

Income Eligibility Chart for Sarasota County

Maximum annual gross household income by household size

Household Size						
	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximum Household Income	\$51,466	\$63,575	\$75,685	\$87,795	\$99,905	\$102,176

Household size may consist of parent(s) and children living in the same dwelling who the parent(s) is legally responsible for, and any other household member the parent(s) support

Example One: Single Parent Household

Household Size: 3 (1 parent + 2 children)

Annual Gross Household Income: \$30,300

Daily fee for full-time care: $4\% \times \$30,300 / 260 \text{ days} = \4.66

Example Two: Two Parent Household

Household Size: 5 (2 parents + 3 children)

Annual Gross Household Income: \$71,000

Daily fee for full-time care: $6\% \times \$71,000 / 260 \text{ days} = \16.38

What's a Differential Fee?

- Some providers may charge an additional fee if their tuition exceeds the ELC reimbursement rate. This amount varies by provider. Providers may also charge separate fees for registration/enrollment, supplies, transportation, meals, or other services.
- A differential fee is the difference between the provider's public rate and the reimbursement rate paid by the Early Learning Coalition (ELC). If a provider charges a differential fee, that amount is added to your assigned copayment.
- Note: ELC reimbursement rates vary depending on the child's age and the county where the provider is located.

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Florida Division of Early Learning
SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE for SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM - Percentage-Based Copays Using SMI

DAILY FEE		----- Annual Gross Income - Number of People in the Family -----														
Full-Time	Part-Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
4.0%	2.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.0%	2.0%	2,811	3,676	4,541	5,406	6,271	7,136	7,298	7,460	7,623	7,785	7,947	8,109	8,271	8,434	8,596
4.0%	2.0%	2,812	3,677	4,542	5,407	6,272	7,137	7,299	7,461	7,624	7,786	7,948	8,110	8,272	8,435	8,597
4.0%	2.0%	5,622	7,352	9,082	10,812	12,542	14,272	14,597	14,921	15,245	15,570	15,894	16,218	16,543	16,867	17,191
4.0%	2.0%	5,623	7,353	9,083	10,813	12,543	14,273	14,598	14,922	15,246	15,571	15,895	16,219	16,544	16,868	17,192
4.0%	2.0%	8,433	11,028	13,623	16,218	18,813	21,408	21,895	22,381	22,868	23,354	23,841	24,327	24,814	25,301	25,787
4.0%	2.0%	8,434	11,029	13,624	16,219	18,814	21,409	21,896	22,382	22,869	23,355	23,842	24,328	24,815	25,302	25,788
4.0%	2.0%	11,245	14,705	18,164	21,624	25,084	28,544	29,193	29,842	30,490	31,139	31,788	32,437	33,085	33,734	34,383
4.0%	2.0%	11,246	14,706	18,165	21,625	25,085	28,545	29,194	29,843	30,491	31,140	31,789	32,438	33,086	33,735	34,384
4.0%	2.0%	14,056	18,381	22,706	27,031	31,356	35,680	36,491	37,302	38,113	38,924	39,735	40,546	41,357	42,168	42,979
4.0%	2.0%	14,057	18,382	22,707	27,032	31,357	35,681	36,492	37,303	38,114	38,925	39,736	40,547	41,358	42,169	42,980
4.0%	2.0%	16,867	22,057	27,247	32,437	37,627	42,816	43,790	44,762	45,736	46,709	47,682	48,655	49,628	50,601	51,574
4.0%	2.0%	16,868	22,058	27,248	32,438	37,628	42,817	43,791	44,763	45,737	46,710	47,683	48,656	49,629	50,602	51,575
4.0%	2.0%	19,678	25,733	31,788	37,843	43,898	49,952	51,088	52,223	53,358	54,494	55,629	56,764	57,899	59,035	60,170
4.0%	2.0%	19,679	25,734	31,789	37,844	43,899	49,953	51,089	52,224	53,359	54,495	55,630	56,765	57,900	59,036	60,171
4.0%	2.0%	22,489	29,409	36,329	43,249	50,169	57,088	58,386	59,683	60,981	62,278	63,576	64,873	66,171	67,468	68,766
4.0%	2.0%	22,490	29,410	36,330	43,250	50,170	57,089	58,387	59,684	60,982	62,279	63,577	64,874	66,172	67,469	68,767
4.0%	2.0%	25,300	33,085	40,870	48,655	56,440	64,224	65,684	67,144	68,603	70,063	71,523	72,982	74,442	75,902	77,361
4.0%	2.0%	25,301	33,086	40,871	48,656	56,441	64,225	65,685	67,145	68,604	70,064	71,524	72,983	74,443	75,903	77,362
4.0%	2.0%	28,112	36,762	45,411	54,061	62,711	71,361	72,983	74,604	76,226	77,848	79,470	81,092	82,714	84,335	85,957
4.0%	2.0%	28,113	36,763	45,412	54,062	62,712	71,362	72,984	74,605	76,227	77,849	79,471	81,093	82,715	84,336	85,958
6.0%	3.0%	30,923	40,438	49,952	59,467	68,982	78,497	80,281	82,064	83,849	85,633	87,416	89,201	90,985	92,769	94,553
6.0%	3.0%	30,924	40,439	49,953	59,468	68,983	78,498	80,282	82,065	83,850	85,634	87,417	89,202	90,986	92,770	94,554
6.0%	3.0%	33,734	44,114	54,493	64,873	75,253	85,633	87,579	89,525	91,471	93,418	95,363	97,310	99,256	101,202	103,148
6.0%	3.0%	33,735	44,115	54,494	64,874	75,254	85,634	87,580	89,526	91,472	93,419	95,364	97,311	99,257	101,203	103,149
6.0%	3.0%	36,545	47,790	59,034	70,279	81,524	92,769	94,877	96,985	99,094	101,202	103,310	105,419	107,528	109,636	111,744
6.0%	3.0%	36,546	47,791	59,035	70,280	81,525	92,770	94,878	96,986	99,095	101,203	103,311	105,420	107,529	109,637	111,745
6.0%	3.0%	39,356	51,466	63,575	75,685	87,795	99,905	102,176	104,446	106,716	108,987	111,257	113,528	115,799	118,069	120,340
6.0%	3.0%	39,357	51,467	63,576	75,686	87,796	99,906	102,177	104,447	106,717	108,988	111,258	113,529	115,800	118,070	120,341
6.0%	3.0%	42,167	55,142	68,117	81,092	94,067	107,041	109,474	111,906	114,339	116,772	119,204	121,637	124,070	126,503	128,936
6.0%	3.0%	42,168	55,143	68,118	81,093	94,068	107,042	109,475	111,907	114,340	116,773	119,205	121,638	124,071	126,504	128,937
6.0%	3.0%	44,978	58,818	72,658	86,498	100,338	114,177	116,772	119,366	121,962	124,557	127,151	129,746	132,342	134,936	137,531
6.0%	3.0%	44,979	58,819	72,659	86,499	100,339	114,178	116,773	119,367	121,963	124,558	127,152	129,747	132,343	134,937	137,532
6.0%	3.0%	47,790	62,495	77,199	91,904	106,609	121,313	124,070	126,827	129,584	132,342	135,098	137,856	140,613	143,370	146,127

Parents receiving hourly care pay up to the part time fee.

Refer to 6M-4.400, F.A.C.

55% SMI Entry threshold for School Readiness program eligibility.

70% SMI Entry threshold for School Readiness Match eligibility

85% SMI Upper threshold for School Readiness program eligibility

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