
Before and After School Program

Merriday School offers a before and after school program for school age children, 5—12 years old. We open at 7:00 am and close at 5:30 pm. The Syracuse City School District (SCSD) will bus students to and from Merriday School (*you must make all arrangements for transportation). The school district transportation company can be reached at 315-435-4260.

Please note: *Unless you have contracted for less than five days, you are responsible for the full fee each week, regardless of absences due to illness, vacation, or extracurricular activities (i.e. Karate, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.).* You are not responsible for tuition on a day that your child's school is closed and s/he does not attend Merriday School, and you are not responsible to pay for days that Merriday School is closed due to our holiday closings or weather-related closings.

Before School

Your child will be picked up in the morning by the SCSD bus.*

Always notify Merriday School staff when your child will be absent. You should also notify the bus garage if your child is the only one from being picked up from Merriday School in the morning, so that they do not make an unnecessary stop.

Mornings involve quiet activities prior to getting picked up for school.

After School

Your child will be dropped off in the afternoon by the SCSD bus.*

Please always notify Merriday School staff when your child will be absent so we know not to worry when your child does not get off the bus. We will attempt to call you if your child does not get off the bus and do what we can to make sure your child is safe. It is important to make sure that we always have the most current phone number(s) on file to contact you in the case of an emergency.

Afternoons involve homework, reading, and playtime.

- Various centers will be set up for your child to participate in, including art center, blocks, Legos, housekeeping, puppets, and board games.
- Supervised outdoor play with a fenced-in playground and garden is available for participation, weather permitting.
- Merriday School provides an afternoon snack.
- We have quiet rooms for homework or silent reading, and teachers are available for homework help or advisement.
- Children may bring in their own toys and books from home, but they are responsible for the safe keeping of the item(s).

Late Pickups

If you are late in picking up your child, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged for every 5-minutes you are late, starting at 5:35 pm. The fee is payable in cash to the teacher who had to stay late, at the time you pick up your child.

Vacation Days

Merriday School offers half-day and full-day care during the academic year when other public or private schools are closed, with the exception of Labor Day and other major holidays (see the Merriday School Academic Calendar) and closures due to technical or weather-related problems.

Merriday School can provide an emergency lunch for any child who has forgotten to bring lunch from home. The fee for lunch is \$2.00 and should be paid in cash or check payable to Mary S. Pickard on the day lunch is provided.

Tuition

Before School (B only)	\$30.00 per week
After School (A only)	\$60.00 per week
Before and After School (B and A)	\$90.00 per week
Half-day care	add \$13.00 to your B/A payment
Full-day care	\$31.00 per day or add \$19 to your B/A payment

Payment Policies

Payments are due by the end of the day on Monday. If payment is not received by Tuesday morning, a \$20 late fee will be added to your bill.

Parents and guardians are responsible for payment every week as long as the child is enrolled in Merriday School. There are no exceptions for absence due to illness, vacation, school holidays, school closing due to weather, etc. If Merriday School is open, we expect all students to attend.

Merriday School prefers checks over cash because cash is difficult to track. If you pay with cash, please have a teacher write out a receipt for you when they take the money. Anyone who has a check returned for any reason will have to pay a \$20.00 fee as well as the fee charged to his/her own bank. Two returned checks will result in Merriday only accepting cash or money order for the remainder of the school year.

If a child is being withdrawn from Merriday School for any reason, a two-week prior written notice is required. Until such notice is received, weekly payments are due as usual.