

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL TIME ("KAST")

2023-2024 Parent Handbook

KAST PROGRAMS:

Grades K-3 @ Bernice A. Ray Elementary School: Home base--Staff Room
Land Line #: 603-643-2411
Grades 4-5 @Richmond Middle School: Home base -- Cafeteria
Mobile Phone #: 603-252-1003

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Hanover Parks & Recreation Department
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General Information

KAST follows the Dresden/Hanover School District Calendar and is not in session on snow days. The days and hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 2:45 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday from 2 pm – 5:30 pm (noon on early dismissal days).

Sign in Locations:

ALL 4th & 5th graders meet in the GYM
3rd graders meet in the MULTI
2nd graders meet in the CAFE
Kindergarteners & 1st graders will be met in their pod

*After Sign in Ray School students attending KAST-Adventurers (grades 4 & 5) will have some playground time and then head to RMS via "Walking Bus" from the Ray School. It is important that we all meet and travel together for attendance and safety purposes. Please note that we will continue to walk in the winter so please be sure your child comes with appropriate clothing. The program *is not* in session during School closings or Snow Days.

Field Trips for Adventurers

Field trips or Special Events are planned for Half Days. Transportation will be provided by First Student or Advance Transit.

Tuition

Monthly fees are paid September through May. Your registration payment will cover the month of June (final payment of the year). Tuition is paid in advance each month. The first payment must be made at the time of registration. All subsequent monthly statements will be sent via email. You will receive your statement by the 15th of the previous month and you have until the 1st of the month to pay on-line or in person. On the 4th of the month your account will be charged to the credit card on file.

A non-refundable registration payment will be collected in May 2024 to hold your 2024-25 space. This payment will be used towards your June 2024 payment. Current Family Registration: Pre-registration is held at the end of March for currently enrolled families. Your child must be registered in the months of May and June to be eligible for the current family registration, if your child is withdrawn from the program, he/she must go back on the waiting list.

Fees:

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*Monthly cost for 5 day enrollment: \$375 *Monthly cost for 4 day enrollment: \$305
*Monthly cost for 3 day enrollment: \$235 *Monthly cost for 2 day enrollment: \$165

Drop-in Policy:

If space is available, students may come to the program for an extra day at a cost of \$30.00 per day/\$40.00 on Wednesday. Families need to email the Out of School Time Program Director 24 hours in advance to request a drop-in day.

Schedule Change or Withdrawal Process:

Students can be withdrawn from the program or drop a day with a full month's notice (ie: notice given BY October 1st for November 1st) **by emailing the Out of School Time Program Director**. Changes in schedule are not accepted for **September**, changes in schedule can begin as of October 1st (once you have registered and paid for the 2020-21 school year schedules are set until October; you may request a change or withdrawal up until August 1st and if the space can be filled with another child from the waitlist you will receive a household credit). There is a \$10.00 schedule change fee for each change requested.

Pick up Procedure:

Families can call or come into the building (Ray School- school lobby / RMS- café) to sign a student out of the program. Communication between families and program staff is important as well as the safety of each student. A release form must be filled out if you would like your child to walk home alone. Students at KAST Adventurers can be allowed to leave the program on his/her own if parents have filled out that section of the registration form in advance.

The doors of the school will be locked at 5:30pm. **Anyone arriving to pick up a student after 5:30pm will receive a minimum late fee charge of \$10.00. The fee will continue at a rate of \$1.00 per minute up until 6pm then will increase to \$2.00 per minute** to be paid at the Parks and Recreation Department. Repeated late pick up may jeopardize your child's enrollment at KAST.

Absences:

Families need to contact the Program via email (absent@kidsafterschooltime.org) by 2:30 on M/T/TH/F and by 1:45 on Wed or by phone 643-2411 Explorer land line or 603-643-2411 Adventurer cell phone before the school bell rings.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event that after school activities are canceled due to inclement weather, families will be contacted by email asap. One staff member will remain on-site at each program to be sure all students have another plan of action for the afternoon. Please review this plan with your child ahead of time.

Code of Conduct:

If a student continuously engages in disruptive behavior, the Out of School Time Program Director and Site Supervisors will work closely with his/her family to explore ways of addressing the problem. We reserve the right to send a child home or refuse attendance to any student whose repeated disruptive behavior jeopardizes the program and or its participants.

All school rules apply at the program. Students will be sent home and or suspended for violence, stealing, destruction of property, injury to staff or students, or verbal abuse.

Medical Information:

The program requests parents provide all necessary medical information to program staff via the registration form or by contacting the Out of School Time Program Director.

Illness:

Students who are not feeling well will be assessed by program staff. Students will be sent home for vomiting, fever, diarrhea, persistent sore throat, drainage from eyes, suspected head lice, or any other communicable sickness or disease.

Families will be notified in the event a student receives an injury requiring treatment beyond basic First Aid.

Lead staff is certified in First Aid and CPR.

Communication:

Please communicate any questions or concerns about your student's after school experience to Nicole Leonard, Out of School Time Program Director. We welcome positive feedback as well as constructive criticism and are always looking for ways to improve the program.