



July 2023

Dear Families:

Welcome to Summer Rising 2023!

We're excited to welcome students back for both academic and enrichment programming that includes outdoor recreation and art activities planned and operated collaboratively by school principals and community-based organizations (CBOs). Our full-day, in-person programs offer a safe and supportive environment for students to spend their summers.

As our programs begin, we wanted to share with you some important information that will help you and your family get started, and have a great Summer Rising experience:

Required Forms

In order to complete enrollment in Summer Rising, participating students must complete and submit the Supplemental Enrollment Form, which you can find in multiple languages at nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/after-school/summer_rising.page.

Schedule & Attendance

Be sure you are aware of your child's summer schedule:

Grade Level	Schedule
Kindergarten–Grade 5	July 5 – August 18 (7 Weeks) Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Grades 6–8	July 5 – August 11 (6 Weeks) Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

A typical day for most students will consist of academic programming in the morning, and an enrichment period in the afternoon.

Students in Summer Rising are expected to attend full summer programming. Please discuss planned absences with the principal in charge and/or the CBO director.

Attendance will be taken each morning by the school and during each afternoon activity by the CBO. If a student is absent, the school and/or CBO will attempt to reach their parent/guardian. Following a student's sixth consecutive absence and a minimum of three unsuccessful attempts to contact the parent/guardian, the school and CBO will unenroll the student (students in D75/Extended School Year (ESY)/ASD programming will not be unenrolled from their Individualized Education Program (IEP) mandated programs).

If your plans have changed and you no longer wish for your student to participate in Summer Rising, please notify your Summer Rising site immediately to process your un-enrollment request and allow schools to plan accordingly.



Transportation & Dismissal

Students in grades K–5 must be picked up by an authorized adult by 6:00 PM. Middle school students may self-dismiss at the end of the day with authorized guardian approval.

New York City Public Schools will offer rideshare to select eligible families for 6:00 PM Summer Rising dismissal, as busing will only be available through 3:00 PM. Rideshare is a transportation option through which a parent, guardian, or authorized adult takes a pre-paid vehicle for hire (e.g., rideshare or a taxi) to their child's Summer Rising site, and then takes a pre-paid ride home with their child.

All eligible students will have a voucher code in their New York City Schools Account (NYCSA), which you can access at schoolsaccount.nyc. You may also confirm your eligibility with your child's summer site.

For more information on family rideshare, including eligibility, please see the Frequently Asked Questions section on our Summer Rising webpage at schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are served to Summer Rising students. Breakfast is served between 8:00 AM and 9:15 AM, and lunch is served between 11:00 AM and 1:15 PM. Snacks are served to K–8 students during the 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM enrichment period.

Most Summer Rising sites also serve as Summer Meals sites, offering free meals throughout the summer to anyone in New York City under the age of 18. For more information visit schools.nyc.gov/SummerMeals.

Summer Safety

Keeping our students safe is our top priority

Please make sure that your emergency contact information is up-to-date on NYCSA at schoolsaccount.nyc. This will ensure that school personnel can reach your family if needed.

Air quality

As you know, New York City has faced air quality issues this spring due to various factors. This summer, we will continue to work with partners at NYC Emergency Management and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to track air quality and ensure any needed adjustments are made to summer programming to keep students safe. Please see the current New York City guidance in the summer safety guidance section at schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising.

Swimming Safety

Keep cool and keep safe this summer with Swimming Safety Tips from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for you and your family, available online at on.nyc.gov/beach.



Summer Reading

Dive into a great book with your child this summer! Reading together is an important part of developing literacy skills and fostering year-long learning, and our [online Summer Reading suggestions \(schools.nyc.gov/literacy\)](https://schools.nyc.gov/literacy) are a great place to get started.

Need More Information?

Check our Summer Rising webpage (schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising) for information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions. If you have further questions, please reach out to your student's school or CBO, or email summer@schools.nyc.gov.

We're looking forward to a great summer together!

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