

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE

ADOPTED: April 23, 2002

REVISED:

	138. SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE
1. Purpose	Our society's need for high quality, reliable child care is increasing. In order to meet the needs of school age children and their parents, a program of before and after school child care may be offered in school facilities.
2. Definition	The school age before and after school child care program may be offered to students attending the district in grades K-6. The program will provide students with a supervised, extended school day experience of social, academic, recreational, arts and other interests.
3. Guidelines	The school age child care program may be offered if the following conditions exist:
Pol. 707	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The program will be coordinated by a committee representing parents, teachers, school administration and service providers (as appropriate). 2. The program may be provided by the school district or in cooperation with a non-profit service provider through a contract with the school district. 3. The before and after school program shall be for school age children and shall be housed in district school buildings before and after school hours (use of buildings during holidays and vacation shall be determined by individual contract).
Pol. 103	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The program shall be made available to all students. 5. There is a need within the community for these services that has been identified by a needs assessment, and that need is not being met by other providers in the community. 6. The district and building administrators and staff will support the program and assist with coordination, communication and monitoring for quality.

7. The proportion of the school facility that is designated to house the before and after school program may be made available without cost to non-profit organizations. The provider must be prepared to contractually commit itself to a program which meets district requirements that:
 - a. The provider will assist low income families by offering:
 - 1) Approved sliding fee scales, scholarships or reduced rates.
 - 2) Sibling discounts.
 - 3) Similar methods to assure equity of access to before and after school care by families who are unable to financially afford child care.
 - b. The program presents a professional, coordinated continuation of the child's learning in areas of physical fitness, recreation, arts and other interests.
 - c. The program supplements the school program and is planned cooperatively with the school principal and representative parent group.
 - d. The program shall provide quality learning experiences and shall stress cooperative efforts with other community resources serving children such as Scouts, sports and recreational associations, etc.
 - e. The provider has the program and financial management capabilities and staffing to operate independently, including coverage for liability insurance and Workers' Compensation.
 - f. The program shall be operated solely by the provider as an independent contractor and not as an agent of the district.
 - g. Neither the program nor parent shall look to the district to provide for transportation, staffing of before and after school care, phone message or answering services, or other clerical or direct program support.
8. To obtain programs most favorable to the children and their parents and to establish the best rates for parents obtainable because of the district's contribution to the program, the approval for providers shall be through a selection process designed by the Superintendent.