

Attleboro YMCA Scholastic Support Center Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the program? With schools opting for a hybrid schooling plan, this program is intended as an educational support and child care solution for children to attend on their non-school, remote-learning days.

What are the program dates? The program will begin on Monday, September 21st. The program will continue through the school year as long as schools aren't able to return to full, in-person schooling plans.

What are the program hours? The program will run Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:30 pm.

What is the registration process? Families can register their children in the program now with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Once families know what their weekly schedules will be, we will coordinate the individual pods/cohorts of students.

What is the cost? The cost of the fee is \$60 per day. Each week's payment is due the Friday prior to a week of the program. Weekly payments will be set up as an automatic draft from your choice of a credit card or bank account.

What are the registration requirements? Children must be registered for at least a 2-days-per-week schedule. Children must also be Attleboro YMCA members. (A youth membership is sufficient. A family membership is not necessary.)

If schools go to all-remote learning, can I change my child's schedule? Yes. If schools opt to go to an all-remote learning plan at any point in the school year, families will have an opportunity to reassess their needs and add to or change their schedules.

Will the children be grouped in pods/cohorts? Yes. Children will be arranged in small, consistent groups of 10 students who have matching schedules and grade levels. Each group will be assigned a specific staff team. This group of students and staff will remain together week after week. They will also stay together for non-academic activities as well. This makes it possible for children to stay in a consistent group and minimizes contact as much as possible.

What is the staffing plan for the program? Each group of children will have a designated staff team that includes a teacher/education specialist as well as a group leader. The teacher will lead the earlier portions of the day when children will be engaged in their remote learning sessions. The teacher will be able to assist children with their learning. The group leader will lead the remaining portion of the day when children are engaged in non-academic/enrichment activities.

What will be included in each classroom area? Each pod space will include 10 student desks, white board, individual student storage areas, and WIFI connectivity for all students.

What will children need to bring to the program? Each day, children will need to bring:

- All assigned learning materials
- Chromebook/laptop
- Headphones
- Lunch and snacks
- Water bottle
- Swimsuit and towel
- A mask

What activities will be included?

- Remote learning time & Homework Help each day
- Fitness & Nutrition
- Swim lessons
- Arts, Music & Drama
- STEM
- Outdoor activities

Will there be any other programs at the Pleasant Street Branch? The majority of the Pleasant Street facility will be reserved for the Scholastic Support Center when the program is in session. The only exception is the pool area. This space may be used for all programs, but those participants will use a separate entrance. When the Scholastic Support Center students are swimming, the pool will be completely reserved for our students.

Will parents be allowed in the building? No. Drop-off and pick-up will take place in front of the building. A staff person will greet the children in the morning and bring the children to parents outside at the end of the day.

Are masks required? YES. Masks must be worn by all staff and students throughout the day. Mask breaks will be scheduled in a safe, socially distant fashion. Parents/guardians must wear masks when dropping off and picking up to make it possible for staff and parents to safely engage in conversations at that time.

What other measures is the Y taking to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19? In addition to wearing masks, children will be encouraged to wash and sanitize hands regularly. Classroom spaces will not be shared among different pods of children. Classroom spaces and the entire facility will be thoroughly cleaned each night. Shared spaces (hallways, bathrooms) will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Is financial assistance available? Yes. If your family is need of financial assistance to attend the program, please contact Meghan Hamilton at mhamilton@attleboroymca.org for a financial aid application.

Will I be able to use my child care voucher for the program? The Y is currently discussing this with PACE to determine whether families will be able to use their vouchers for the program.

Will there be an opportunity for a virtual tour of the facility? Yes. Once the classrooms are set up, we will hold a virtual tour, meeting, and Q&A session for families. We will notify you of the date and time for this once it's scheduled.

Will families be able to communicate directly with their child's teacher and staff team? Yes. We will establish emails and other communication plans to facilitate communications between staff and families.