



2013-2014 APPLICATION PROCESS

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WHAT IS DASH?

DASH is a free 1st-6th grade recreation program funded by the Chula Vista Elementary School District and operated by the South Bay Family YMCA. It is provided for the purpose of supplementing and enhancing the daily physical exercise provided for each child. There is no homework assistance at DASH and it operates after school for 2 hours a day on regular school days and 3 hours a day on minimum days when school is in session. Students must be enrolled in DASH in order to attend.

YMCA DASH staff are trained in working with children, First Aid and CPR certified, and have cleared a fingerprinted background check. They are provided at an approximate 1 staff to 25 student ratio for the purpose of facilitating the daily activities. Therefore, students who attend DASH are required to participate in the activities provided that day for as long as they choose to attend the program. Our activities commonly take place in multi-purpose rooms, outside on the fields, and on the blacktop areas. They consist of the daily assembly, organized games, arts and crafts, and sports clinics.

If students are attending DASH on a given day, they are expected to DASH-in within 10 minutes of school dismissal. Once a student DASHes out of the program they must be heading to a specific pre-determined destination (i.e. home, sports practice, parent pick-up). Please understand that the staff may not confirm this with a child who is DASHing out. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child is going to a safe location. Additionally, students may not loiter on the school grounds after or instead of attending DASH.

DASH is not a Licensed Childcare Program. There is no sign-in/sign-out procedure for DASH. As a recreational program, DASH is designed to allow the students to attend whichever days they choose. Students are also free to DASH themselves out from the program any time they desire as long as they are leaving campus or going to another organized activity. We understand that DASH may not suit everyone's needs; therefore, at many of the schools we also offer a Licensed Childcare Program. If you are interested in Licensed Childcare please visit us at www.southbay.ymca.org for rates and information. Otherwise, we wish you the best of luck with the DASH lottery and hope to see you soon!





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Dear School Community,

Thanks to the popularity of the **YMCA DASH (Dynamic After-School Hours) Program**, we are expecting a high demand in the 2013-2014 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the DASH Program for the 2013-2014 school year, **please read this carefully:**

PLEASE READ – THE APPLICATION PROCESS HAS CHANGED!

April 10, 2013 – DASH applications will become available on-line at www.southbay.ymca.org, at your child's school office and at South Bay Family YMCA Facilities.

April 15 – April 26, 2013 – DASH applications will be accepted for the lottery process.

- The lottery process is random, not first come – first serve.
- Applications received before or after these dates will not be eligible for the lottery.
- **NEW!** In person applications will only be accepted at the South Bay Family YMCA. South Bay Family YMCA: 1201 Paseo Magda, Chula Vista, 91910
Hours: M-F 4:30 AM–10:00 PM, SAT 6:30 AM–7:00 PM, SUN 7:00 AM–5:00 PM
- **NEW!** Applications may also be faxed to (619) 421-8012. Applications must be complete, signed, have a minimum of 2 emergency contacts, and include a valid email address to receive a lottery number. Faxed applications will receive their lottery number by email within 1 business day of submittal.
- **NEW!** Do not turn your application in at DASH or the school.

April 27, 2013 – June 2014 – DASH applications received after the lottery process will be added to the waiting list in the order received. During this time they may be submitted at the DASH program, the YMCA, or faxed to 619-421-8012.

May 24, 2013 – Lottery results will be posted on-line at www.southbay.ymca.org and at the school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. Why a lottery?

To ensure every family currently attending a DASH school has an equal chance of getting accepted into DASH, should they complete this application process. Currently enrolled DASH students must reapply and enter the lottery if they are interested in DASH for the 2013-14 school year.

Q. Who is eligible to enter the lottery?

Each student in 1st-6th grades who is enrolled at the DASH school for the 2013-14 school year. Kindergarteners will not be accepted.

Q. Can I enter more than once?

NO. Each family will receive only one lottery number at a given school. Children's names will be cross-checked. Any attempt to submit more than one application at the same school or across

multiple schools will result in immediate disqualification. **DON'T RISK HAVING YOUR APPLICATION DISQUALIFIED.**

Q. How will the applications be selected?

A computer program will randomly order the total number of lottery numbers that were actually distributed at each individual school. YMCA staff will pull valid applications according to the computer-generated list of numbers until all of the spaces in the program are filled, and will continue in this method for creating the waiting list.

Q. How many students will be accepted into DASH?

Program staffing allows for the daily attendance of approximately 50 students per day. Since we do not expect every child to attend every day, we will automatically enroll the first 75 students from the list. Children from the same family will not be split up as long as their applications are submitted together on the same lottery number. If you have students at multiple schools, please contact us prior to April 26, 2013 at 619-421-9622 to ensure we consolidate your lottery numbers.

Q. How will I know if my children are accepted?

Lists of enrolled students, as well as the waiting list order, will be available on Tuesday, May 24, 2013. Lists will be posted in the school office and on the South Bay Family YMCA website www.southbay.ymca.org. **Only students identified as ENROLLED may start coming to DASH on the first day of school next school year.**

Q. What if my family is on the waiting list?

YMCA DASH staff will notify waiting list families if and when they can start using the program. This will be determined by the usage patterns at individual schools, which change throughout the year. Though we strive to maintain the maximum daily attendance, there are no guarantees that a student on the wait list will be enrolled. **If your application number is not announced as ENROLLED, you will need to wait until a YMCA DASH staff contacts you before sending your child (ren) to DASH.**

Q. What if I miss the lottery enrollment?

If you missed the lottery enrollment, you will still be able to add your name to the existing waiting list. Applications can be submitted to the YMCA at 1201 Paseo Magda, the DASH program, or faxed to 619-421-8012 and will be added to the end of the waiting list as they are received.

Q. What if I am in another YMCA program?

To be eligible for DASH you must be current with all YMCA payments and balance dues. If DASH conflicts with your enrollment in another YMCA program but you wish to attend DASH, you must call and cancel your other program enrollment and give/honor any appropriate cancellation notices.

Q. How does space become available in DASH during the school year?

We appreciate when families who no longer need DASH inform us so that we can enroll other students. Additionally, students may be dis-enrolled for any of the following reasons: poor attendance, late pickups, and behavior challenges. Please note: students who do not attend for over a month may be dropped without notice.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.