Right At School is excited to be offering programs to Winchester families for the 2024-2025 school year! If you are interested in continuing After School Care for next year, we ask that you register your child(ren) for Fall 2024 programs. However, due to a loss in funding Winchester Public Schools will no longer be able to offer scholarships for Right At School programs. Starting this fall families will be asked to personally invest in their children's after school enrichment experience.

We understand the financial challenges this decision may bring for some families. At RAS, we're committed to helping families access affordable childcare by participating in the VA Child Care Subsidy Program. This program is specifically designed to assist families in Virginia with their childcare expenses. By applying for support, eligible families can receive financial assistance to help cover the costs of childcare. This means that qualifying families may access childcare programs at little or no cost. We have provided detailed instructions below to walk you through the financial eligibility and application process.

How to Apply for Financial Assistance through the Virginia Child Care Subsidy Program There are two ways to apply for the Child Care Subsidy Program:

- Visit CommonHelp to apply online or screen for eligibility.
- Submit a <u>Child Care Service Application and Redetermination Form</u> to your local department of social services.

Your application will be reviewed within 30 days. During that time, you may be required to participate in an interview and provide documentation of basic eligibility requirements. You may also be asked to provide Right At School's Provider ID during the application process. This ID varies by location:

- John Kerr Elementary School: 511063399
- Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School: 5110063400
 - Daniel Morgan Intermediate students will use this ID
- Garland R. Quarles Elementary School: **511063398**
 - Frederick Douglass students will use this ID

If your family is eligible and approved for subsidy assistance, your local department of social services will authorize child care with Right At School (see RAS Provider IDs above), and a portion of your child care costs will be paid directly to RAS.

Please note that subsidy approval does not mean that your child is registered for RAS programs. Please register your child for Fall 2024 programs after your application is approved.

If you have any questions or run into any roadblocks during your application process, please contact subsidy@rightatschool.com. RAS's Team is ready and eager to help!

Sincerely,

Winchester Public Schools in partnership with the RAS Team