



# Pop-In Drop-In: Childcare

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## **Does Canadore have its own daycare and how do students sign up?**

Canadore College partners with the Lindsay Weld Centre for Children, which gives priority to Canadore students, though a spot is not guaranteed due to limited availability in each age group (infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age). To apply, students must register through the [District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board \(DNSSAB\) website](#) which manages the centralized childcare waitlist for both public and private centres in the region.

When applying to the Lindsay Weld Centre, be sure to indicate that you are a Canadore student. Once your application is received, the daycare will contact you to confirm your student status by requesting your student number and verifying it with the college.

If your child is in a school-age program, it's recommended to apply to the daycare located at their school, as busing between schools and daycares may not be available.

## **What childcare options are available in North Bay?**

Families can choose between licensed and unlicensed daycare options. These options are available in both North Bay and Parry Sound. To learn about the differences between licensed (formal) and unlicensed (informal) child care, visit the Ontario Ministry of Education's page on [finding child care](#). You can also view this [infographic](#) on licensed home child care and unlicensed child care permitted ratios

## **How do I find licensed daycare and how long are the waitlists?**

A [full list of all licensed daycares](#) in the District of Nipissing is available on the DNSSAB website. Use the DNSSAB childcare registry to apply. Waitlists can range from weeks to several years, so early registration—even during pregnancy—is recommended.

## **How much does childcare cost and are subsidies available?**

Private daycare typically costs \$30–\$60 per day per child. Public daycare may offer subsidies, and students are often eligible, though eligibility must be confirmed through the [application process](#).

## **Do I have to pay for full-time care or only the days I need?**

Most public centres charge for full-time care regardless of attendance. Some private centres offer more flexibility, but policies vary, so it's important to ask about payment terms when securing a spot.

## **What hours do childcare centres operate?**

Public centres generally run from 7:00 AM to 5:00–6:00 PM. Evening or weekend care is rare and usually only available through private providers.

**How do I know which school my child should attend?**

School zoning tools are available online to help determine your child's designated school. Options include English public, Catholic, and French Immersion streams. You can use [Find Your School](#) on the Ontario Ministry of Education website to see what school options are available in the area.

**Will I need care before and after school if my child is school-aged?**

Yes, especially if your class schedule extends beyond regular school hours. It's recommended to request before- and after-school care when registering.

**Can I bring my child to class if I don't have childcare?**

No, children are not permitted in classrooms due to health, safety, and disruption concerns.

**Who can I contact for help with childcare planning?**

Students can reach out to [Erin Plourde](#) if they have any questions about childcare planning.

**At what age does a child age out of daycare?**

Typically around age 12, when children enter grade 7. At that point, families may consider [home-alone or babysitting courses](#) if older children will be caring for siblings.