



ACADEMY



Parent Handbook 2026-2027

ROSE E. SCHNEIDER FAMILY YMCA

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THANK
YOU

Thank you for choosing the Y Kids Academy for your child's preschool education! We are all looking forward to a great year filled with learning, friendships, and fun. If you need anything throughout this year, please feel free to reach out!

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WELCOME TO THE ROSE E. SCHNEIDER FAMILY YMCA!



YMCA MISSION

"To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all." The YMCA is a community service organization, which promotes positive values and welcomes all people. The Rose E. Schneider Family YMCA is a leading non-profit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose, and each other. The YMCA offers programs and services to individuals and families regardless of age, sex, religion, or national origin.

PROGRAM GOALS

The curriculum teaches fun, creative, age-appropriate lessons that enhance intellectual, social, emotional, and fine and gross motor skill development of your child. Purposeful play and educational activities are designed to stimulate critical thinking skills, develop creativity, work on the basic concepts needed to develop reading and writing skills, and to develop positive social skills, such as cooperation and sharing. The YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are at the core of all programs and activities.

EQUAL ACCESS

The Rose E. Schneider Family YMCA, in keeping with its mission to help all people realize their fullest potential, encourages and supports the participation of all children in YMCA programs. We serve all children regardless of gender, race, color, nationality, religion, ethnicity, or disability. Whether a child is non-disabled or has special needs, consideration is given to the individual needs of every child and the ability of the program to meet those needs. Y Kids Academy Program works with all families to provide access to care to the best of our ability.

2026-2027 Y KIDS ACADEMY

CLASSES

Explorations (ages 2.5-3) | 2 Days/week for 1 Hour | \$85/month

- Must be 2 by 3/1/2026
- Class Meets:
 - Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00am-10:00am
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm

2- Day Preschool (ages 3-4) | 2 Days/week for 2 Hours | \$130/month

- Must be 3 by 9/1/2026
- Class Meets: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am

3- Day Preschool (ages 3-4) | 3 Days/week for 2 Hours | \$185/month

- Must be 3 by 9/1/2026
- Class Meets:
 - Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 10:30am-12:30pm
 - Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 1:00pm-3:00pm

Pre-K (ages 4-5) | 3 Days/week for 2.5 Hours | \$210/month

- Must be 4 by 9/1/2026
- Class Meets: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 9:00am-11:30am

Kindergarten Prep (ages 4.5-6) | 5 Days/week for 2.5 Hours | \$310/month

- Must be 4 by 3/1/2026
- Class Meets: Monday-Friday 12:30pm-3:00pm
 - OPTIONAL Extended Day is available Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am-12:30pm (additional \$125/month)

OPERATING SCHEDULE

- Y Kids Academy follows the Seneca Valley School District calendar; the school calendar of additional days off of school will be included at the end of this handbook.
- The Y is closed on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and closes at 3:00PM on New Year's Eve.

COMMUNICATION

WHO TO CONTACT

- Educational content, programming, and student progress questions and concerns are best directed to your child's teacher! Your child's teacher will also be sending home reports of progress throughout the year, and will schedule 1:1 conferences as needed to ensure that each child's needs are met.
- General questions about enrollment/programming, billing, and class scheduling questions and concerns should be directed to Autumn Murphy, Director of Early Childhood Education (amurphy@bcfymca.org).
- Need to update your billing method? This can be done right at the Membership Desk, or online!

CLASS DOJO

While email is one way to get ahold of the teachers, Class Dojo is one of the teachers' main forms of communication. It is quicker and easier to access. It can be used as an app on your phone, or as a website on a desktop computer. The teachers will be posting pictures, reminders and weekly updates.

This also an excellent way to send a quick, "we're running late" or "my child is staying home today" type of message. Please note that while the teachers will be able to return your message quicker than by email, their first line of responsibility is to the students present. Whenever there is a moment, your child's teacher will respond to you as soon as safely possible during working hours (8:00AM-4:00PM). **There will be a flyer sent home at Open House or the first day of school, should you miss Open House.** The flyer will give you a code specific to your child that no one else will see. It works for those new to Class Dojo, as well as those who have used it before or have multiple children whose teachers use the app. You will click "profiles" (which is your picture) and then "add a child." Here, you will be prompted to either add a child with a code or add a child through a teacher. Please click on "add child with code." You will type in your unique code and be set up with the class. If you have any trouble, please feel free to reach out to the teachers, who will be happy to assist you.

