

Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool

Enrollment Information 2018-2019



We believe there are many benefits of participating in our co-op:

- Our curriculum focuses on building strong social and emotional intelligence in a multi-age classroom with a low child to grown-up ratio to support an engaging, positive environment for children and their families.
- We believe that children are exactly where they need to be and doing exactly what they need to be doing in this moment in time, and that they can accomplish what they are capable of doing, alone and with others. Our work begins with the unconditional acceptance of our children exactly where they are.
- We support and encourage children to play, make believe, practice the hard work of solving social problems, identify and regulate their own emotions, and practice caring for and including peers.
- Our families are part of a supportive community invested in and committed to the success of each child as well as the overall success of the organization. The RVCP Community is a wonderful way to foster friendships and build a stronger sense of community.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is Co-Op Preschool A Good Match For Our Family?

We are a cooperative preschool, which means that the school is entirely run by parents. As part of the RVCP community, all member families are required to:

- **Work in the Classroom.** Each family is required to work as an assistant to the teachers on a regularly scheduled basis in your child's classroom. Generally, a parent/caregiver works once per week for Half-Day classes, and one full day or two half days for families with Full Day students, depending on enrollment, and class frequency. We make an effort to accommodate each family's other responsibilities when creating the classroom work schedules. Full Day families also share lunch coverage.
- **Provide Snack.** Each family will be required to provide snack for their child's class every 4-6 weeks.
- **Hold a Parent Job.** Each family is assigned to a school job based on their interests and talents, as well as the preschool's needs. Parent jobs include a variety of positions such as maintenance, serving on the board, public relations, and fundraising support. You can read more about parent jobs on the RVCP website www.rainiervalleycoopreschool.org.
- **Attend Monthly Parent Education Meetings.** During our meetings, we discuss class-specific activities, upcoming events, and preschool business. Our parent educator (from the Parent Education Program at Seattle Central College) also leads us in a discussion about an early childhood development topic. It's another great way to connect to other families in the co-op community—and learn more about early childhood development and parenting.
- **Participate in Fundraising Events.** RVCP's low tuition rates allow us to include families with a variety of backgrounds at our school. In order to keep our tuition rates low, we use special events (Fall Festival, Movie Matinee, and Silent Auction) to raise some of the money needed to keep our preschool running. Our fundraising efforts build community and a strong preschool.
- **Stay Current with Other Responsibilities.** Pay your tuition on-time each month; participate once a year in a monthly three-hour weekend or evening clean up of the school, and help to set up and take apart the classroom at the beginning and end of the school year (about a 2 ½ hour time commitment for each).

Who Can Attend Class?

Of course, enrolled students may attend class. Siblings are not allowed in class unless enrolled together. You will need to arrange childcare on the days you are scheduled to be a working parent if your enrolled child has a sibling at home. Nannies, grandparents, and other caregivers are permitted to fulfill the working classroom parent requirement. It is the responsibility of the parents or primary guardians to make sure that these individuals have been oriented to the responsibilities of the working parent and are updated as to decisions regarding classroom management made in the monthly parent meetings.

How Are The Classes Set Up?

The Rainier Valley Co-op offers mixed age classes for children ages two to five. Each class has two teachers using their expertise to guide children. The maximum number of children allowed in each class is 16-18. There are three half-day class options and two full-day class options. Our full day classes overlap with morning and afternoon classes as noted below (lunch is not part of class). Additionally, students who are registered in a half-day class may request a spot in the All Day Tuesday Option.

Tuition income is used to pay our teachers. In order to ensure that our teachers are paid fairly and secure an annual cost of living adjustment, tuition typically increases each year based on the Consumer Price Index. **Prices listed below are for the 2017-2018 school year. The 2018-2019 prices will be published by March 1, 2018.**

Half Day Classes

- **Sunflower Class.*** Tuesday and Friday mornings, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2017 - 2018 Tuition: \$160 monthly
(For students turning two by August 31st and who have not turned four before December 31st of the enrolled school year; mixed with 1 Full Day students ages 3-5 on Tuesdays.)
- **Caterpillar Class.*** Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2017 - 2018 Tuition: \$225 monthly
(For students turning two by March 1st and who have not turned five before June 1st of the enrolled school year; mixed with 3.5 Full Day students daily.)
- **Salmon Class.*** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
2017 - 2018 Tuition: \$356 monthly
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- **3 ½ Full Day.** Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and afternoons, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday afternoons 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
2017 - 2018 Tuition: \$575 monthly.

***All Day Tuesday Option**

Tuesday morning and afternoon, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Students attend Sunflower and Salmon class on Tuesdays, in addition to a half-day class listed above.

