



Important Launch Program Changes for Summer and Fall 2018 March 2, 2018

Registration for summer and fall programs at Launch is now open. Currently enrolled families have priority registration through Friday, March 16, 2018. After March 16 registration is open to all.

Please review the information below before registering. There are several important changes coming up this year and we want you to be aware of these as you prepare your registration forms.

Summer Programs

Children Entering Grades 1-6 in fall 2018

This summer we are consolidating school-age programming into four regional centers. The locations are geographically dispersed throughout our attendance area and families are welcome to select whichever location they prefer. The regional centers will be located at:

- Southeast Seattle – Hawthorne Elementary, 4100 39th Ave. S, Seattle, 98118
- Beacon Hill– Kimball Elementary, 3200 23rd Ave. S, Seattle, 98144
- West Seattle – Sanislo Elementary, 1812 SW Myrtle, Seattle, 98106
- Central Seattle – Madrona Elementary, 1121 33rd Ave, Seattle, 98122

If the center your child currently attends will not be open this summer, please don't worry. Your children's Launch teachers will be working throughout our programs this summer so familiar friendly faces will likely greet your children even if they attend an alternate location. This configuration will allow us to make better use of our year-round professional teachers, and ultimately, will result in an even better summer experience for your child.

Children Entering Kindergarten in fall 2018

As many of you know, Launch offers a very special summer program called "Leap Ahead" for children who will enter kindergarten in the fall. Leap Ahead will be offered at each of the four regional centers listed above. See the full Leap Ahead program description and application on our website and/or talk to your child's Program Director for more information about Leap Ahead.

Children who will be in Preschool in fall 2018

Launch summer preschool will be offered at only one location this summer but that location is a very special one! Our brand new location at the Miller Community Center Annex (301 20th Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98112) will be the home of our summer 2018 preschool camp. We realize this location may not be convenient for all families but dwindling summer preschool enrollment in recent summers means multiple summer preschool locations are no longer viable. The Miller Annex facility is beautifully equipped with all new furniture, equipment, and materials, staffed by an experienced and highly qualified teaching team, and situated within a large park. We hope that your child will be able to join us.

2018-2018 Before School/Preschool Programs (“AM Care”)

Next school year we will no longer offer before school programming (“AM Care”) at the following locations:

- Hawthorne
- Kimball
- Maple
- Montlake
- Sanislo

Leschi did not have AM care this year, and will not have it next year either.

Due to the early start to the school day, more and more families have made alternate arrangements in the morning and there does not seem to be sufficient demand for our AM program to continue it at our school-age only sites.

We will continue to offer before school programming (“AM Care”) at the following locations:

- Beacon Hill (school-age and preschool)
- Highland Park (school-age and preschool)
- Madrona (school-age and preschool)
- Miller Annex (preschool only)
- Rainier Community Center (preschool only)

Summer and School Year Prices

Prices at Launch will increase about 5% for all programs. We did not increase summer prices at all last year, and only increased after school prices 2.3%. Costs in Seattle continue to rise and we need to implement this price increase to continue to offer high quality learning and care for your children. If your family is finding paying for care challenging, please refer to the family resources page on our website <http://www.launchlearning.org/for-families/family-resources/> for potential sources of assistance with childcare expenses.

Questions?

Please know that we have made these changes only after careful research and consideration. We are committed to providing affordable, accessible quality care for your children and believe these changes will enable us to continue to do that in the year to come. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your Program Director.