



Dear P.A. Shaw Families,

We are excited to offer YMCA Out-of-School Time Programs for the families at the P.A. Shaw Elementary school. All children, whether new to a Y Program or returning, are in for a time of fun, learning, and life-long memories. Whatever your child's age or interest, the Y has an engaging, enriching and safe activity to match.

For the 2016-2017 school year, we are moving our before school programming to the Dorchester YMCA branch located at 776 Washington Street. This location change will allow us to offer your child a wider range of enrichment activities each morning. We will be able to offer swimming in our pool, sports in our full-size gymnasium, and fitness activities such as Zumba and yoga in our exercise studio. We will also continue to offer hands-on arts, science, math, and literacy activities each week. Afterschool programming will remain on-site at the P.A. Shaw.

Planning for your child's out-of-school time program requires more than the purchase of a new backpack or making sure their homework folder is ready to go. In order for the Y to welcome your child, we must have a number of forms on file, in the interest of keeping your child safe, and keeping the staff connected to you. To complete your child's registration, you must complete and provide the following:

- Registration Form
- Enrollment Packet
- Signed Physical and Immunizations Record (within last 2 years)
- EEC Medication Forms signed by Physician and Parent (If necessary)

*These forms must be completed in their entirety before a child will be considered registered, even if your child is currently enrolled in a Y Program. The information is required per the regulations established by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

We're looking forward to having your child join us for afterschool.

Sincerely,

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YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON

P.A. SHAW OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME FAQ SHEET

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mission & Vision

YMCA Out-of-School Time programming ensures all children reach their fullest potential through a project-based, active, and intentionally structured curriculum.

Daily Schedule

Before School (At Dorchester YMCA*)

7:15-7:30am	Check - in and Small Group Activities
7:30-8:00am	Physical activity (Swim, Sports, Fitness)
8:00-8:45am	Enrichment (Arts, STEM, Fitness, Swim)
8:45-9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	BPS Transportation to P.A.Shaw

After School (At P.A. Shaw)

4:10-4:25pm	Afternoon Snack
4:25-4:45pm	Physical activity/ Teambuilding
4:45-5:15pm	Homework Assistance / Literacy
5:15-5:45pm	Enrichment (Arts, STEM, Nutrition)
5:45-6:00pm	Small Group Activities / Dismissal

What are the hours of operation?

Our program is open from 7:15am to 9am for Before School at the Dorchester YMCA and 4pm to 6pm for After School on-site at the P.A. Shaw.

What is the program cost?

Through the generosity of YMCA donors, financial assistance scholarships are available for families based upon income. The YMCA also accepts vouchers and offers state subsidies when available for families who are income eligible. The full price of after school is \$97 per week per child and for before school, \$44 per week per child.

What is the transportation policy for before school?

At the end of the Before School program, children will be transported via Boston Public Schools alternative transportation to the PA Shaw. YMCA staff will transition students to the school bus and ensure all children board safely. The YMCA does not provide transportation to school, parents must apply for alternative transportation.

Does my child need to swim?

Swimming is an important part of the YMCA experience. Children will be accompanied in the pool by their before school staff members and our trained lifeguards will be present to keep all children safe in the water. While children do not have to swim, we will encourage all children to participate and ask that you send your child with a bathing suit and towel on the days swimming is scheduled. Children will have supervised changing time in the locker rooms before and after swim time.

What happens on vacations and snow days?

The YMCA offers full-day programming during vacation weeks and most snow days at one of our local branches. We are open from 8am to 6pm. Parents must drop off by 9:30am on these days and provide lunch on any snow days.

What are the staff qualifications?

The program is led by a full time Site Director with a Bachelor's Degree in a related field. The Y maintains a 1:13 staff to child ratio for ages 5-13 and a 1:10 ratio for 4 year olds. All educators go through extensive background checks and participate in ongoing and thorough training throughout the year.

I'm ready to sign up! How do I register?

Great! Complete a registration form and enrollment packet. If applying for financial assistance, complete ACCESS application and submit financial documentation to the Site Director, who will securely maintain your information. All enrollment is pending site availability.

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