

# Fall 2020 Child Care Services

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Services begin  
Tuesday, Sept. 8.  
(hours may vary)

## Child Care Services Locations

### PAL

- **Dumbarton Elementary School**  
9000 Hungary Spring Road, Henrico, Va. 23228
- **Laburnum Elementary School**  
500 Meriwether Ave., Henrico, Va. 23222
- **John Rolfe Middle School**  
6901 Messer Road, Henrico, Va. 23231

### Henrico Education Foundation

- **Fair Oaks Elementary School**  
201 Jennings Road, Highland Springs, Va. 23075
- **Greenwood Elementary School**  
10960 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen, Va. 23059
- **Quioccasin Middle School\***  
9400 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, Va. 23238
- **L. Douglas Wilder Middle School**  
6900 Wilkinson Road, Henrico, Va. 23227

### YMCA

- **Deep Run High School**  
4801 Twin Hickory Road, Glen Allen, Va. 23059
- **Glen Allen High School**  
10700 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, Va. 23060
- **Godwin High School**  
2101 Pump Road, Henrico, Va. 23238
- **Henrico High School**  
302 Azalea Ave., Henrico, Va. 23227
- **Hermitage High School**  
8301 Hungary Spring Road, Henrico, Va. 23228
- **Varina High School**  
7053 Messer Road, Henrico, Va. 23231

For more information, contact these providers (please do not contact the schools):

**YMCA of Greater Richmond:** ymcarichmond.org or 804-729-4825

**Henrico PAL:** henricopal.org (click on Programs) or 804-262-4725

**Henrico Education Foundation:** henricogives.org (click on Programs) or 804-652-3869

\*Child care at the QMS site is being offered only to HCPS employees, however HCPS employees still have the option to enroll their children at any site.

## Back-to-school partnerships: Helping families find quality, affordable child care

We know that some families will encounter new child care concerns with the predominantly virtual learning model HCPS will use to start the school year. HCPS is working with its established partners to help families who need daily child care find quality, affordable programming. While this is a new initiative, brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, it's consistent with the efforts we make during "normal" school years to connect families to quality, affordable after-school programming.

To address these new concerns, we are working with three HCPS partners who are already licensed to provide care in HCPS schools. The YMCA of Greater Richmond, the Henrico Education Foundation and Henrico PAL (Police Athletic League) have reimagined their traditional "after-school" models as "full-day" programs to meet the community needs posed by a virtual school day. These three providers currently operate after-school programs in many of our school buildings.

These small programs are being created as a public service by our licensed partners and can prioritize safety in ways that are not possible at this time for a general school population. They will be limited in scale to conform to CDC guidelines, and will serve far fewer children. Students will be kept in the same small groups all day. The programs will be conducted in areas of the school that will undergo frequent intensive cleaning. Transportation will be provided by families, avoiding the risks associated with transporting large groups of students together using HCPS' bus fleet.

These partners will provide their own staffing models and determine the capacity for their programs, within the guidelines of the Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Department of Education, the CDC and HCPS. The typical ratio of students to adults in the child care setting is 10-to-one.

### FAQs:

#### **Why are these in-school programs being allowed, when most regular in-person instruction is not?**

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#### **Can anyone use these in-school programs?**

The partner-provided programs are designed for working families and children of essential workers who might not have other options for high quality, affordable child care during the predominantly virtual start to the school year.

#### **How long will these "full-day" programs continue?**

The programs will be in place for at least the first nine weeks of the school year. As health conditions allow a gradual return to more in-person instruction, the status of the in-school programs will be assessed.

#### **Will participating students have access to entire schools?**

No. The programs will be conducted in defined areas of the school.

#### **How were school sites selected?**

Sites were selected based on classroom availability, proximity and distribution throughout the school division, and pre-existing relationships among partners and schools.

#### **How do I enroll my student?**

Contact the provider (PAL, HEF, YMCA) directly. Please do not contact the schools. The schools will be unable to register or enroll your child in these child care services.