

## 3-K School Day/Year in Family Child Care (FCC)



### Q: When are 3-K school day/year services in FCC offered?

A: 3-K school day/year services are offered in family child care homes between September and June. Children attend programs for 6-hours and 20-minutes for a total of 176 days. The calendar covers the same number of days and hours as a public school. The exact dates will likely be similar to the public school calendar, but you should speak with the provider and network you are considering to review their specific calendar and ensure that it meets your needs.

### Q: Is 3-K school day/year in FCC free?

A: Yes! Your 3-K school day/year seat is *free for a total of 6 hours and 20 minutes each day* (for example, 8:00am until 2:20pm) for 176 service days per year.

### Q: What if I need child care before the school day begins or after the 6-hours and 20-minutes each day?

A: Luckily, most FCC providers offer an extended day of services for families (for a fee). If you need additional care before school begins, after school ends, and/or during school breaks or in the summer, you should speak directly with your program to make an arrangement. *You will pay the program (not the FCC Network) directly for any additional services needed.*

### Q: Why is FCC a good option for 3-K?

A: There are many reasons why FCC is a good option for you and your family:

1. ***It's convenient for you!*** Many programs are available in your community and provide flexible and extended hours to support your individual needs.
2. ***A home-like environment!*** For many families, this is the first time you are sending your young child to school. The home-like environment gives them a safe, welcoming, and warm space to learn everything they need before Pre-K for All begins.
3. ***Learning with mixed-age groups!*** The DOE has created a research-based curriculum to meet all the needs of your 3-K child as well as the other children from ages 6 weeks to 3 years that may be in your program. *\*Please note some FCC programs only serve three year olds.*
4. ***Culturally and linguistically like you!*** FCC programs are located within communities. They often reflect the people, cultures, and languages of your community.

### Q: What kind of professional learning does my FCC provider receive?

A: In addition to monthly health and safety support and a minimum of four annual professional learning days, your provider receives one-on-one instructional coaching twice a month from their FCC Network. All affiliated providers and their FCC Networks are expected to meet high-quality standards of the DOE.

### Q: What kind of services does the FCC Network provide for me?

A: The FCC Network is here for YOU! A Family Worker will be committed to assisting you with any needs you may have (for example, community services, educational resources for the entire family, understanding special education services, parenting, and so much more).

### Q: How do I enroll my child in a 3-K school day/year FCC program?

A: Visit [myschools.nyc.gov](https://myschools.nyc.gov) to search for programs in your community, filter by "Type" (Family Child Care), and call the FCC Network contact in the program listing to learn more about a specific program.

