

Mission Statement

River Side Rascals provides safe, dependable, community-focused childcare that supports each child's development and partners with families every day.

Overview

River Side Rascals is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable childcare to families in South Dakota. As a nonprofit, all revenue is reinvested into the center to support operating costs, staff development, facility improvements, and program enhancements rather than distributed to owners or shareholders.

This structure allows River Side Rascals to focus on delivering exceptional care and educational experiences while maintaining financial transparency and accountability to the community it serves.

We rely on a combination of tuition, grants, and donations to sustain our programs and ensure accessibility for families. This nonprofit status also means we adhere to strict governance and compliance standards, overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors committed to the center's long-term success and community impact.

Enrollment Procedure

[Schedule a Tour](#)

Book a visit:

Tour our facility to see our classrooms, meet our teachers, and experience our daily routine.

Ask questions:

Learn about our philosophy, safety rules, handbook policies, and curriculum.

Submit an Application & Secure Your Spot

Fill out the forms:

- Review handbook: Read our parent handbook covering tuition policy, illness guidelines, closure schedule, daily procedures, and center policies. Sign the acknowledgment.
- Enrollment Application
 - Parent/guardian contact information

- Emergency contacts (2 required)
- Authorized pickup people
- Health and allergy information
- Dietary restrictions
- Emergency medical authorization (required for child's acceptance)
- Photo release consent
- Medication authorizations when applicable
- Signed parent-provider agreement

Provide Documents:

- Immunization record
- Custody or court documents when applicable

Registration fee:

Submit the standard \$50 registration fee with your application. We will completely waive the \$50 fee if your child starts care immediately following your application submission.

Securing Enrollment Spot

The 2-week holding rule:

We do not require a security deposit. However, your child must start within 2 weeks of your application date to guarantee their spot.

Holding a slot:

If you need to delay enrollment past the 2-week mark, you must pay the standard monthly tuition rate to hold and guarantee that open slot.

Waiting list policy:

If you do not start care or pay the tuition hold by the end of your 2-week window, you will lose the slot and be moved to the bottom of our waiting list.

To Start Care

Add Payment Method:

- Complete auto pay set up, by adding payers and method of payment to your Brightwheel profile.

Pay Invoice:

- Payment is due prior to receiving care.
- A billing plan will be added to the child's account based on parent-provider agreement selection.
- Your first invoice will be applied to your Brightwheel account and due before your child's start date.

An enrollment form and all required authorization documents must be completed and signed before a child may begin care at River Side Rascals. Drop-in care is not enrollment; it is temporary acceptance of an unenrolled child for that day. We are unable to offer part-time care currently.