ABSENT CHILD

- If your child will be absent due to illness, please email or message your child's teacher or the Director of Early Childhood Education as soon as possible.
- If your child will be absent for an extended period of time (vacations, etc.) and you would like to pick up missed work prior to the absence, please email your child's teacher in advance.

WHAT TO BRING

DAILY BELONGINGS/SUPPLIES

- Every day, your child should bring a FULL SIZED backpack to class.
 - Please ensure that the backpack is at least 12" x 15" so that a standard sized folder can fit without being bent.
- Please send a leak-proof water bottle daily.
- Kindergarten Prep, Pre-K, & Preschool students will need a snack to enjoy during a break.
 - Snacks should be small, easy for your student to open, and take 5 minutes or less to eat!
- Remember socks! If we visit our clubhouse, all children must wear socks.
- Please send a change of clothes in a LABELED ziplock bag that will be kept at school. This includes a shirt, pants, underwear, and socks.
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!** Coats, hats, gloves, and supplies often get misplaced, and it is very helpful to have your child's name on anything they bring or wear to school

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

The Y Kids Academy classrooms utilize community supplies, meaning that commonly used supplies will be shared by all students. We kindly ask that students refrain from bringing in their own supplies. Folders will be provided for each student!

The Y Kids Academy is happy to accept classroom donations! If you'd like to make a donation, please check with your child's teacher for a current list of needed items. Teachers will have a list available at Open House, and will be happy to share needs throughout the year.

FOOD

Students in Kindergarten Prep Extended Day need to bring a packed lunch to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please be mindful of packaging!

The Y Kids Academy is NOT a nut-free program. In the case of a classroom food allergy, we will accommodate as needed.

Birthdays are so special, and students are welcome to bring in store-bought food treats with clearly marked ingredients for the class to enjoy. If you would like to send a non-food treat in, that is fine as well!

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Prescription and non-prescription medication will only be administered with written consent from the parents. Medication must be in the original container, labeled with the child's name and given to a staff member by the parent. **DO NOT** send medications with the child. Parents need to complete and sign the Medicine Log before staff will administer any medication.

Please leave special toys and belongings at home!

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

DROP-OFF

- Please be mindful of your child's class start time. If you are running late or your child will be absent, let your child's teacher know so that class is not delayed waiting for them!
- Early drop-off is not possible. Please check in with your child's teacher for drop-off before leaving the YMCA.
- **EXPLORATIONS and PRESCHOOL** will meet in the classroom inside of Rosie's Room Child Watch. Please wait for your child's teacher outside of the Rosie's Room doors to avoid congestion in the lobby.
- **PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN PREP** will meet in the classroom past the Membership Desk. Please wait in the lobby for your child's teacher. Once the teacher has greeted your child, your child can walk past the Membership Desk and enter the classroom!

PICK-UP

- Your child will be released **only** to the persons designated as Authorized Pickups. Anyone not listed as an Authorized Pickup will need to be verified via phone to the guardian on file before being released.
- If you have a court order restraining a parent from picking up a child, we must have a copy of that document on file.
- Be sure that all designated people, including the parent, are prepared to show photo identification.
- Changes to Authorized Pickups can be completed online! See the "how to" guide on page 7.
- If there is an emergency regarding pick-up, please call the Membership Desk at 724.452.9122 and they will relay the information to the child's teacher.
- Late pick-up is not possible. A \$5.00 fee will be applied to your account for every 5 minutes after the class end time. This fee is per child, not per family.
- **EXPLORATIONS and PRESCHOOL** will pick-up from the classroom inside of Rosie's Room Child Watch. Please wait for your child's teacher outside of the Rosie's Room doors to avoid congestion in the lobby.
- **PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN PREP** will pick-up from the classroom past the Membership Desk. Please wait in the lobby for your child's teacher. Please do not stand outside of the classroom windows.



Please do not park or idle in front of the YMCA during drop-off or pick-up. This area is a designated fire lane and must remain clear of vehicles at ALL times!



DELAYED RELEASE OF CHILDREN

The Rose E. Schneider Family YMCA reserves the right to delay the release of a child to a parent or other adult, if they have reasonable cause to believe the adult is impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, or is in any way incapable of assuming responsibility for the child including not having a car seat in which to transport the child. Staff shall confer with the Director, contact additional YMCA representatives or contact emergency names listed in the child's file in order to make an appropriate determination regarding the release of the child.

