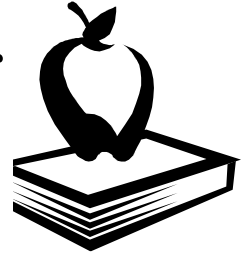


Survival Guide for Deering Middle School Students



Welcome

Welcome to the YMCA 21st Century Community Learning Center at Deering Middle School (pretty long name huh? We'll just call it the after school program...sounds better).

Some of you have been here before. It's great to have you back. Some of you are new faces. We're super excited that you heard how awesome we are and decided to check it out for yourself.

For those of you that have been here before, you'll notice some changes. We hope they're for the best but let us know if you like something better the old way.

We're all about choices and mak-

ing sure our programs are run the best way possible. Your input means a lot to us.

A quick overview of our program:

We offer time to do your homework, fun activities and help to make sure you are doing your best in and out of school. Basically we're here to make sure you have an awesome time here at Deering Middle School!

Ask around, we're pretty good at our job, people think we're pretty cool, I swear.

We hope time spent with us will make keeping track of HW a little easier. We have some suggestions on how to make the most of your time but in the end, it's up to you. You'll find your

enrichment activity schedule, HW completion sheets, HW trackers, and of course our expectations and rules (boring but we need to put them in).

Another change is that we'll begin paying you to attend. Yea that's right, we pay you to be here (of course not in real dollars, we aren't made of money!).

Well, we hope you have a lot of fun hanging out with us and maybe get some HW done too.



Hopefully we'll be able to help you out with all those assignments so you never look like this!

Attendance

Attendance isn't mandatory. HOWEVER, if you are in school, we expect you to be in after school. If you are going to miss an afternoon program, we must have a written note from mom or dad. Without a note, there will be a phone call home.

You are expected to go directly to the cafeteria after school. You may not leave the building and come back. Also, snack ends at 2, if you're late, you miss out.

The only reason you should be late to the

cafeteria is if you were with a teacher so you must have a note from that teacher.

If you miss an enrichment class in the first 2 weeks, or you miss more than 4 classes in a session, you will be warned and then dropped from that class.

The Dreaded RULES

1. SIGNS UP! When you hear a staff member say signs-up. It's time to raise your hand and stop talking. Usually means something important is about to happen.
2. Zero Tolerance on bullying and fighting. If we see it or hear about it, expect to be suspended from the program.
3. Teachers may have a few more rules in their classes. Know what is expected of you and know the rules. If you don't know, ASK!
4. A lack of respect or breaking of the rules will result in a written warning, phone call home and then suspension from the program. If the behavior is severe, we may just skip right to a phone call or suspension.

Homework Time

As much as I'd like to think we're all fun and games, we aren't. Sometimes we have to get serious and do some work. We only do it because we want to be helpful. I promise it's not to torture you. Hopefully we'll help you become organized and you take advantage of the time offered. It only lasts for an hour and it won't hurt a bit.

Homework time is for your benefit. Use the time wisely. Teachers are there to help you and resources are available that you might not have at home. For example, computers. Computer time, however, is only for students that can show they have work to be completed on the

computer. You must sign up for computer time during snack.

Always be respectful of the students around you. Some people need it nice and quiet, some people need to talk it out with other students. Find areas of the room so that you don't conflict with other work environments.

If you are in a class with your friends, do yourself a favor and be sure to sit away from them if they'll get in the way of your work. Otherwise, don't be surprised if the teacher moves your seat for you.

We encourage you to work together to complete your work

but this is not a social hour. All conversations taking place during HW Club should have to do with, believe it or not, HW!

Teachers will be handing out HW trackers to help keep track of what you've completed and what you still have to complete. It helps to keep track of long term projects and tests too. There are all sorts of ways you can get organized. This time, along with your agenda you can get yourself organized for school!

Expectations!

We only have 2 things that we expect out of the students that participate in our program

- Always be Respectful. Be Respectful of each other and never bully a fellow student. Respectful of your teachers and staff and always listening. Most of all Respectful of yourself and always trying your best.
- Always have FUN! We aren't forcing you to come. If you don't like a class, all we ask is that you try it for a week. If you aren't feeling it, we'll see what we can do about changing it.

Deering DOLLARS!

So I bet ever since you read that first section, you've been wondering how we pay you to come to our program. Well here it is...

Your teachers will pay you in Deering Dollars for the following things:

- Using your school agenda.
- Working hard.



- Completing assignments
 - Helping another student
 - Meeting our expectations of respect and fun.
 - Much, much more!
- You can use this "money" to buy some pretty great things at the After School Store. Keep an eye out for when the store will be open.

Daily Schedule!

So this is how things will work on a daily basis...

- 1:48 Dismissal from School, head to the cafeteria for SNACK and friends.
- 2:00 Homework Club!
- 3:00 Your **HW Teacher** will bring you back to the cafeteria where you'll find your **Enrichment Teacher**. Take a seat with your teacher and wait for the rest of the class.
- 3:00 Once your whole class gets there it's time for some fun in Enrichment!
- 4:15 Time to go HOME!

Enrichment Activities

This is where we do our best to have fun! Enrichment activities are all those fun classes that you sign up for like Cooking, Clay Mania or Board Games. These classes are held after HW Club. You must attend HW Club to be able to go to your enrichment class.

When you sign up for a class, you are expected to attend that class for the entire session. Sessions last for 7-8 weeks. You are not able to switch classes until you have attended 2 full classes. If you still wish to

change, you must see a staff member to fill out a change of class form. This form must also be signed by a parent. Keep in mind

that when you change classes after a few weeks you may only have a few choices to switch to.

A few weeks before every new session we will hand out new registration forms so you can sign up for new classes. Some classes are only offered during certain

sessions so be sure to keep a look out for new classes! Classes fill up quickly so hand in all forms as soon as you can.

Also, keep in mind that while your Enrichment Class is meant to be fun, there are still rules to follow and expectations to meet. Always be respectful to the Enrichment Teachers and fellow students. Be aware of any other expectations or rules your teacher might have and always be sure you're trying your best to follow them.



Your Schedule

This is a place to put your Enrichment Class Schedule so you always know where to go!

MONDAY: _____

Room # _____

TUESDAY: _____

Room # _____

WEDNESDAY: _____

Room # _____

THURSDAY: _____

Room # _____

