

RAM Start: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the program options? ***Students may be enrolled in full or half days, 2-5 days a week! Maple Grove Elementary will offer a 4 year old program. Lincoln Elementary will offer a 3 and 4 year old program. Before/after care is available at both buildings.***
2. What times do students attend? ***Students attend from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm if enrolled in the full day program. Half day program runs morning only from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.***
3. What is the cost of the program? ***See Cost Chart for details***
4. What will the curriculum look like? ***The curriculum will be inquiry-based to encourage students to collaborate, think critically, communicate, and be creative. Parents will be informed of specific topics through the teacher's newsletter.***
5. Can I send in a lunch for my child? ***Parents can send in food/snacks with their child or take advantage of the school nutrition program. The school will offer breakfast, snacks, and a lunch if needed.***
6. Does the school provide a bus? ***Parents will need to provide transportation.***
7. Can I help in the classroom? ***Parent volunteers are welcome and will be coordinated by the teacher, a background screen must be on file in the school office prior to volunteering in the classroom.***
8. What is the age requirement? ***Students attending the Ram Start 3 year old program, must be 3 by September 1, 2017. Students attending the 4 year old program, must be 4 by September 1, 2017.***
9. What do I need to bring with me to enroll? ***Your child's birth certificate, immunization records, and a \$75 non-refundable deposit in the form of check or cash.***
10. How many students can enroll? ***The program will be offered on a first come, first served basis. We will maintain a 1:8 staff to student ratio.***
11. When will I know if my child is accepted? ***Communication will be sent to families Mid-June.***

12. What does a typical day look like? ***Students will be walked to class by their parent/guardian. Students will unpack and participate in whole-group activities (calendar, sharing, etc). Along with whole group activities, Ram Smart will also offer small group activities and instruction. Opportunity will enjoy outside/gym activities for playtime and recess. Snacks and lunches will be eaten in the classroom. After lunch, the afternoon will allow students quiet time before they have thematic playtime along with an outdoor/gym activity. Parents will pick up their child from the classroom. You will attend with your child the first day to help both students and parents transition!***
13. Who will the teachers be? ***Classrooms will have certified staff present at all times. Maintaining a 1:8 staff to student ratio.***
14. How do I register? ***Registration begins on May 18th from 2:00 pm - 6:00pm at Lincoln Elementary. After May 18th, registration forms will be available online or at the Administration Building on Green Street (554 Green Street, South Haven, MI 49090).***
15. Who do I contact if I have additional question? ***Please contact Natalie Carey at 269-637-0528. She will be able to answer your question or transfer you to the appropriate department.***
16. I've already signed up at Kindergarten Roundup, do I need to still fill out the paperwork again? ***Ram Start is a NEW Preschool Program at South Haven Public Schools and is not affiliated with the GSRP Program or Head Start. You must still complete the enrollment paperwork available on May 18th.***

Program	Building	Days of Week	Daily Cost	Weekly Cost
3 Year Olds - Half	Lincoln	5	\$15.00	\$75.00
4 Year Olds - Full	Lincoln	5	\$25.00	\$125.00
4 Year Olds - Half	Maple Grove	5	\$15.00	\$75.00
4 Year Olds - Full	Maple Grove	5	\$25.00	\$125.00
<i>Before or After School Care</i>	<i>Lincoln or MapleGrove</i>	5	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<i>Both Before and After School Care</i>	<i>Lincoln or MapleGrove</i>	5	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>