

Family Handbook

MISSION STATEMENT: SUPPORT FAMILIES BY PROVIDING QUALITY PROGRAMS FOR THE WHOLE CHILD DURING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME.



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WELCOME AND GUIDING PHILOSOPHY

The Red Rocks Community College School Age Child Care (RRCC SACC) Program provides quality Out-of-School Time (OST) care for families. SACC programs are tuition based and licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services. Enrollment in the SACC programs is open to children ages 5-13 years of age. RRCC SACC does not provide transportation to programs.

The primary goal of RRCC SACC is to provide a safe, happy, caring and structured environment where children have an opportunity to learn lifelong skills and build meaningful relationships.

Our developmentally appropriate activities include opportunities to learn positive social skills, build friendships and express feelings. This balanced curriculum teaches each child to be curious in making choices and mistakes in order to grow to their maximum potential. This program is designed to promote fun, carefree, meaningful childhood experiences through the mastery of skills and personal success. Children choose activities based on their interest and skill level. Each program offers a variety of age-appropriate activities including science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), art, drama, cooking, science, team building, indoor/outdoor games, homework opportunities, literacy and quiet time. These activities occur individually or in group settings. Families are welcome to come and observe or participate in the program with a supervisor.

Our guiding philosophy is to uphold programs that strive to create a strong personal foundation that will encourage each child to:

- Value learning

- Explore options with curiosity

- Build healthy friendships

- Become problem solvers

- Contribute to a respectful and safe environment

To foster this goal, RRCC SACC offers an environment that promotes play, high self-esteem through the learning of self-discipline, decision-making, communication, personal care skills and positive conflict management. RRCC SACC stands by the belief that, regardless of physical setting or personnel, there remains a consistency in behavioral expectations which allows for an emotionally and physically safe experience. Never will a child be permitted to remain in the program if they are unable to maintain the "Core Safes":

- Feelings are safe

- Bodies are safe

- Belongings are safe

- Programs are safe

BENEFITS OF RRCC SACC

Attending a RRCC SACC program allows children to participate in various activities that may be offered at their school. This setting ensures a unique day-to-day contact between our staff and your child. RRCC SACC prides itself in becoming an additional advocate for each child's learning and growing through creating strong relationships with school personnel. Each year our staff follow each child's progress and invests in supporting families. RRCC SACC models building relationships with school staff and families that develop community partnerships. Children can grow in this warm and caring environment; families can be assured their child is receiving quality care! RRCC SACC uses SACERS quality standards, National Afterschool Association Standards for quality, and has a hands-on management team ensuring quality and consistency in state and national standards.

CLOSURE DATES AND NON-CONTACT/FULL DAYS

CLOSURE DATES

This advanced notice of closure dates is given so that alternative arrangements for care can be made. RRCC SACC will be closed to observe the following days:

January	New Year's Day Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February	President's Day
May	Memorial Day 2 Employee Professional Development Days
July	Independence Day
August	2 Employee Professional Development Days
September	Labor Day
November	Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving
December	Christmas Eve (<i>through</i>) New Year's Eve

- **District wide mandated closure days and delays may occur & RRCC SACC must follow district closures. This includes weather closures or delays, emergencies, etc.**
- **Credits or refunds are not given for severe weather closures, suspensions, emergencies, etc.**