

5843 BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAM

The Board of Education recognizes the needs of children who lack adult supervision outside the school day and directs the Superintendent to establish and implement a Latchkey Program for the care of such children in grades K through 5.

The Board will provide suitable district facilities, staff, and supplies for the conduct of a Program at 7:15 a.m. to the beginning of the school day (and) at the close of each school day to 7:00 p.m.

The program will be under the direct supervision of a certified teaching staff member employed by this district, who may be assisted by aides. Participating children will be offered constructive activities and proper supervision. No instruction will be offered; the Latchkey Program is not an extension of the school day and is not intended to serve the purpose of enrichment or remedial education.

The Program is open to Ridgewood pupils during the hours in which the program is offered.. Only duly registered children will be permitted to participate in the program. The Latchkey Program is not intended for the temporary or intermittent custodial care of children. A parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may register his/her child for the Latchkey Program at the school office by presenting a signed affidavit that because of the parent's or legal guardian's employment there is no responsible adult regularly at the child's home to care for the child. The affidavit will include the name, address, and telephone number of each parent or legal guardian's employer. The Board reserves the right to verify a parent or legal guardian's affidavit. Fees will be assessed by the vendor providing the service.

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