROOM AND/OR EXTENDED DAY EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Date of Birth _____

Child's Doctor _____ Telephone _____

My child's immunizations are up to date: Yes _____ No _____

Please list all known allergies (including foods and medications): _____

Please list all medications your child is presently taking for the above medical conditions:

Please list any appliances such as braces, palate expanders, etc.:

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at tel. # _____

Cell # _____, or contact _____ at

Home tel. # _____ or cell # _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Family Resource Center's Early Room Program Enrollment and Financial Agreement

1. Please fill out **one enrollment form per child.**
2. Fill out child's name, pick-up, emergency contact information below and the attached Emergency Information sheet.
3. Fill out your daily rate based on the Rate Schedule listed. *Please note that two consecutive copies of pay stubs of all working adults in the family or a copy of last year's tax return must be submitted for reduced rate.*
4. Enclose payment in full for 5 or 20 days coupons. (Checks are payable to Side by Side Charter School. Cash, Money Orders and MasterCard/Visa are also accepted. *All outstanding balances must be paid prior to your child(ren)'s enrollment. Late payments or non-payment will render your child ineligible to participate in the program and will result in the withholding of progress reports, report cards and student records until all outstanding financial obligations have been met. Please see Late Payment section.*
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Daily Rate	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$7.00

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent Name _____ Address _____

In case of an emergency, I can be reached at (telephone) _____.

If I cannot be reached, please contact (name & telephone) _____.

I, _____ on this _____ have read and
(Name) (Date)

understand the conditions of the Early Room Program and agree to pay for Early Room (5 or 20 day) coupons in full as noted in this Family Resource Center Handbook.