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# BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO THE Y!

Missoula YMCA After School



## 2021-22 HANDBOOK

## Welcome!

Welcome to the Missoula Y After School Program for school-age students! The After School Program is led by qualified and caring Y counselors who offer a fun, safe, and supportive environment for students in grades K–5.

## After School Registration:

The Missoula Y After School Program offers 2-, 3-, 4-, or 5-day program options for students in grades K–5. To register, please register online or complete all forms in this packet and return them to the Welcome Center. As a licensed child care provider, the Missoula Y is required by the State to collect forms annually. Both new and returning Y After School participants must fill out all forms.

**Application does not guarantee program admittance.** Y After School staff will contact you about your application status. All children are registered on a first-come, first-serve basis. A waiting list will be taken once all spots are full.

## Participating Schools:

We provide onsite after school care at Chief Charlo, Hellgate, Jeannette Rankin, Paxson, and Russell. Franklin students are bussed to Russell Elementary School. Lewis & Clark students are bussed to Paxson Elementary School. Best Beginnings accepted.

Note: Our Jeannette Rankin after school site will start accepting Best Beginnings in January 2022. Y financial assistance is available.

## After School Payment Schedule\*:

After School tuition is automatically drafted through a checking account or credit card on the 1st of every month unless previously arrangements have been made with the program director. Schedule changes or withdrawal from the program requires two weeks' notice. A one-time supply fee of \$55 will be charged upon enrollment. Pricing differs in December, March, and June.

- 5 days/wk .....\$307/month for 1st child (\$287 per additional sibling)
- 4 days/wk .....\$257/month for 1st child (\$237 per additional sibling)
- 3 days/wk .....\$207/month for 1st child (\$192 per additional sibling)
- 2 days/wk .....\$157/month for 1st child (\$147 per additional sibling)
- Additional day.....\$25/day (Available only to already-enrolled, part-time After School participants)

\*Pricing is subject to change. Families will be alerted before being charged should pricing change.

## After School Program Schedule and Curriculum:

Missoula Y After School offers 2-, 3-, 4-, and 5-day program options. Care is offered Monday–Friday from school release until 6:00 p.m. **Excludes half days.**

Each site offers structured homework help and follows Y HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) guidelines, serving CACFP-certified healthy snacks and engaging children in at least 30 minutes of active play. Calendars are available at the beginning of the month at each Y After School site. Any schedule changes will be enacted on the following Monday. Y After School ends promptly at 6:00 p.m. A \$30 fee will be charged for every late pick up. Police will be called should a child not be picked up and should the Missoula Y be unable to reach their parent or guardian by 6:30 p.m.

Please bring the following labeled items to your Y After School site:

- Weather-appropriate clothing, such as coat/jacket
- Backpack from school
- Water bottle
- Cloth face covering
- A good attitude

Please leave the following at home:

- Toys from home
- Cell phones and other electronics
- Candy
- Money and valuables

## No After School on Half Days:

There is no Missoula Y After School on district half days. The Missoula Y offers School's Out Day Camp on MCPS school holidays. These days are not included in Y After School's monthly tuition. Visit [ymcamissoula.org](http://ymcamissoula.org) or call the Y at 721-9622 for School's Out Day Camp fees.

## Absences:

It is extremely important to let us know prior to 12:00 p.m. if your child will not be attending Y After School on a regularly scheduled day. Please call the Director of School Age Programs at 532-6272 or email [schoolage@ymcamissoula.org](mailto:schoolage@ymcamissoula.org) before 12:00 p.m.

## Immunizations:

Your student's immunization records can be emailed to [schoolage@ymcamissoula.org](mailto:schoolage@ymcamissoula.org) or faxed to 406-540-5160.

## **Participant Safety and Expectations:**

Missoula Y After School is a welcoming, educational, group environment. All participants are expected show the Y's core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility in both their actions and words. Behavior that disrupts programming, endangers self or others, disrespects property, is not in accordance of the Y mission, or requires repeated one-on-one attention may result in suspension or expulsion. Should a behavioral issue occur, Y counselors will fill out a Behavior/Incident Report that parents/guardians are required to sign and return. A copy can be provided to families for their records upon request.

Y staff may work with participants on behavior changes through action plans, behavior contracts, and parent/guardian meetings. Ongoing behavior issues will result in a meeting with Y staff parents, and Y After School directors.

## **Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship:**

Best Beginnings scholarships are accepted at most Y After School sites. The Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship is a state program that provides assistance to qualifying families in need of child care. Best Beginnings applications must be completed and turned into Child Care Resources. Applications and information about Child Care Resources can be found online at [www.childcareresources.org/families/paying-for-child-care/](http://www.childcareresources.org/families/paying-for-child-care/).

## **Missoula Y Financial Assistance:**

Families who do not qualify for Best Beginnings scholarships may qualify for Missoula Y Financial Assistance. Please submit a Best Beginnings scholarship application to Child Care Resources prior to seeking Missoula Y Financial Assistance.

To apply for Missoula Y Financial Assistance, please fill out a financial assistance application available at the Welcome Center or online at [ymcamissoula.org/financial-assistance](http://ymcamissoula.org/financial-assistance). Forms and all required documentation must be received a minimum of 7 days prior to the start of Y After School in order to be considered. For more information on financial assistance, please call the Missoula Y at 721-9622.

Have a terrific school year!

The Missoula Y After School Program  
406-532-6272

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