



Challenger After-School Program

2017-2018

It is our pleasure to offer Challenger, an after-school enrichment program for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Challenger is housed at each of the district's elementary schools. Enrollment for Challenger is on a full-time basis.

Challenger Hours

Challenger operates from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. each day school is in session.

Tuition Fee for Challenger

A student's lunch status determines the Challenger rate parents pay for our after-school program. **Reduced and Free lunch applications are available online through food service.**

2017-2018 Weekly Rates listed below

- \$60.00 – Regular Lunch Student
- \$55.00 – Regular Lunch Student if multiple students are enrolled in Challenger
- \$42.00 – Reduced Lunch Student
- \$35.00 – Free Lunch Student

Beginning of School Challenger Enrollment Deadlines

If you are interested in your child attending Challenger during the month of August, a **completed enrollment packet for each child** must be received by **Thursday July 20, 2017**. Enrollment packets should be brought to the RHSD Office during the summer months or mailed to the District Office, to the attention of Helen Taylor. **If you miss the July 20th deadline for enrolling your child in Challenger, the next start date will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Completed Challenger Enrollment forms must be returned to the Challenger Site Director at your child's school by Wednesday, August 29th.** Enrollment packets turned in on August 30th need to hand deliver to 1234 Flint Street Ext. Cottage 1, before 4:30 PM.

Important Challenger Enrollment Deadlines

- **July 20, 2017** Deadline to register for Challenger with an August start date
- **August 30, 2017** Deadline to register for Challenger starting September 5, 2017

*Once school starts in August, Challenger enrollment packets must be presented to the Challenger Site Director. Please do not send the application with your child to the school or leave with the school secretary. Each application must be reviewed by the Challenger Site Director before acceptance.

FAQ Challenger Questions

What type of banking information is required? Acceptable forms of banking information are a pre-printed check or a letter from your bank on bank letterhead containing the following; a bank employee signature, the account holders name and address, routing and account number and must state whether this account is checking or savings.

What type of banking information is not accepted? Blank checks, starter checks, deposit slips, copies of a bank statement, credit or debit cards. (Not a complete list)

Who are acceptable Draftees? Acceptable draftees are parents, grandparents and legal guardians of the child.

Can my child begin at anytime? No, applications must be turned in to the Challenger Site Director the Wednesday prior to the Monday you would like your child to begin Challenger. All new students may not be able to begin on the following Monday. Directors are responsible for ensuring the program is adequately staffed. If staffing is not in place, your child may not be able to start on the following Monday. You may have to wait until additional staff has been hired. Your School Challenger Director will keep you informed.

When can I change my banking information or withdraw my child from the program? Any changes must be submitted to the Challenger Site Director the Wednesday prior to the Monday you would like the change to take effect.

I withdrew my child why do I have to fill out a new form D and EFT for them to return? Challenger must have a current start date and signature on file to be able to draft weekly payment. Once your child is withdrawn, banking information is shredded unless parents asked that it be kept because they plan to activate the account in the near future. Otherwise the banking information is shredded.

When will my bank account be drafted? The bank file is sent to our third party on the Friday before the Monday draft date. **Funds need to be in your account by the close of banking on Fridays.** The funds will be electronically removed on the following Monday. Bank drafts occur every Monday during a 24 hour period. Your bank determines the time your draft will occur. The exception to a Monday draft is if it is a bank holiday and then the draft will occur on Tuesday, but the draft file will be sent on Friday and funds need to be in place on Fridays.

What if I do not have enough funds in my account to cover the charge? If your account is drafted and there are insufficient funds to cover the draft, the processing company Challenger uses, CheckRedi, will contact you by phone as soon as they receive the returned draft. Your Challenger Site Director, as a courtesy, will also give you a letter letting you know you have a returned draft and the process to pay this return. All returns must be paid the week of the occurrence and must be paid by noon Friday to CheckRedi in order for your child to remain in Challenger the next week.

What if I can't pay by noon Friday? Your child will be removed from the program and may not return until CheckRedi has been paid. Upon verification of payment you then may be asked to fill out a new Form D and submit new banking information the Wednesday prior to the Monday you want your child to return to Challenger.

Can my Challenger fee change? Yes, Challenger fees are based on your child's lunch status. Food Service will alert you of a change in lunch status. Food Service will also tell the Challenger director of the change. Once Challenger has received confirmation from Food Service that a change has occurred, your Challenger fee will change according to your child's lunch status from that point forward.