



LITTLE DUTCH ACADEMY
AT THE VIERSEN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

3 & 4 Year Old Summer Care Tuition Fees

Days: M, T, W, Th, Fr
Center Open 6:45am - 5:45pm

Option 1: 7:45am - 3:15pm Standard Hours Summer Care	\$135/wk
Option 2: 6:45am - 3:15pm Standard + Early Morning Summer Care	\$165/wk
Option 3: 7:45am - 5:45pm Standard + Late Afternoon Summer Care	\$185/wk
Option 4: 6:45am - 5:45pm Standard + Early Morning + Late Afternoon Summer Care	\$215/wk

*There will be a \$100 "Summer Camp Fee" at registration to help cover materials and activities.

FAQs

When are the start and end dates for summer care?

There will be a one day break between the last day of school for the district (PreK-12) and summer care starting. This day will allow the caregivers to switch over their rooms/spaces and prepare for the new group. As of Feb 12, the last day of school for the district is May 22. That means May 26 will be closed for care. The first day of summer care will start May 27. If there are any changes to the schedule due to weather, it will change the first day of summer care as well. The last day of summer care will be on August 18. Instead of being closed a week in the middle of summer, our closed week is the last week before school starts. Please read more about the purpose of this closed week below.

What can families expect with summer care?

Little Dutch Academy is dedicated to fostering an environment where every child feels loved, valued, and can thrive. In addition to providing fun activities for the children to look forward to each day, academics and creative thinking will be embedded through exploration and play.

Who is eligible for summer care?

Any LDA family who enrolled in wrap-around childcare during the school year is eligible for summer care. If there are spots available, other preschool families may be eligible.

How and when do I register my child for summer care?

In early spring, families enrolled in childcare at Little Dutch Academy will be given the first opportunity to select summer care options. A form will be sent out to register for summer care.

Can school-aged students attend this summer care?

School-aged students are not eligible for summer care at Little Dutch Academy. However, Pella Schools also have summer childcare available for school age children (PreK-4th grade) called Little Dutch Club. Visit the Pella Schools website for more information.

Are there part time options for childcare?

At this point there are no part time options for childcare in the summer. What this means is that all families will be enrolled full time. If they wish to use childcare less, that is fine, although they will still pay for full-time. As with every other aspect of this center, we will continually evaluate and adjust according to need. Please see the question below about 'vacation days' during the summer.

What days will Little Dutch Academy will be closed?

Little Dutch Academy will be closed on the 4th of July. LDA will also be closed for professional development and to prepare for the new school year on August 19-25, 2026. Please note, for PreK-3rd grade back-to-school conferences on August 24 and 25, Little Dutch Academy will not be open.

- For current 3yo preschool families, there will be childcare available August 26-28 to end summer care. The first day of 4yo wrap-around childcare for the new school year will be September 1.
- For current 4yo preschool families, the last day of childcare at LDA will be August 18. If you enroll in LDC before/after school care for next year, the first day of childcare for the school year will be August 26. Please note, LDC childcare will not be available Aug 24-25 during back-to-school conferences.
- For families who will do Pre-K childcare at LDA next year, the first day of care will be August 26.

Why will Little Dutch Academy be closed for one week in the summer?

Providing professional development to help all caregivers be as effective as possible is extremely important. This week will be used for our staff to learn and grow together. Additionally, this week will be used to prepare for the new school year as well as for general building and property maintenance.

Is there a sibling discount?

Little Dutch Academy does not provide sibling discounts.

Will families be granted 'vacation days' or a discount for days they do not attend?

During summer care, Little Dutch Academy families will be granted one 'vacation week' to be used for no charge. This vacation week needs to be communicated to the Director beforehand. Please talk with the Director about other circumstances and if they can accommodate this. During the school year, families will be charged for services regardless of whether they attend or not. For days that the district does not have school, childcare will be optional and families will only pay if they choose to attend.