ADDING AUTHORIZED PICKUPS IN DAXKO

STEP 1:

Login to Daxko. On the account dashboard page, select "Add Authorized Pickup" from the options at the top of the screen.

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STEP 2:

Select the child from the drop-down menu and click on the "Add Authorized Pickup"

Be prepared with the name, address, birth date, and phone number for the person you are adding!

Authorized Pickups for Fake Kid

The following people are authorized to drop off and pick up the selected child from programs, child care, and camp.

Child: Fake Kid (2 yrs)

There are 0 authorized pickups for Fake Kid.

Add Authorized Pickup

Have questions or need assistance? Send an email to membership@bcfymca.org! To unlock your account, call your local Y. Rose YMCA: (724) 452-9122. Butler YMCA: (724) 287-4733.

STEP 3:

Repeat the procedure with each Authorized Pickup!

See the little pencil icon next to the pickup? This is how you edit and delete entries!

Welcome, Nick Sasala

Authorized Pickups for Fake Kid

The following people are authorized to drop off and pick up the selected child from programs, child care, and camp.

Child: Fake Kid (2 yrs)

Name	Email	Phone	Relationship
Nick Sasala	nsasala@bcfymca.org	(724) [REDACTED]	Father

Add Authorized Pickup

1 authorized pickups

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PAYMENT POLICY

TUITION

Tuition is for a 9-month program, beginning in September and ending in May.

- **Explorations** (ages 2.5-3): \$765 per year. Tuition is broken down into 9 prescheduled, automatic payments of \$85 drafted the 1st of each month, September-May.
- **2-Day Preschool** (ages 3-4): \$1,170 per year. Tuition is broken down into 9 prescheduled, automatic payments of \$130 drafted the 1st of each month, September-May.
- **3-Day Preschool** (ages 3-4): \$1,665 per year. Tuition is broken down into 9 prescheduled, automatic payments of \$185 drafted the 1st of each month, September-May.
- **Pre-K** (ages 4-5): \$1,890 per year. Tuition is broken down into 9 prescheduled, automatic payments of \$210 drafted the 1st of each month, September-May.
- **Kindergarten Prep** (ages 4.5-6): \$2,790 per year. Tuition is broken down into 9 prescheduled, automatic payments of \$310 drafted the 1st of each month, September-May.
- **Kindergarten Prep Extended Day** (must be enrolled in Kindergarten Prep): \$1,125 per year. Tuition is broken down into 9 prescheduled, automatic payments of \$125 drafted the 1st of each month, September-May.
- Enrollment in all Y Kids Academy programming requires a non-refundable deposit at the time of enrollment, which is applied to the first billing period for September's tuition (equivalent to one month of tuition).
- Tuition can be paid for the year in full instead of monthly scheduled drafts. Please reach out to the Director of Early Childhood Education for payment arrangements.

PAYMENT METHOD

- All payments are required to be drafted electronically. If your scheduled draft is returned/denied, a \$10 Returned Payment Fee will be assessed.
- Please note that a 3% processing fee is charged for any credit card transactions. There are no fees associated with debit cards or bank drafts. If you'd like to change your payment method, you may do so by logging into your online account or stopping by the Membership Desk. If you need clarification or have any questions related to payment processes, please reach out to billing@bcfymca.org

LATE PICK UP FEE

- A \$5.00 fee will be applied to your account for every 5 minutes after the class end time. This fee is per child, not per family. If an emergency arises, please contact the Director of Early Childhood Education or Membership Desk at 724.452.9122 to let them know.
- ****Please note:** YMCA staff are not permitted under any circumstance to provide transportation for any child or to bring or take a child home.

ILLNESS POLICY

SUDDEN/24 HOUR ILLNESSES

If a child becomes sick at school with **any** symptom listed below, staff will contact adults listed on the Child Pick-Up Authorization Form by phone before requiring a sick child to be excluded from the program. The child should remain at home/out of the program until 24 hours after the symptom ends.

If a child is showing **any** of the symptoms listed below prior to drop off at the program, the child should remain at home/out of the program until 24 hours after the symptom ends.

