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GREATER WICHITA YMCA

KEY Academy

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**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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KEY Academy Parent Information and Program Policies | ymcawichita.org/key

KEY Academy Electronic Enrollment Form | ymcawichita.org/key

Fun Club Enrollment Forms (School Day Out and Camps) | ymcawichita.org/funclub





GREATER WICHITA YMCA BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

KEY ACADEMY OVERVIEW

When school is out, you can trust the Y to provide an engaging experience for children in their own school. The Greater Wichita YMCA's KEY Academy allows children to deepen understanding of and relationships with their schoolmates through active play and collaboration on fun, engaging projects. The inclusion of a healthy breakfast in the morning, snack in the afternoon, and support for homework and learning ensure a well-rounded program.

Key Academy is owned and operated by the Greater Wichita YMCA as a school age program within the Child Care and Camp branch of the association. The KEY Academy program is licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and open to children, regardless of YMCA membership status.

KEY Academy programs serve elementary youth aged 5 to 12 in over 20 school sites across six local school districts. AM sessions, where available, begin at 6:30AM and end with staff dismissal of kids at the start of the school day. Afternoon sessions begin when students arrive after school is dismissed and close at 6:00PM.

See a full list of participating schools on page 11 of this document.
Register TODAY – space is limited.

SCHOOL DAY OUT SESSIONS OVERVIEW

Need a fun and safe place when school is out of session? Check out the Greater Wichita YMCA Fun Club School Day Out Sessions– for one-day, scheduled school in-service, fall, winter and spring break offered at select Key Academy locations and Greater Wichita YMCA Branches. **Separate registration is required for Fun Club.** Find dates, locations, and registration forms online at ymcawichita.org/funclub.



KEYS TO SUCCESS IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

The Greater Wichita YMCA's Before and After school programs are specifically designed to provide kids a safe, welcoming place before and after the school bell while nurturing self-confidence and encouraging exploration of the world around them. The program empowers success today and tomorrow by supporting academic achievement, fostering health and wellness, and instilling positive social and emotional skills through:



**PHYSICAL FITNESS
AND ACTIVITY**



**NUTRITION
EDUCATION**



**STEM-BASED
CURRICULUM**



**HOMEWORK
SUPPORT**



**ART AND CULTURE
EXPLORATION**



**SOCIAL AND
EMOTIONAL GROWTH**



**FAMILY
ENGAGEMENT**



**CHARACTER
DEVELOPMENT**





KEY ACADEMY

CONTENT AND DAILY ACTIVITIES

When participating in Greater Wichita YMCA KEY Academy programs, your child will think they are simply having fun, but you'll have the peace of mind knowing they are not only expanding their minds and social skills but developing lifelong healthy habits. Enrolled Kindergartners through students, age 12, will benefit from:

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- Youth in enrolled in our AM sessions participate in 20–30 minutes of morning exercise from yoga to calisthenics they are moving, getting the body and mind active for a great start to the day. When they head to class they are energized and ready to learn.
- Afternoon session include 30–45 minutes of active play daily. Student participates in planned physical games and activities that teach team work and good sportsmanship. Weather permitting children spend time outdoors daily.

HEALTHY EATING

- All KEY Academy program sites participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and include a healthy breakfast (AM) and snack (PM) in program enrollment fees.

Y-CHATS

- Daily opportunities for youth and adults to connect and “chat” are skillfully designed and planned to help kids develop self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.
- Chats are schedule in advance. Parents are encouraged to track themes and monthly calendars (see page 9) for insights on area of focus and monthly questions so they can continue the conversation at home.

HOMEWORK SUPPORT

- KEY Academy staff set aside 30 minutes, each Monday–Thursday afternoon for quiet activities and to support those with homework and assignment completion.
- Study time reinforces positive learning habits and can allow more family time each evening.

AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

This year’s “BIG IDEAS!” topics (see page 6) are designed to expand kids’ minds by connecting them to the outside world, the people in their lives and history/traditions. Students will spend four-to-eight weeks exploring each topic through activity-based exploration, including perspectives kids have possibly not yet discovered.

- In addition to weekly themed activities, youth will explore science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) lessons designed for all age groups, creative art projects, and character education that focuses on our four YMCA values; caring, respect, responsibility and honesty.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

- Considered in every activity and interaction within Key Academy programs, day-to-day interactions and team building activities with peers and Y staff focus on growing positive relationships and skills to avoid, minimize the frequency of-, and more-quickly resolve conflict.



KEY Academy

THEMES/BIG IDEAS!

