



## FAQ's about the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y After School Program

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### I. REGISTRATION

#### **When do I register for After School?**

Registration for After School begins June 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 for returning registrants and on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for new registrants and ends when the program is full. Registration is online at [www.14streety.org/afterschool](http://www.14streety.org/afterschool) If you are registering for Fall only, you must re-register for the Spring semester by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **What do I need to complete in order to enroll my child in the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y After School Program?**

You may register for the program online at [www.14streety.org/afterschool](http://www.14streety.org/afterschool) or you may submit a paper application. Each After Schooler needs to have:

- A Completed Registration Form
- An up to date medical (Each after schooler is required to have an up to date physical form completed and signed by their doctor. Medical forms expire one year from the date completed. If your child's medical forms expires during the school year, a new form must be submitted to the After School program prior to the expiration date).

#### **Why does my child need a Medical?**

A medical is required by the New York City Health Department. An up to date medical must be submitted prior to the start of After School. A medical (full physical examination) is good one year from the date signed by a doctor. For example, a medical form completed by a doctor on December 1, 2015 will expire on December 1, 2016. A NEW medical will need to be submitted to the After School program





before December 1, 2016, in order for the child to be picked up from school. Please make sure to schedule an appointment for your child's yearly physical with sufficient time to submit the form to the After School office.

### **I've registered for After School, now what?!**

You will receive an email within two weeks of registering for After School with more info about what to expect. You will need to choose enrichment classes before the start of the semester. Class choices will be sent in August.

## **II. COSTS AND BILLING**

### **How much does After School Cost?**

After School is a fee for service program. Please refer to our fee page for costs at:

[After School Tuition for 2016-2017](#)

We offer payment plans.

### **Is there a sibling discount?**

Yes! There is a 10% sibling discount.

### **When am I billed for After School?**

After School Billing is scheduled for September 1st, November 1st, January 1st, March 1st, and April 1st for those of you who have opted to pay in installments. Your payments will be deducted by credit card. If you paid via check, you must pay by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month that we do billing. There is a \$15 charge for declined cards and bounced checks.

### **Who is responsible for billing and flex spending?**

Billing is a separate department from After School. Anthony Herrera is the Billing and Software Manager at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y. He is responsible for billing and updates accounts for ALL the departments at the 14th Street Y. Our general turnaround time on billing requests is 2-3 business days.

### **Do you have financial aid?**

The After School program is fee for service; however we do have financial aid for families demonstrating need. Applications are due July 31<sup>st</sup>. Apply for a scholarship online:

<http://www.14streety.org/afterschool/apply-for-after-school-scholarship/>





### III. ABOUT US

#### **What is the age range for the After School program?**

The After School program is licensed to have children in grades K-5. The 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y After School program does not have Pre-K After School care. We offer programming for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Visit [www.14streety.org/teens](http://www.14streety.org/teens)

#### **Is there time for homework at After School?**

Yes! The 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y has a quiet Homework Room, specifically for doing homework and reading from 3:00-4:15. At 4:15, this room is turned into Study Hall, which is a substitution for enrichment classes. Study hall lasts until 5:15PM. After Schoolers may also elect to do homework at the end of the day instead of going to the roof, gym, or pool.

#### **Why are there no classes on Fridays?**

On Fridays, our community celebrates Shabbat or the Sabbath. During this time, we take a moment to reflect on the week and pause to welcome the weekend. During Shabbat time, children will take part in Jewish ritual including singing songs, lighting candles, drinking grape juice and eating “Challah,” a traditional braided sweetened bread eaten only during Shabbat. We pull upon the values of Shabbat including rest, meditation, and community-mindedness in order to provide a meaningful experience for all, even those who are not Jewish.

#### **What does a typical day at After School look like?**

2:30-3:00 Pickup from schools

3:00-3:55 Arrival, homework time, free play, snack

4:00-4:15 Clean up and Community meeting.

4:15-5:15 Enrichment Classes / Shabbat Programming on Fridays

5:15-6:00 Roof Top Playground, Gymnasium or Pool Time. (We have recreational swim time in the pool on Mondays and Fridays. Pick up time is extended until 6:15 on swim days.)

### IV. ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

#### **What are Enrichment Classes?**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y After School Program will be offering over 20 Enrichment classes this Fall. We are excited to be introducing many different classes as with new specialists leading them. Enrichment classes are included in the base cost of our program. An Enrichment Registration form will be e-mailed home to parents. After a selection form is received by the Y, a response will be sent home confirming





the registration for the classes. Please note, that due to ratios, class sizes cannot exceed 14 students. To ensure our After Schoolers have a chance to take part in many different classes, we ask that students not repeat a class they have taken the previous quarter. We will offer 4 quarters of enrichment classes.

### **What kind of Enrichment Classes does After School offer?**

Enrichment Classes this past year included: Yoga, Wood Crafting, World Cooking, Harry Potter's World, Legoland, Gaga, Art with Eve, Hip Hop, Science, Board Games, Photography, Creative Movement, and more! Some of these are subject to change and new classes will be added during the year.