- **Fever** is defined as having a temperature of 100.4°F or higher taken axillary (armpit) with behavior change or other symptoms.
- **Vomiting** once during the previous 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a non-communicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration.
- **Diarrhea** is defined as 2 loose bowel movements within a close time frame. (1-2 hours or less)

Returning to Y Kids Academy: Child(ren) may return to Y Kids Academy only if the following are true statements:

- Child has been free of fever for **24 hours** without over the counter medicines (Acetaminophen, or Ibuprofen)
- Child has stopped vomiting for **24 hours** and can eat and keep food down
- Child's last bowel movement was normal

MEDICAL EXCUSE REQUIRED

If a child is showing any of the symptoms listed below, the child will be sent home/cannot return to the program until a note from a Doctor states the child is not contagious and may return to the program.

- **Conjunctivitis** (defined as pink eye or red conjunctivitis with white or yellow eye discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye.) Exclude until examined by a physician and approved for re-admission, with treatment.
- **Body rash with fever** or any untreated infected rash
- **Sore throat** difficulty swallowing, swollen glands
- **Severe coughing** child gets red or blue in the face or makes high-pitched whooping sound after coughing
- **Evidence of lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestation**
- **Evidence of a highly contagious disease** (an illness that can spread rapidly from person to person through contact, droplets, or the air). This can include COVID-19, influenza, norovirus, chickenpox, whooping cough, and measles.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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In case of a severe emergency or accident, we will:

1. Administer first aid
2. Call emergency medical transportation (911)
3. Contact parents and child's doctor
4. Contact YMCA administration

The safety and welfare of children attending Y Kids Academy is our highest priority. We have updated our Emergency Operations Plan that provides for response to all types of emergencies. Depending on the circumstances of the emergency, we will use one of the following protective actions:

- **In-place sheltering/Lock-Down:** Sudden occurrences, weather or hazardous materials related, may dictate that taking cover inside the building is the best immediate response.
- **Evacuation:** Total evacuation of the facility may become necessary if there is a danger in the area. In this case, children will be evacuated to our Pavilion/Playground.
- An **Emergency Alert** will be sent out through the Class Dojo App, email and via phone, if needed. We will notify families immediately when any emergency issues arise. Please inform your child's teacher or Director of Early Childhood Education of any updates needed to your contact information in a timely manner.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Y Kids Academy follows the Seneca Valley School District for all weather-related delays and closures. If Seneca Valley closes due to weather, the Y Kids Academy will also be closed.

If Seneca Valley School District is on a two-hour delay, the following schedule will apply:

- **EXPLORATIONS**
 - M/W 9:00am-10:00am → 11:00am-11:45am
 - T/Th 11:30am-12:30pm → 12:35pm-1:20pm
- **2-DAY PRESCHOOL**
 - T/Th 9:00am-11:00am → 11:00am-12:25pm
- **3-DAY PRESCHOOL**
 - M/W/F 10:30am-12:30pm → 12:00pm-1:25pm
 - M/W/F 1:00pm-3:00pm → 1:35pm-3:00pm
- **PRE-K**
 - M/W/F 9:00am-11:30pm → 11:00am-12:45pm
- **KINDERGARTEN PREP**
 - M-F 12:30pm-3:00pm → 1:15pm-3:00pm
 - **EXTENDED DAY** T/Th 10:30am-12:30pm → 12:15pm-1:15pm



CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR POLICY

Y Kids Academy has established procedures to help reduce the incidence of suspension or expulsion due to challenging behaviors.

Professionals who work with young children expect to be met with challenging behavior from time to time. During the first five years of life, children are just beginning to learn how to handle their own emotions and conform to the behavioral expectations of society. This can be a difficult process for some children.

We define challenging behavior as any behavior that:

- interferes with children's learning, development and/or success at play;
- is harmful to the child, other children or adults;
- puts a child at high risk for later developmental, social or school problems.

Challenging Behaviors can be direct (e.g. hitting, pushing, biting, kicking) or indirect (e.g. teasing, ignoring rules or instructions, excluding others, name-calling, destroying objects, having temper tantrums). Our staff views working with children's challenging behavior as an integral aspect of their job. The word discipline incorporates "instruction" or "training" as part of its definition. Instruction is the foundation for our approach to guiding children's behavior. We accept that young children will sometimes display their emotions or try to achieve their goals in unproductive or immature ways. This is developmentally appropriate. Much of a child's most valuable learning, especially in a group setting, occurs in the course of behavioral problem solving.

