

# **YWCA IS ON A MISSION**

**school's out 2021-2022**  
**EEC Licensed Childcare**  
**after-school program info**  
**annual registration fee: \$50**

We want to thank you greatly for your interest in our after-school program which has been collaborating with the Newburyport Public Schools since 2007! We are so thankful to still be open during this pandemic and hopeful to move back to a more robust program in the near future. While we will offer a program for the 2021-22 school year, we don't know exactly what that will look like just yet.

This past year has been one for the history books and has marked unprecedented changes for the landscape of childcare. With the onset of the pandemic, our program shutdown from mid-March until October. Opening up in October looked very different. The program we are currently running is a modified version of our former program with decreased license capacity and program schedules that support the hybrid learning model of the Bresnahan School with discreet cohorts that support current health advisory. State regulations have continued to change throughout the pandemic and are still changing. We are hopeful that as things continue to progress we will continue to see regulations move back towards what they were prior to COVID, but we aren't there yet. The YWCA continues to pivot to maintain a quality program that supports working families and the Newburyport Public Schools.

The after-school program was formerly a large multi-age group with nearly 100 children moving freely through the cafeteria, gymnasium and outdoor spaces. Small discreet cohorts was not part of our model and has forced us to decrease our license capacity until these regulations are lifted. We are just as anxious as you to get back to our larger size; we miss the boisterous energy and all of our friends/families. We ask that you please hang in there while we continue to work through this process. We can't wait to open registration for the fall and will continue to update our website as we get there.

I look forward to working with your family and am available by email should have any specific questions.

Sincerely,

Amanda Bradbury Director of Youth Services

*The information below details what the program looked like pre-COVID as well as now during the pandemic and is meant to give you some information as a starting point. This is where we are at this time. Feel free to reach out to myself with any specific questions and I will do my best to address them.*

## **school-aged childcare program description**

Our multi-age program offers a rich, engaging array of activities and experiences within a fun developmentally appropriate program model. Youth participate by making their own decisions about how they prefer to spend their time. Activity choices include outdoor play, gym time, free play, social enrichment and themed activities. While a snack was provided pre-COVID, it is not possible for the program to provide food at this time. The program prioritizes healthy eating and hopes to get back to offering our popular snack buffet soon!

Our program provides a warm, caring atmosphere where children are accepted unconditionally. Our program is inclusive, open to all children regardless of color, race, economic status, religious background, or family composition. Staff members strive to create an environment, which is a careful balance between reliable security and stimulation that fosters exploration and growth.

School-aged programs improve academic performance, social and developmental outcomes, contribute to healthy lifestyle options, and prevent many risky behaviors. The key factors in supporting positive outcomes include access to and sustained participation in quality programming with strong partnerships with schools, families and the community. In collaboration with Newburyport Youth Services, the **ywca** school-aged program draws on the 40 Developmental Asset Model. This model helps young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible and engages all the adults in children's lives (parents, youth staff and school personnel) in that process.

Our program is designed to:

- ≈ promote a sense of self-worth: A positive self-concept is the bedrock of all learning and growth.
- ≈ foster independence and self-discipline: These two elements are necessary ingredients for problem solving and achievement.
- ≈ provide opportunities for success: This encourages risk taking and appropriate expansion of parameters.
- ≈ meet each child's unique needs whenever possible: A concept which builds trust and a respect for others.
- ≈ create a caring, respectful community: This sense of community grows from the individual program to the school, family, and the community at large.

**Monthly installments are based on 10 even payments of your annual contract.** Contracted days do not include early release days or school vacations. Monthly tuitions are debited on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

**\*\*Rates and program schedules are typically published in April, but we anticipate that there might be delays this particular year.**

After-school K-5 <sup>th</sup> Schedule Options	Monthly E-Pay for 2019-20		After-school K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Schedule Options <i>*Children must be live in school to attend the after-school program.</i>	Monthly E-Pay for 2020-21	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child		1 <sup>st</sup> Child	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child
5 Days Monday – Friday	\$507	\$480	Cohort A – Monday, Tuesday	\$290	\$275.50
3 Days Monday, Wednesday, Friday	\$288	\$273	Cohort B – Thursday, Friday	\$290	\$275.50
2 Days Tuesday, Thursday	\$219	\$207			

**Withdrawals / Schedule Changes** - must be requested in writing by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month and take effect on the first of the following month.

## **school-aged childcare at a glance**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Dates</b>		<b>Times</b>	<b>Location</b>
after-school	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> day of school – last day of school	Begins at the close of school day Program Ends at 5:30pm	The program utilizes the Bresnahan cafeteria, gymnasium, platform and outdoor spaces
	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades	1 <sup>st</sup> day of school – last full day of school		

### **List of Program Closures for 2021-22**

The after-school program does not offer a childcare program for the following days:

- Early Release Days
- Staff Development Days
- Holidays – Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, New Year’s Day, MLK Day, February Break, April Break and Memorial Day

*\*\*An official list of closures will be furnished in the 2021-22 Parent Handbook during registration.*

*\*\*\*The YWCA offers EPIC Programming (as sister offering to our EPIC Trips Summer Camp) for some of the early release days and vacation days based on staff and space availability. All EPIC offerings will be published throughout the school year as the logistics are ironed out. School’s Out participants get priority in all EPIC Programs.*

### **Enrollment Process**

In past years, priority enrollment for current participants and their incoming siblings has opened at the end of April followed by waitlisted families and then new families. This year, with our modified program, we don’t have a current wait list. It is our goal to prioritize current families as well as families who utilized the program or were in line on the wait list during the 2019-20 school year before opening the additional slots to new incoming families. This year, registration will be a bit of a moving target. There are additional hurdles that will need to be cleared to allow us to register and we do anticipate that we will have to sell slots in stages as we acquire staffing and move through the licensing process to increase our capacity. We will publish our program rates and then our registration dates on our website as soon as we know them. Enrollment will be available in our online registration portal, Community Pass. You can access Community Pass through our website at [www.ywcanewburyport.org](http://www.ywcanewburyport.org). Please keep an eye on our website for updates; I am sure that we will have many as we move closer to the upcoming school year.

#### **For More Information Contact**

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