As outlined on page 5, Key Academy activities build on themes – or BIG IDEAS! – that are chosen to ensure all kids can participate and benefit from participation and to keep daily content new, fresh, and exciting. Themes for this academic year* include:

WE ARE GOOD CITIZENS

SESSION 1 | AUGUST

Starting off right is the goal of this Big Idea! Using our YMCA core values of Respect, Responsibility, Caring and Honesty as our guide, we will spend the first few weeks building a YMCA family at each of our school sites. At the end of this session, we will have clearly defined our program expectations and brought the character values to life.

FALL IS FUN

SESSION 2 | SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

As the weather begins to cool and the seasons change, there is so much to discover! This session is rich in STEM activities. From creepy crawlers to catapults, we will make learning fun.

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FESTIVITY

SESSION 3 | NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

This time of year is often full of family celebrations that include special food, traditions and extended family and friends. Sharing recipes, tasting food, making crafts and playing games from a variety of holiday celebrations allows children to explore culture and diversity in a meaningful way.

OLYMPICS PAST AND PRESENT

SESSION 4 | JANUARY, FEBRUARY

From the ancient to the modern Olympic Games, students will explore the rich history and traditions of this international sports festival. From the Torch Relay, to the 5 Rings that symbolize the event, a few special athletes and some really special places we

will learn how the Olympics are more of a celebration of culture, diversity and world peace than just a sporting event.

EARTH DAY EVERYDAY

SESSION 5 | MARCH, APRIL

Activities during this session are designed to promote environmental awareness. From the origins of Earth Day, the concept of recycling and other ways we can take care of the world around us, this unit is sure to inspire everyone to take actions.

EVERY DAY IS A SPECIAL DAY

SESSION 6 | MAY

The weather is getting nice and there is a lot to celebrate in May from Cinco De Mayo to Mother's Day and Armed Forces Day. But do you know some of the lesser known special days of May like; World Laughter Day, Kite Day, National Space Day, No Sock Day or Lucky Penny Day? KEY Sites will have a lot of flexibility this month to add in fun games that center around these and/or other "Special Days of May". We are sure to keep them engaged with this fun eclectic theme.

PARENT CALENDARS

KEEP EVERYONE INVOLVED

Each Key Academy staff offers a complete calendar – with all themes, activities, schedule changes, and information parents could want or need to stay informed. Parents can get copies of each site's calendar from staff or by contacting the Greater Wichita YMCA Child Care and Camp Administrative Offices (see back cover for contact information).

*Session and schedule are subject to change based on district calendar and student schedules. A minimum of 15 students per session are required to maintain the program.









SAFETY AND QUALITY MATTER PROGRAM, STAFF, AND LICENSING DISCLOSURES

HIRING THE BEST

EXPERIENCED

All KEY Academy Staff:

- Are established child care providers - averaging 4+ years of relevant experience.
- Meet-or-exceed the minimum KDHE requirements for education and experience.

WELL-TRAINED

The Greater Wichita YMCA provides KEY Academy Staff with:

- 16+ annual hours of training and in-service development;
- Training in Pediatric CPR and AED usage and First Aid;
- Supervision and behavior management training;
- Tools for recognizing, preventing, and reporting child illness and child abuse;
- All YMCA employees have a Comprehensive Background Checks to ensure the safety of all program participants;
- Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation Name and Fingerprint Database Checks are conducted by KDHE.

ROLE MODELS

KEY Academy Staff are positive, caring adults who:

- Appropriately engage, challenge, and nurture students to challenge every child's potential.
- Exemplify and personify our YMCA Core Values (Respect, Responsibility, Caring, and Honesty).

LICENSED TO SERVE CHILDREN IN KANSAS

KEY Academy programs are licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and contract with the State of Kansas' Department of Children and Families (DCF).

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

STEP ONE

Visit ymcawichita.org/KEY to learn more about our program and locations. Make sure to review the Parent Policy section for full program enrollment, payment and other important program policies and procedures such as special needs, pick up and drop off and what to bring!

STEP TWO

Complete the online registration forms and permissions for participation. You will need to log into your Y account OR create an account to complete this registration step. This online registration must be complete BEFORE you can proceed with enrollment.

STEP THREE

The school year Enrollment Form can be downloaded online, pulled from the center of this booklet or picked up at a branch. Fill out the form, including selecting your school and sessions. The final step is going to any YMCA branch location to complete your enrollment!

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Online registration forms do NOT hold a space for your child.
- Some locations fill fast and/or have limited availability. Early registration is encouraged.
- Enrollment and payment of fees must be complete, at a YMCA Branch, by Monday a FULL week in advance.