Y Kids Academy focuses on creating positive learning environments that encourage social-emotional development and respond to challenging behaviors by incorporating positive behavior/discipline practices and policies before ever considering expulsion or suspension.

GUIDANCE FOR PREVENTION OF SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

In an effort to prevent expulsion and suspension of children, Y Kids Academy shall adopt the following, in policy and practice and in a consistent and non-discriminatory manner:

- Use developmentally appropriate practices that provide stimulating and interactive learning environments, diversity, age appropriate expectations, small group activities, teachable moments and knowledge of research based evidence and best practices in child development, early learning and education.
- Invest in professional development, training and education to ensure educators have the competencies to support children's social and emotional health.
- Develop and implement classroom schedules that meet the needs of the children.
- Adapt learning environments to promote healthy social interactions with others.
- Develop healthy and nurturing relationships with children.
- Develop strong partnerships and relationships with parents.
- Develop and implement classroom expectations that are developmentally appropriate, clear and consistent.
- Provide family engagement opportunities.
- Ensure fairness and equity.

OTHER OPTIONS PRIOR TO EXPULSION

Prior to the expulsion of any child from this program, the staff and director will follow these guidelines:

- Document efforts to prevent and reduce expulsion.
- Conference with parents to discuss positive behavior interventions and development of goals.
- Identify and engage mental and behavioral health consultants and community resources after obtaining parent permission.
- Provide reasonable accommodations.
- Reduce the number of days or amount of time in care for a specified amount of time.

Addressing & Communicating Behavior

Students spend a lot of time learning about school expectations and reviewing, practicing, and reinforcing positive school behavior throughout the year. Occasionally, our young students may exhibit behavior that is unsafe or prevents them or others from learning and having fun. Here is how we plan to address and communicate different behaviors to ensure that our classroom environment remains safe, welcoming and fun.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIORS

- Leaving the learning area
- Interrupting instruction
- Distracting peers

Expectation is reviewed

Behavior continues

Calm down area offered

Parent(s) contacted via Class Dojo

DEFIANT BEHAVIORS

- Refusal to comply with directives
- Refusal to complete work
- Yelling at teachers/peers

Expectation is reviewed

Behavior continues

Calm down space and 1:1 support

Parent(s) contacted via email

DANGEROUS BEHAVIORS

- Hitting, kicking, punching
- Leaving the classroom
- Running from teacher
- Improper use of materials

Behavior is stopped immediately

Additional support called in

1:1 support until calm/safe

Parent(s) receive phone call

Home-School Partnership



A strong partnership between home and school is very important to ensure that a child has the resources and support necessary to be successful in the classroom. Many students receive support from outside agencies, and we are happy to partner with any other professionals as needed. Each child's learning journey can look different, and it is the goal of the Y Kids Academy to adopt a whole child approach to education.

When caregivers might communicate with school

- If your child has an acute/short-term need
 - This could include: illness, broken bones or adapted mobility due to injury, onset of new symptoms/concerns
- If your child has a chronic need
 - This could include chronic illness (such as asthma), behavioral health considerations (such as ASD, ADHD, etc.), and developmental areas of need (speech, OT, PT, developmental therapy)
- Prior to IEP meetings for school input
- If a significant change in the home occurs
 - This could include a new sibling, loss of a loved one, change in home dynamics (move, divorce/separation)
- If a caregiver ever has any concerns regarding a child's adjustment to school, behavior in the classroom, or academic performance

When school might communicate with caregivers

- To share positive progress
 - This could be communicated via a message on Class Dojo, an e-mail, or mentioned at pick-up
- If a student is not responding to reasonable accommodations within the classroom
 - Reasonable accommodations can include: preferential seating, visual cues, verbal prompts, praise, planning and preparation prior to new tasks, giving time to respond, giving choices, short breaks, class-wide reinforcement using tokens (stickers, stamps, small prizes), whole class reinforcement
 - This could be communicated via e-mail or phone call and a conference would be requested
- If a student becomes ill (phone call to pick up) or injured (phone call or e-mail)
- If a student impacts the safety of peers or the teachers
 - If this occurs and a student is not responding to reasonable accommodations, a parent will be called to pick up the student for the day to ensure safety

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates for parties, celebrations, etc. depend on the class each child is enrolled in. Please see the calendar provided by your child's teacher for specific dates!