2017-2018 Tuition: \$242 for Sunflower students, \$383 for Caterpillar Students, and \$428 for Salmon students.
(Ages 3 – 5, priority for ages 4 – 5)

What Is The Application Process?

1. Submit Application and Application Fee by 3/15/2018.

To apply for enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year, please carefully complete the application and return it, along with your suggested \$35 application fee* payable to: Rainier Valley Co-op Preschool. Applications can be dropped off at the preschool or mailed to the Enrollment Coordinator. A separate application form (and suggested fee) must be submitted for each child to be enrolled. Limited scholarships are available. If you are interested, please visit our website to download a scholarship application or contact [enrollment@rainiervalleycoopreschool.org](mailto:enrollment@rainiervalleycooppreschool.org)

Applications must be postmarked or delivered by 3:30 pm Tuesday, March 15th, 2018. Returning families have first priority and new openings will be assigned by lottery (random drawing). Applications received after 3:30 pm on March 15, 2018 will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

*Please note: There is a \$35.00 suggested application fee. All money collected with this fee goes to fund our scholarship program to improve access to all families. The amount you pay in no way affects your chances of enrollment. Pay what you can.

Membership is not restricted according to race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual preference, ethnicity, or national origin.

2. Notification of Enrollment or Waitlist Status. You will be notified on or before April 15, 2017 of your enrollment status, either with a class assignment or a position on the waitlist. As openings become available the Enrollment Coordinator will contact families on the waitlist. Our wait lists can change quickly. You have 48 hours to respond to our Enrollment Coordinator once you have been notified via email and phone regarding a class assignment. It is your responsibility to check your messages regularly and/or be in contact with the Enrollment Coordinator. Your waitlist position may change after the wait list is announced according to RVCP's policy prioritizing currently enrolled students.

3. Secure Your Spot. For new families, your non-refundable tuition deposit is due within two weeks of acceptance or April 29th, 2018, whichever is later, to hold your spot. For returning families, yours is due June 1, 2018. Thereafter, tuition is due on or before the first day of the month (i.e., September 1 for the month of September), starting in September and ending in May. Your deposit will serve as June 2019 tuition, and will not apply to an earlier month if you withdraw from the school before the end of the school year. If your deposit is not received, you will forfeit your space at RVCP and we will offer it to a family on the waitlist. Other arrangements can be made for families requesting scholarships.

When Do We Receive Information About The Upcoming School Year?

Information packets will be sent **via email** in the summer. You will receive information about summer playdate schedules, parent job assignments, a parent handbook, and the mandatory parent orientation meeting (held in early September).

What If My Child Doesn't Meet The Age Cut-Off For The Class I Want For Him/Her?

Classes are filled first with all applicants who meet the age requirement. In August, if there are still openings, the teachers and class members consider filling openings with children who do not meet the age requirement. Please contact the Enrollment Coordinator if you wish to be considered for this option.

Thank you for considering Rainier Valley Co-op Preschool! Co-op preschool is a wonderful experience for children and parents but only functions well when all members fulfill their responsibilities. We encourage you to reflect on whether co-op is a good match for your family.



Rainier Valley Cooperative
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RVCP USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Child's DOB: _____
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Preschool
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- A separate application (and suggested fee) must be submitted for each child.
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<p><u>To deliver in person:</u> Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool 6230 Beacon Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108</p> <p><i>Please note: The preschool doors will be open from 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There will be a box for the applications at the bottom of the stairs.</i></p>	<p><u>To deliver by mail:</u> Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool Attn: RVCP Enrollment Coordinator 6230 Beacon Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98108</p>
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Today's date: _____ We are a _____ NEW _____ RETURNING family.

CHILD'S FULL NAME: _____

CHILD'S PREFERRED NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

PARENT/GUARDIAN: (Please list first and last names of all parents or guardians)

NAME: 1: _____ 2. _____

PHONE: 1: _____ 2. _____

EMAIL: 1: _____ 2. _____

CHILD'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

CHILD'S ALLERGIES (Please mark if life threatening): _____

Can we notify you of your child's class status in English? YES/NO If not, which language? _____

How did you hear about our preschool? _____

Please indicate below the class(es) for which you would like to apply. If you are interested in more than one class, please indicate your choices in preferential order (1, 2, etc.). If you do not receive your first choice, you will be put on the waitlist for each class selected. If you receive your first choice, you will not be put on additional waitlists. Waitlists are subject to change.

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I have read the Enrollment Information about Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool and understand the enrollment is decided by a lottery and I wish to enter in the enrollment lottery for the 2018-2019 school year beginning in September 2018.

Parent/guardian signature

Date