2026–27 SCHOOL-AGE PARENT MANUAL

YMCA OF GREATER ST. PETERSBURG

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. FOR HEALTHY LIVING. FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.



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Welcome YMCA Parents

Welcome to our YMCA in-school programs, which offer opportunities for positive growth and development in an environment that is safe, fun and educational. Trained YMCA staff serve as positive role models, engaging children in healthy activities that focus on the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

We invite you to like and follow our YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg Youth Development Facebook Page for photos and updates from our programs, a place to build community with other Y members, news on free family events happening locally and more. Find that page at **fb.me/stpeteymcayouth**.

As the leading nonprofit for strengthening community, the Y is for Youth Development. We strive to nurture confident, engaged kids today – leading to healthy, contributing adults tomorrow. Thank you for choosing the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg!



ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM GOALS

- Foster achievement by giving children the opportunity to gain new knowledge and abilities
- Build confidence, help children discover who they are and promote a sense of belonging by creating a supportive and welcoming environment
- Build strong and healthy relationships by encouraging children to make new friends as well as between staff and participants

The YMCA provides convenient, high-quality childcare ensuring your child stays active, learns and has fun every day! At your school or program site, our caring staff helps your child to develop the physical, educational, emotional and social skills that are essential for success. The Y gives your child a safe, nurturing place to connect and belong. In our care, your child will receive:

- curriculum that enhances academic and social success
- healthy snack and / or dinner (select school-age sites)
- daily literacy enrichment
- homework time offered
- care from licensed and certified staff
- daily outdoor activities
- limited screen time

HOURS OF OPERATION

The YMCA will provide care on professional educator days and non-student days at selected sites. Please note that start and end times are subject to change. During operating hours, the YMCA has an open door policy.

Elementary: 6:30AM until start of school; release until 6PM

Bay Point Middle: 6:30AM until start of school; release until 6PM
Madeira Beach Middle: 6:30AM until start of school; release until 6PM
Mangrove Bay Middle: 7:00AM until start of school; release until 6PM
Meadowlawn Middle: 7:00AM until start of school; release until 6PM
Pinellas Park Middle: 7:00AM until start of school; release until 6PM

ONLINE ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT & PAYMENTS

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Once you've enrolled your child in a YMCA program, you'll be able to set up online access to your YMCA account. With online access, you can:

- View your account balance
- Update your payment method on file
- Make changes to your authorized pick up list
- Register your child for youth sports, swim lessons and more
- Download your annual childcare tax statement (when available)

Visit **stpeteymca.org/login** to login, learn more or set up access.

PAYMENT METHODS

Credit / Debit Card Draft: Auto-drafted payments will occur every Friday, 10 days in advance of the scheduled week your child will be attending the program as prepayment for service. These fees are non-refundable and will not be prorated for missed days due to illness, vacation or any other reason.

Please notify staff of any changes to your card; If payment is declined, a $25 insufficient funds fee will be charged. Payments unresolved within one week may jeopardize enrollment. Fees must be paid regardless of attendance. Receipts are available upon request.

Financial Assistance: Charitable contributions enable the Y to provide financial assistance based on a sliding scale. Qualified applicants receive assistance based on the availability of funds. Applications are available at **stpeteymca.org** or at your YMCA program site.

Subsidized Care (ELC): Parents who work or go to school may qualify for government-subsidized care, which is designated by the state. All ELC recipients must adhere to policies and procedures set by ELC and the YMCA, including attendance policies and any additional fees. All parents are required to sign the ELC parent agreement which outlines the policies and responsibilities of both agencies in detail.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

To ensure the safety of your child, the YMCA will follow the Florida statutes regulating childcare centers. Each child must be checked in and out by an authorized individual age16 & up with a valid photo ID. Children will not be released to any person other than the individuals on the pick up authorization list.

Authorized individuals are indicated in writing by the guardian on the pick up authorization form at the time of registration. Changes to the pick up list must be made utilizing your secure online account. Please contact your Site Director for instructions or more information. Phone calls, faxes or emails are not accepted.

