

Youth Services

C.A.R.E. Company FAQ's

When is the C.A.R.E. Company open and closed?

- Care Company meets on every school day at each elementary school. Hours are from 7:00 am until school starts and from the end of the school day until 6:00 pm.
- On half days of school, the programs open at midday dismissal until 6:00 pm.
- C.A.R.E. Company is open at select locations during most of the school breaks.
- C.A.R.E. Company is closed on all legal holidays.
- C.A.R.E. Company is open during the summer months at select locations.

What will my child do at the C.A.R.E. Company?

The C.A.R.E. Company provides many activities for children before and after school. Children will participate in many of the following activities:

- Arts and crafts
- Dramatic play, music and movement
- Homework table
- Outdoor play and games
- Indoor gym and games
- Free choice of manipulatives, games, cards, etc.
- Computer time, appropriate for elementary school children
- Books
- Cooking activities
- Small and large group activities
- A chance to socialize and share with children and staff
- Theme days-such as western day, pajama day, Hawaiian luau, etc

Who takes care of the children at C.A.R.E. Company?

- Child Care Supervisor-must have a minimum of an associates degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or a related field
- Child Care Assistants-the number of assistants at each location is dependent upon the number of children enrolled in each center. Assistants must be at least 18 years old, with a high school diploma.
- The ratio of caregiver to child is 1:18 for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Experienced staff is selected on the basis of their knowledge, experience and ability to positively interact with school age children in a caring and appropriate manner.

Are programs licensed?

All child care programs are licensed by the Michigan Department of Human Services. Because the state has a commitment of offering a quality program to meet the needs of families, it has been the practice of the C.A.R.E. Company to exceed standards set by the state.