Arts + Rec School Day Enrichment FAQs

What programs, locations and dates/times does the Arts + Rec School Day Enrichment Program offer?

- **Grades K – 8th Enrichment Programs** are available at Civic Park and Heather Farm Park facilities.
- **Teen Enrichment Programs** are available through Center for Community Arts at Shadelands Art Center and the Civic Park Ceramics Studio.
- **Partnership with Walnut Creek School District** will take place on campus at Tice Creek School.
- **Specialized Recreation Enrichment Programs** are available for participants ages 5 to 22 with special needs.

To review program hours and register, please visit: [www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment](http://www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment)

*This initial offerings are a pilot program. Arts + Rec intends to develop, modify, and expand this program as more information becomes available from local school districts. Changes for future sessions could include programs at additional school sites in Walnut Creek and/or changes to days/times of program offerings. Registrants for the pilot program may receive priority registration for future program sessions.*

How do I register my child for the Arts + Rec School Day Enrichment Program?
Register online [here](http://www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment). If you need any help registering online, please give us a call at (925) 943-5858.

Can I sign my child up for more than 1 pod or program?
Based on County health guidelines, each student should be registered in only 1 pod in order to maintain stable groups. Arts + Rec reserves the right to remove students who have signed up for multiple pods.

What should I expect regarding dropping off my child and picking them up?
Families will be emailed detailed instructions about drop-off and pick-up in your welcome packets with registration. Welcome packets will be emailed to families before the start of the program.

Please note that parents must sign their child in and out each day – our staff will help our parents through this process each morning and afternoon.

What safety measures will you be taking this fall to prevent the spread of Covid-19?
The Arts + Rec School Day Enrichment Program will follow safety practices and protocols that have been outlined by Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Please see the [CCHS order](http://www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment) regarding childcare policies and protocols. Please see the Arts + Rec Safety Protocols [here](http://www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment).

- Please note that staff, instructors, and students will be screened each day to ensure that they arrive in good health. Parents/guardians will be asked to sign-in their child at the designated
drop-off / pick-up locations. Parents/guardians must take their child's temperature at home before or upon arrival to the facility (no-touch thermometers will be available).

- Staff and instructors are required to wear masks throughout the day. Physical distancing will be practiced for all age groups whenever possible. We ask that parents / guardians wear masks and practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up.
- Each pod will consist of up to 12 students and two staff members (pod leaders). There will also be a Site Coordinator on location overseeing the program throughout the duration of the program.
- The facilities undergo daily cleanings and disinfecting at the end of each day. The staff will also clean and disinfect all facilities between different pods regularly throughout the days.

Are snacks and lunch provided for students?
Snacks and lunch are not provided by our program. Please be sure to pack snacks for your child daily including a water bottle. Please be sure that snacks and lunches are nut-free. Make sure to clearly label everything as we cannot keep Lost & Found on site.

How much is the School Day Enrichment Program and what about refunds?
Please visit [www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment](http://www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment) for current program offerings and fees. If you wish to withdraw, call us at least five (5) business days before the start date for a refund. A $12 withdrawal fee per person, per class will be charged. No refunds or credits after this time. Refunds are processed within three weeks. **No refunds for non-attendance or lack of student participation.** For refund information, please call (925) 943-5858.

Are scholarships available?
Yes, please see our application page [here](http://www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment) for more information. Scholarship funds can be applied to School Day Enrichment programs or used to register for other Walnut Creek Recreation offerings this year.

Do you have any programs for children ages 2-4 years?
Yes, we do! Preschool programs are available through Center for Community Arts at Shadelands Art Center, Civic Park, and Heather Farm. To review programs and register, please visit: [Community Arts Preschool](http://www.walnut-creek.org/communityarts) [Virtual Preschool classes](http://www.walnut-creek.org/virtualpreschool) are also available for families that prefer distance learning opportunities.

Do you offer any programs for children with special needs?
Yes, the Specialized Recreation Pods will be available for stable cohorts of 12 students in grades K – 12 including students in extended transitional programs through the school districts. This program will follow the same hours, programming logistics and safety requirements as all other pods. Please see our current schedule [here](http://www.walnut-creek.org/schooldayenrichment) or contact us for more information at (925) 943-5858.
Can my children / friends be enrolled in the same group if they are not the same age?

Our pods will be split into different groups based on their age and grade level. When you register, you will select which group your child will attend. If your children or friends fall within the same grades, they will be in the same group. If your children / friends do not fall in the same grades they will not be in the same group.

- At this time, we are not able to place children or friends of different age groups in the same group (Eg. We cannot place a 6 year old in the 8-10 year old group in order to be in the same group as a sibling.)
- Please do not sign your child up for a group that is outside of their age range as we are programming according to group grade levels

Do you have any in-person programs during the evenings or weekends for my child?

We have some recreation opportunities as well as some great virtual classes across Arts + Rec. Please see our registration page here for our current offerings.

I'm a high school / college student that is interested in working with Arts and Rec this fall. How do I apply?

Please complete this short online interest form here. We will contact you with more information about our application process.