* Complete KDHE Paperwork is required for KEY Academy participation. KDHE paperwork from other/previous Greater Wichita YMCA programs (2020-2021 academic year Key Academy, 2021 Summer Camps, etc.) is NOT applicable to satisfy this requirement.



The Greater Wichita YMCA offers full day Fun Clubs in select districts and YMCA Branch locations during most school closure days.

KEY Academy participation is not REQUIRED for Fun Club participation. School district-specific registration forms and general enrollment forms for fall, winter, and spring break are available at ymcawichita.org/funclub. Pre-registration is required, fees are due at registration and space is limited.

SCHOOL DAY OUT FEES

- \$10/Day/Child (KEY Academy Participants)
- \$25/Day/Child (Youth on a YMCA Family Members / School District Employees)
- \$35/Day/Child (All Other Children)

FALL, WINTER AND SPRING BREAK CLUB FEES

- \$25/Day/Child

Learn more about Greater Wichita YMCA Fun Clubs including additional information, locations for programming, available dates of service, costs, registration forms, and more online at ymcawichita.org/funclub.

KDHE Paperwork and advanced registration is required for all Fun Club participants and spots are limited so register NOW.

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

Did you know that the Greater Wichita YMCA is the region's largest provider of child care, before- and after-school support, camp programs, youth sports, and swim lessons – among other things?

Find to check out other programs, activities, and options we offer your school-aged child(ren) – including the cost-saving benefits extended to YMCA Members enrolled in KEY Academy and other options including, but not limited to:

- Mom's Day Out and Parent's Night Out | ymcawichita.org/respite
- Youth Sports | ymcawichita.org/sports
- Swim Lessons | ymcawichita.org/swimlessons





2021-2022

KEY ACADEMY LOCATIONS

Students, unless otherwise noted or approved, must attend and participate in KEY Academy activities at the school where they are enrolled. Some KEY Academy sites serve two elementary schools within a district (as indicated below).

ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (USD 385)

Cottonwood Elementary | AM/PM Service
Martin Elementary | AM/PM Service
Meadowlark Elementary | AM/PM Service
Prairie Creek Elementary | AM/PM Service
Sunflower Elementary | AM/PM Service
Wheatland Elementary | AM/PM Service

GODDARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS (USD 265)

Amelia Earhart Elementary (Also Serving Oak Street*) | AM/PM Service
Apollo Elementary | AM/PM Service
Clark Davidson Elementary | AM/PM Service
Explorer Elementary | AM/PM Service

MAIZE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (USD 266)

Maize Central Elementary | AM/PM Service
Maize Elementary (Also serving Maize Vermillion*) | AM/PM Service
Maize Pray Woodman Elementary | AM/PM Service
Maize South Elementary | AM/PM Service

RENWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS (USD 267)

St. Mark's Elementary | PM Service

VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (USD 262)

Abilene Elementary | AM/PM Service
Wheatland Elementary | AM/PM Service
West Elementary students may enroll in either Wheatland or Abilene.
Must confirm transportation with the school district prior to enrollment.

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS (USD 259)

Beech Elementary | AM/PM Service
Caldwell Elementary | PM Service

* Select school districts provide service to students attending one elementary school to be served at another elementary school, as indicated above. In these instances, the school district provides and is solely responsible for transportation to/from school sites. The Greater Wichita YMCA does not provide transportation for KEY Academy students nor does KEY Staff facilitate bus transfers or logistics and is not responsible for transportation-related considerations. Parents should contact school district staff for transportation information, questions, or concerns. Parent/guardian shall be responsible for communicating participation and transportation arrangements to all parties.



The Greater Wichita YMCA's Child Care and Camp branch is an inclusive organization of men and women focused on nurturing the potential of every child. We know that lasting personal and social change comes through trust, collaboration, and a community strengthened by YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, HEALTHY LIVING, and SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. Learn more at ymcawichita.org/childcare

GREATER WICHITA YMCA MISSION

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that promote healthy lifestyles, strong families, and positive youth development to build healthy spirit, mind and body for all, regardless of the ability to pay. Learn more at ymcawichita.org/mission.

CHILD CARE ACCOUNTS

- AutoDraft is available through credit or debit cards.
- Fees are due, and resgistration closes, by 10:00PM the Monday BEFORE the week of service, or selected start date.
- Need help with your account, have questions about enrollment or want to make a change? Reach out to our team in Child Care Accounts at childcare@ymcawichita.org or 316.776.8841.



Find **KEY ACADEMY and FUN CLUB** information, enrollment forms, policies and procedures, and more at ymcawichita.org/KEY.



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DON'T MISS OUT –
KEY Academy Registration opens in
July and limited spots are available.
REGISTER TODAY.