### **Why do you change classes so often?**

We want to offer the maximum amount of classes and choices to your children. We often switch class days each semester so that After Schoolers can experience all the classes they can and venture outside their comfort zone. Also, many of our counselors change and we need to work around that, but we hope you know that we make changes very intentionally!

## **V. PICKUP AND DISMISSAL**

### **Which schools does the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y After School Program pick up from?**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y After School program currently picks up from PS19, PS 40, Earth School, Children's Workshop School, East Village Community School, Immaculate Conception School, The Neighborhood School, STAR Academy, Success Academy Union Square, NEST+M School, and PS110. (PS 110 and NEST+m require an additional transportation fee.)

### **What is the ratio of child to counselor on the walk and at After School?**

1:7

### **How will my child know who is picking them up from school?**

Biographies (with pictures of our staff) and pick up schedules will be e-mailed home prior to the start of school. We will also have staff present at our orientation and their bios on our website.

### **What are the walks from school to the Y like?**

Most After Schoolers are picked up directly from their classrooms by their counselors. Other schools that have more After Schoolers enrolled with them will be brought to the After School counselors by their teacher. After School is not open the first two days of school. During that time, counselors will be at schools learning the locations of classrooms and organizing a drop off spot with teachers.





### **Can anyone pick up my child from After School at pick up time?**

In our registration packet we have a dismissal form. A dismissal form requires parents/guardians to list the names and contact information of those who have permission to pick up their child from After School. If the After School program is not notified about a new person picking up an After Schooler, the student will not be signed out. All persons who pick up After Schoolers must bring a photo ID and be at least 18 years old.

### **Do I have to show my ID EVERY DAY?!**

We're trying to maintain the safest possible environment for you and your child. Therefore, upon pick-up, we require that you scan your Membership ID or show your After School Card **every day** to the Security Guard (NOT an After School counselor) upon entering the building.

### **When can I pick up my child from After School?**

You may pick up at any time during the program. A dry-erase board is located opposite the After School Office. The board will have the location of the After Schoolers, whether they are in classes, on the roof, gym or swimming pool.

## **VI. CALENDAR**

### **What does the After School calendar look like?**

After School runs on the NYC Department of Education (DOE) calendar. We are broken into two semesters (fall) Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> and (spring) Feb 1<sup>st</sup>- Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>. Within that structure we offer four quarters worth of enrichment classes in order to maximize your child's choices. Youth Sports classes can be chosen for an additional fee, and run for full semesters (fall and spring) rather than on the quarter system.

### **When does After School Start? When does After School end?**

#### **Semester 1**

Quarter 1: September 14<sup>th</sup> -November 16<sup>th</sup>

Quarter 2: November 17<sup>th</sup> –January 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Semester 2**

Quarter 3: January 30<sup>th</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>

Quarter 4: March 28<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Do you have programs when the schools are closed?**

YES! During School Breaks, the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y offers Holiday Camps. Holiday camps run from 8:30AM-6:00PM. These programs are offered for an additional fee.

### **When are holiday camps offered/not offered?**

Holiday camps are offered any day that public schools are closed during the school year EXCEPT for Winter Break. Many of our counselors go home for the holidays and many families choose this time to





go away as well. We will offer camps for MLK Day, February Break, Most of Spring Break (allowing two days for Passover) and Chancellor's Day.

## VII. YOUTH SPORTS CLASSES

### **Are Youth Sports Classes the same as Enrichment Classes?**

No. Youth Sports Classes are offered at the Y for an additional fee (the rate is lower for After Schoolers) Enrichment is included in your After School tuition. Times vary and sometimes overlap with enrichment classes.

### **What Youth Sports classes are offered at the Y?**

They include: Ballet, Gymnastics, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, and Tennis.

### **When do I register for Youth Sports?**

Registration for youth sports happens twice a year: once for the Fall (beginning of August) and once for the Spring (December) You can find a list of classes on [www.14streety.org/youthsports](http://www.14streety.org/youthsports)

## VIII. SWIM AND AQUATICS

### **What does swimming look like at After School?**

If your child would like to swim during our free swim times on Monday and Friday, we require that you pack them with a swimsuit, towel, and swim cap. Swim caps are required for anyone who is entering the pool. We also recommend packing flip flops or crocs for the walk down to the pool and back, though they are not required. Children will be swim tested at the beginning of the year and will be given flotation devices if they are new to the pool. Our ratio in the water is 1:6.

### **When do I register for Aquatics?**

Please visit [www.14streety.org/aquatics](http://www.14streety.org/aquatics) for timing/schedules

### **Why is the Aquatics Schedule different from the After School Schedule?**

Our Aquatics department serves the entire community and their class schedule reflects the needs of the East Village overall. The After School schedule reflects the needs of our kids in the public school system. If you have questions about aquatics at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y, please contact [mpagan@14streety.org](mailto:mpagan@14streety.org) Director of Aquatics.





**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

**After School has been great! What do I do for the summer?**

We highly encourage you to visit Jennifer Sussell, Director of New Country Day Camp, down the hall from After School Office for questions about summer programming or visit [www.14streety.org/ncdc](http://www.14streety.org/ncdc) We also offer a teen theater camp at the Y for middle school aged students

