School Age Child Care November 28, 2018





Overview

The Sachem School District currently runs a School Age Child Care Program before and after school in each of our elementary schools. The program provides child care opportunities for students in grades K-5. The School Age Child Care program is intended to support families who have an on-going need for supervision of their child before and or after school.

SCOPE Education Services is the largest child care provider in the state of New York, serving more than 6,000 students. All SCOPE Child Care Programs are licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and are operated in public schools on Long Island. The SCOPE Child Care Programs provide a safe, fun and caring environment for the children of working parents. A variety of age-appropriate supervised games, sports, arts and crafts, and enrichment opportunities are offered, as well as healthy snacks, scheduled homework time and daily opportunities to socialize with peers.



Comparison of Programs

Sachem Child Care Program

- ► Time: 7:00 am-6:00pm
- Staff to Student Ratio 1:10
- Offered in every elementary school
- ► Homework/Quiet Time
- Recreation Activities
- Arts and Crafts

SCOPE Child Care Program

- ► Time: 7:00 am-6:00pm
- Staff to Student Ratio 1:10
- Offered in every elementary school
- ► Homework Help
- Recreation Activities
- Arts and Crafts
- Special Events and Presenters
- Licensed by NYS Office of Children and Family Services
- ► STEAM Activities



School Age Child Care Costs

Sachem School Age Child Care Program

- ➤ Morning Monthly Fee \$120
- > Afternoon Fee \$240
- Morning and Afternoon Monthly Fee \$360

SCOPE Before and After School Program

- Morning Monthly Fee \$152
- > Afternoon Fee \$255
- Morning and Afternoon Monthly Fee \$395

*Sachem's current rate will have to increase to meet state law increases in the minimum wage.



Advantages of Changing to Scope

- ► Additional training for staff
- ► Sachem Child Care will Avoid operating at a deficit
- SCOPE will hire and provide additional training to our current staff to their benefit
- Sachem does not need a full time Director of Child Care
- ► Additional resources and programs
- ► Employees children are able to attend any SCOPE program free of charge
- ► Favorable cost compared to other districts

District	Provider	AM		PM		Combined	
Sachem	Self	\$	120	\$	240	\$	360
Sachem	SCOPE	\$	152	\$	255	\$	395
Averages Sixteen Neighboring	Districts	\$	202	\$	260	\$	439



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Recommendation for School Age Child Care

As costs continue to rise and the need for an independent director of Child Care becomes more evident, we recommend contracting with SCOPE Educational Services to run a before and after school program for our community. We couple with SCOPE to provide UPK, week-end and summer Enrichment programs and they have proven to be a partner that adds value to our community.

Questions?

Please take a few minutes to preview the example brochure for SCOPE.