

## WELCOME!

Welcome families, and congratulations on joining the 75 Morton family! We look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Manhattan Youth is honored to partner with 75 Morton to provide fun, engaging extracurricular activities to complement and support your academic experience. These programs are generously funded by the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) as part of its Comprehensive After-School System (COMPASS) and are **completely free** to you.

### Schedule and Important Dates/Notes

Updated schedules, and registration information will be sent out for every trimester via the PTA email blasts. It is recommended that registrations are NOT filled out with mobile devices. If you do not have access to a computer/wi-fi, please contact your program director to set up a time for you to come to the school and sign up in person with one of our laptops. Registration for our fall 2025 trimester will open at the beginning of September!

### AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Activities are held every day school is in session. We may offer alternative programs until 3pm on half-days; this will be communicated by the program director. The Program Director will notify, in advance, of any other program closures.
- Free snacks are provided in our cafeteria immediately following school day dismissal; any students participating in afterschool that day **cannot** leave the building. Students transition to the first activity directly after snack.
- Activities are offered in **TWO** sessions, early and late. Students must register for an early session activity to participate in a late session activity. Students who participate in early sessions only will end at 4:30, while those who stay for a late session will end at 5:45. You can pick/choose your child's schedule as it fits with your family's needs!
- Activities are offered in **THREE** trimesters. Students must be registered for each trimester they wish to participate in.
- Students who are NOT registered cannot attend afterschool or tryouts. Students must be registered by 12pm on the day they wish to begin afterschool.

#### Fall Session

September 15 – November 26

#### Winter Session

December 1 – March 13

#### Spring Session

March 16 – June 12

**HOMEWORK HELP & LIBRARY CLUB:** We provide a safe place to work and create, where staff can help your student complete their assignments and offer extra support.

**SPORTS:** Our teams compete in league play against teams from other middle schools across the city. We also offer some developmental and recreational sport options for students who are new to organized sports and/or just want to have fun.

**PERFORMANCE ARTS:** These clubs may include (but not limited to) Acting, Improv, Storytelling, Latin Dance, Musical Theater, Chorus, and Step. Are you ready to show off your performer side?

**CREATIVE CLUBS:** DIY, Jewelry Making, Self-Care, Origami, and Dungeons & Dragons, to name a few!

**LEADERSHIP, LITERACY & STEM:** LEGO Robotics, Coding, American Sign Language, Debate, Photography, Black Student Union, Chess, and so much more.

We look forward to hearing what activities our students want to add to our afterschool program!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Do I have to sign my child up for all days/sessions of the week? What if my child only wants to sign up for a late activity?** Your child can enroll in as many or as few days as they want! Unfortunately, for safety reasons, we cannot allow students to leave the building for half of the day and then come back for a late club. If your child is interested in a late activity, they must attend an early activity as well. Students who are only interested in an early activity can leave before the late activity session.

**Am I guaranteed to get the activity I sign up for? Do activities fill up?** The only activities that are not guaranteed are our competitive sports teams. Please note that all competitive sports teams require a tryout *each year*. We do our best to accommodate as many students as possible in our activities, but due to safety ratios and equipment availability, we may have to limit the number of students in a particular class. Before you register, it is best to discuss a first and second choice (maybe even third and fourth), should the activity that your child wants to participate in fill up. If your student does not make the competitive team, we encourage them to sign up for our sports clinics throughout the year to help them work on the sport for the year ahead!

**Are the Study Lab sessions that are offered one-on-one tutoring?** No; our homework sessions are usually led by Manhattan Youth line staff. While some of our line staff may be able to offer support in certain subjects, our study lab sessions are just safe, controlled spaces where students can get their homework done before moving on to another activity or going home.

**What if my child has to leave early from afterschool?** We ask that you email or text with any changes to your child's regularly scheduled activities. To minimize disruption to all of our students, we ask that your child not leave in the middle of an activity. Students will not be allowed to leave their scheduled activities without notice from a parent/guardian.

**I've noted that my child is NOT allowed to self-dismiss, what does this mean? Can I change this?** Students who are not allowed to self-dismiss MUST have a parent/guardian present in front of the school building to pick them up at the end of their afterschool activities. You may switch this option whenever you'd like, however this applies to their entire schedule, not specific days.

**Who teaches afterschool activities?** Manhattan Youth employs experienced teachers, teaching artists, and coaches to lead activities. We also recruit young professionals and college students to serve as our teaching assistants. All employees are subject to background checks, including fingerprinting from both the Dept. of Health and Dept. of Education as well as clearance from the NY State Criminal Registry.

## COMPETITIVE SPORTS (BY TRIMESTER)

### FALL

Cheerleading (co-ed)  
Flag Football (co-ed), JV/Varsity  
Girls Volleyball, JV/Varsity  
Soccer (Girls/Boys), Varsity

### WINTER

Basketball (Girls/Boys), JV/Varsity  
Cheerleading (co-ed)  
Fencing (co-ed)  
Table Tennis (co-ed), JV/Varsity

### SPRING

Baseball (co-ed)  
Fencing (co-ed)  
Girls Softball  
Track & Field  
Volleyball (Girls/Boys), Varsity

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