



NORTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: HRYMCA SCHOOL AGE CHILDCARE FAQ 2026/2027

How SACC Tuition Is Calculated

We know childcare costs can feel confusing, so we want to be transparent about how our rates are determined.

Each year, the state publishes **Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA) reimbursement rates**. The HRYMCA uses these rates as the foundation for all School Aged Child Care (SACC) pricing, ensuring our fees remain fair and aligned with state guidelines.

Monthly Tuition

Monthly tuition is based on the number of billable days in your selected enrollment package:

- Monday–Friday
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday
- Tuesday/Thursday

Billable days include:

- Regular school days
- Paid school closures determined by the school district (there is no care these days)
- Half-days are not included in monthly tuition.

To calculate tuition:

1. We multiply the number of billable days for your enrollment package by the daily CCFA reimbursement rate to determine the annual cost.
 2. That annual amount is then divided by **10 months**, as the SACC program operates on a 10-month school year.
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Half-Day Care Rates

Half-day rates are calculated as follows:

1. The annual rate is divided by the total number of billable days to determine the daily school rate.
2. That daily rate is divided by the number of hours in a typical after-school day (2:10 PM–6:00 PM) to determine an hourly rate.
3. Half-day care runs from 11:30 AM–6:00 PM (6.5 hours), which is multiplied by the hourly rate to determine the half-day cost.

Prepayment Discount:

Families who prepay for all half days in the school year receive a **10% discount** on the total half-day cost. You may register at the beginning of the school year for these half days and pay one lump sum or a monthly add-on rate.



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Full-Day Care Rates

Full-day rates are calculated using the same method as half-day care but are based on 8:00 AM–5:00 PM program hours (9 hours of care).

Prepayment Discount:

Families who prepay for a full vacation week (February or April) receive a **10% discount** on the total cost for that week. To receive the discount for prepayment you must register no later than the last day of the month prior to the vacation week (example by January 31 for February vacation).

Pro-Rated Tuition

If enrolling mid-month, your first month's tuition will be pro-rated based on your enrollment start date. We multiply the number of billable days remaining in that month (for your enrollment package) by the daily CCFA reimbursement rate to determine that month's cost. If the pro-rated tuition calculated is higher than the regular monthly tuition, you will be billed the regular monthly tuition rate for your first month.

Payments are processed on the 1st of the month for that month of care. If you enroll mid-month, you will be responsible for the payment for the remainder of the current month at time of enrollment.

Membership & Financial Assistance

Families may choose to become HRYMCA members to receive discounted program rates. Membership provides access to a wide range of HRYMCA offerings, not just SACC. Memberships must be active by the payment date to receive the member rate.

Financial aid is available for families who qualify. If you are interested in applying, please visit the Welcome Center for more information.

We hope this explanation helps clarify our pricing structure. Our goal is to make tuition clear, consistent, and easy to understand, while ensuring fairness for all families.