For your child's safety, should any person who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol arrive to pick up your child, our staff will be required to contact another person on your pick up authorization list. If no one is available, we will be required to call law enforcement.

All children are responsible for walking to and from the program area. The YMCA is responsible for the children upon arrival at the designated school-age program area after school. If your child attends breakfast provided by the school, they may be dismissed to go to class by school personnel.

Late pick up

We understand that life does not always go as planned. If you realize that you will be late to pick up your child from care, we ask that you notify the YMCA. To avoid having to pay a late fee, we strongly urge you to add multiple individuals authorized to pick up your child from care. Please remind any authorized individual that a valid photo ID is required to pick up your child. Excessive tardiness may result in the dismissal from the program.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

If a child attends one (1) day in a program the full weekly fee will be assessed. Please note that there is a per-absence requirement that applies to subsidized care families (ELC). Proper documentation for ELC must be provided for any absences or vacations of more than 3 days per month.

If at any time your child needs to be withdrawn from the program, you must present a written notice two weeks in advance.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Special programs are offered on some holidays or school non-student days (weekdays when school is out) except for the following: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Good Friday and Memorial Day. Programs are consolidated during school non-student days. Hours vary for holiday camps. The program sites that are open during school non-student days are at the discretion of the principal and school board. Please check with your director for locations. For school non-student days and holiday programs, parents are responsible for providing their child with breakfast, lunch, drinks and snacks. Please no candy or soda.

MEDICATIONS

In order for the YMCA to dispense medication for your child:

- a medication form must be filled out (ask your director for this form)
- medication must be in the original bottle with the daily dosage indicated (staff will only administer medication according to dosage)
- medication must be prescribed for your child specifically
- parent or guardian must bring in the medication with a photo of the child, give it to the staff member in charge and train the staff on how to properly administer the medication

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Please notify staff of any food allergies and complete the food experience permission form during registration so we can make the appropriate accommodations to better serve your child.

PERSONAL ITEMS / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We want you and your child to have a positive experience in our YMCA program. Personal items such as cell phones, tablets, toys, games, trading cards and other similar materials are not permitted. Varied activities are provided to keep your child engaged without these items. We also do not want your child's items to be lost, stolen or broken, as the YMCA will not be held responsible. Please have your child leave these items at home unless directed by YMCA staff.

Smoking and e-cigs are prohibited on YMCA and school property.

DRESS CODE

It is important to send your child in comfortable play clothes. Closed-toe shoes are best.

YMCA CODE OF CONDUCT

YMCA staff sign a code of conduct, which outlines expectations for their behavior at work and in the community. Signing this document is a critical step in the protection of your child during our programs and in community social settings. YMCA staff members are required to abide by these guidelines or face termination. To protect our organization, staff and participants, please do not ask YMCA staff to babysit, transport or otherwise be responsible for your child OUTSIDE of YMCA program time. Additionally, staff are not permitted to engage with children online.

YMCA DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

In keeping with the YMCA mission and character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, appropriate behavior is expected of all program participants AND parent / guardians. Respectful interactions with other participants and staff are at the core of the Y mission and essential to having a successful experience for all. Childcare personnel will use positive techniques such as redirection and collaboration between staff, parents, educators and family to guide behaviors and set appropriate limits that encourage children to make positive choices. Based on the behavior exhibited, the following sequence is referenced:

1. Verbal warning and documentation
2. Written warning and documentation
3. Temporary suspension or removal from the program
4. Termination from the program

Based on severity of the child's or adult's negative behavior, these steps may be accelerated or skipped.

Florida Department of Children and Families Statute on Discipline

As stated in Florida Statute 402.305: "Minimum standards for child discipline practices shall ensure that age-appropriate, constructive disciplinary practices are used for children in care. Such standards shall include at least the following requirements:

1. Children shall not be subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating, or frightening.
2. Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest, or toileting.
3. Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited.

Prior to admission of a child to a childcare facility, the facility shall notify the parents in writing of the disciplinary practices used by the facility."