SEPTEMBER 2026

- No School: 9/7, 9/21
- Open House: 9/2 or 9/3
 - Please see welcome e-mail!Students will meet at their normal day/time for Open House.
- IEP/Special Considerations Meetings: 9/4 (by request only)
- First Day of Class: 9/8 or 9/9



OCTOBER 2026

- No School: 10/22, 10/23
- Early Conferences (by request only): 10/22
- Halloween Party: 10/28, 10/29, or 10/30
- FIELD TRIP (Yeck Farms): TBD



NOVEMBER 2026

- No School: 11/11, 11/25-11/30
- Positive Steps Evaluations: TBD
- Thanksgiving Celebration: 11/23 or 11/24
- Scholastic Book Fair: 10/30-11/6



DECEMBER 2026

- No School: 12/21-12/31
- Christmas Party: 12/16, 12/17, or 12/18

JANUARY 2027

- No School: 1/1, 1/15, 1/18
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: 1/11-1/14



FEBRUARY 2027

- No School: 2/12, 2/15
- 2027-2028 Y Kids Registration:
 - Current students/siblings: 2/1
 - Open House: 2/2
- Valentine's Day Party: 2/10 or 2/11
- First Responder Field Trip: TBD



MARCH 2027

- No School: 3/5, 3/22-3/30
- Easter Celebration: 3/17, 3/18 or 3/19



APRIL 2027

- No School: 4/16
- Scholastic Book Fair: 4/30-5/7



MAY 2027

- No School: 5/14
- Last Day of Class: 5/19 or 5/20
- End of Year Picnic & Pre-K/Kindergarten Prep Graduation: 5/21

2026-2027 Y Kids Academy At-A-Glance Calendar

COLOR KEY:

IEP/Special Consideration Meetings (as needed)

Open House/Meet the Teachers

First/Last Day in Session

Y Kids Closed - Students and Teachers

Y Kids Closed - Students only (Teacher In-Service)

CLOSINGS/DELAYS:

In the event of a weather-related closing or delay, the Y Kids Academy follows the Seneca Valley School District's schedule. If SVSD is closed or delayed, Y Kids Academy is as well! Please see the delay schedule located in the 2026-2027 handbook for class start/end times.

SEPTEMBER 2026

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OCTOBER 2026

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NOVEMBER 2026

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DECEMBER 2026

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JANUARY 2027

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MARCH 2027

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APRIL 2027

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FAQs

CAN I CANCEL MY CHILD'S ENROLLMENT?

Different circumstances (such as, moving out of the area) come up throughout the year which can understandably cause a student to withdraw from the Y Kids Academy. We appreciate as much notice as possible prior to cancelling enrollment so that we can offer a spot to another student. The deposit made at the time of enrollment is not refundable under any circumstance. **Written communication to the program director is required no later than 7 days prior to the start of the month.** Tuition is auto-drafted on the 1st of each month, and this auto-draft will be cancelled only if written communication is received within 7 days. Refunds (full or partial) are not possible in any circumstance once tuition has been drafted.

WILL MY CHILD HAVE HOMEWORK?

Homework is at the discretion of each Y Kids Academy Teacher. Some students benefit from work at home that reinforces the lessons taught at school. Your child's teacher will communicate expectations for homework with you as needed.

ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER?

We love help from parents! Parent volunteers will be requested at different times throughout the year, such as during the Scholastic Book Fair and for classroom parties.

CAN WE CARPOOL WITH OTHER FAMILIES?

Of course! Just be sure that the adult picking your child up is listed as an Authorized Pickup for your child.

WILL MY CHILD GO OUTSIDE?

We are so blessed to have an amazing playground and outdoor space at our facility, and we love to utilize it as much as possible! Trips outside are common in our Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten Prep classrooms, and are at the discretion of the teacher. It is important that students can walk safely in a line before we take them on any outdoor adventures.

WILL MY CHILD SWIM?

We do not currently offer swimming opportunities during our Y Kids Academy classes. Many students enjoy swimming before or after class during open swim, and we also offer swim lessons through our Aquatics Department!



Thank you so much for choosing the Y Kids Academy! Please reach out if you have any questions about our classrooms or programs!



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