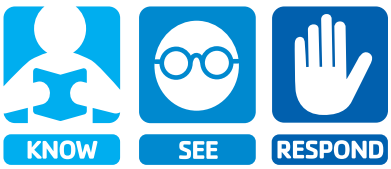
COURT-ORDERED DOCUMENTS

At the time of enrollment, parents must provide all court-ordered paperwork if any parties are not able to have contact with a child enrolled in the YMCA program. Paperwork must be an official court-ordered document and indicate who is the primary residential parent or if both parents have shared parental custody. These documents must be updated annually.

OUR COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING CHILDREN

Serving the youth in our community is a vital part of our mission, and we are committed to creating a safe environment for the thousands of children and teens we serve every year. At our Y, we take the following actions to keep kids safe in our facilities and programs:

- All Ys in the U.S. are required to implement child sexual abuse prevention practices and policies to remain a member in good standing with the National Council of YMCAs.
- We engage external experts in abuse prevention.
- We partner with passionate local Y leaders who facilitate peer-to-peer learning.
- We work closely with strategic partners to advance federal policies.



We also practice and advocate for the three habits of child abuse prevention: KNOW. SEE. RESPOND. Because when we know and understand how abuse happens, see the warning signs, and are prepared to respond quickly to prevent it, we create a culture of child abuse prevention that results in even safer environments for kids to reach their full potential.
Learn more at **stpeteymca.org/childabuseprevention**.

YMCA BEFORE-AND-AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

AZALEA ELEMENTARY
1680 74th St. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
727.201.8955
License # C920322

BAY POINT ELEMENTARY
5800 22nd St. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
727.864.3712
License # C010376

BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY
350 61st St. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33707
727.302.0463
License # C910230

CAMPBELL PARK ELEMENTARY
1051 7th Ave. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
727.502.0386
License # C030395

DOUGLAS L. JAMERSON ELEMENTARY
1200 37th St. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
727.321.3486
License # C020386

GULF BEACHES ELEMENTARY
8600 Boca Ciega Dr.
St. Petersburg, FL 33706
727.201.4565
License # 52-51-1548902

LYNCH ELEMENTARY
1901 71st Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
727.570.3170 x2317
License # C910218

MADEIRA BEACH ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE
591 Tom Stuart Causeway
Madeira Beach, FL 33708
727.201.9983
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MANGROVE BAY MIDDLE
501 62nd Ave. NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
727.893.1646

MAXIMO ELEMENTARY
4850 31st St. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
727.864.3710
License # C920217

MELROSE ELEMENTARY
1752 13th Ave. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
727.502.5096
License # C010375

MOUNT VERNON ELEMENTARY
4629 13th Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
727.202.8903
License # C920219

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY
200 35th Ave. Northeast
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
727.201.9984
License # C920224

NORTHWEST ELEMENTARY
5601 22nd Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
727.302.0519
License # C920220

PERKINS ELEMENTARY
2205 18th Ave. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
727.202.8575
License # C990360

PINELLAS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY
10501 58th St. North
Pinellas Park, FL 33782
727.202.6716
License # C910216

SAWGRASS LAKE ELEMENTARY
1815 77th Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
727.201.8290
License # C920296

SEXTON ELEMENTARY
1997 54th Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33714
727.520.7699
License # C970350

WESTGATE ELEMENTARY
3560 58th St. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
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License # C920223

WOODLAWN ELEMENTARY
1600 16th St. North
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THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIES

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MEADOWLAWN MIDDLE
6050 16th St. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33703
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PINELLAS PARK MIDDLE
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Pinellas Park, FL 33781
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OFFERED AT:
Bay Point Elementary
Bay Point Middle
Bear Creek Elementary
Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary
Lynch Elementary
Northwest Elementary
North Shore Elementary
Perkins Elementary
Pinellas Park Middle
Sawgrass Lake Elementary
Sexton Elementary
Westgate Elementary
Woodlawn Elementary

Kindergarten through eighth grade students are referred by teachers to work with YMCA staff and mentors in small groups during two one-hour sessions per week. Open to students of the host school only.

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