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**SOUNDVIEW FAMILY YMCA**  
**2021-2022 School Age Child Care Parent Handbook**



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**We strive to meet the needs of our families while providing quality experiences for the children in our programs. When the school day is over, where and how children spend their time is vital to their growth and success in life.**

**We are very pleased to have you in our School-Age Child Care Program. If you ever have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact the supervisory staff at your child's program. Further information and registration forms are located on our website. We are looking forward to a fun-filled school year and getting to know your family.**

## **SOUNDVIEW FAMILY YMCA School-Age Child Care Staff**

**Soundview Family YMCA After School Program:** The Soundview Family YMCA After School Program is held at the Soundview Family YMCA. All Branford school students are transported by First Student Bus Company to the Soundview Family YMCA at dismissal time. The Soundview Family YMCA After School Programs begins at the time of dismissal and runs until 6:00pm. On days when school is dismissed early for Professional Development or Parent/Teacher Conferences, the Soundview Family YMCA After School Program will begin at the time of dismissal and conclude at 6:00pm. However, when school is dismissed early for any emergency or weather related issues, the Soundview Family YMCA After School Program will not be operational. Each afternoon, the children will be served a light snack, have the opportunity to work on homework, participate in games, STEAM and other activities. Parents/guardians are required to have photo ID with them when signing their child out with the afternoon supervisor daily. Monthly newsletters and calendars will be distributed to families on a regular basis. The after school program runs on the Branford Public Schools calendar.

**Absences/Change of Attendance:** If your child is going to be absent from the program, please notify the Y as far in advance as possible. All after school absences should be reported no later than 12:00pm to allow time for the Main Y to let the program site know of the change in your child's schedule for the day. If you need to make changes to your child's schedule, you must complete a SACC Change Form at the Y indicating the type of change you are intending to make to his/her schedule. If your child is out for more than 3 days due to illness, you will need to get a doctor's note for your child to return to the program.

**Inclement Weather and related Emergency Policy:** When Branford School Systems are closed, the Soundview Family YMCA After School Program will be closed. The Y Fun Club Program will be operational once the roads are passable. Weather Alerts can be found on our website, [www.soundviewymca.org](http://www.soundviewymca.org), Facebook, and on News Channel's Weather Alert System.

**Y Vacation Day Program:** On scheduled school vacation days, the Y offers the Vacation Day Program. This program is located at the 628 East Main Street, Branford CT. The program is operational from 8:00am-6:00pm. Parents/guardians are encouraged to sign up for this program early as it typically reaches capacity one week prior to the scheduled day off from school. Registration can be done at the Y day by day or for the duration of the school year beginning September 1, 2021. During the Vacation Day Program, the children will participate in a games, arts/crafts and activities, as well as recreational swimming. Please remember when packing lunch and drinks that the Y is a nut-free environment. Parents/guardians are required to have photo ID with them when signing their child out with the program staff daily. Vacation Day flyers will be distributed to families on a regular basis at the Soundview Family YMCA After School Program.

**Site Information:** The program staff can be reached at their sites beginning at 2:30pm each day. Absences and changes in schedule should be reported to the Main Y no later than 12:00pm each day. It will allow us to pass this important information along to the program staff daily. SACC program is located in Studio A. The program will have regular use of the gym and outside play area as well.

**Contact Information:** The Soundview Family YMCA is located at 628 East Main Street, Branford CT. The telephone number is (203) 481-9622 x3208. School-Age Child Care and registration forms are located on the Soundview Family YMCA website, [www.soundviewymca.org](http://www.soundviewymca.org) under the Child Care Section.

### **Quotes from a Parents**

*"My son and daughter loves coming to the Y for distant learning. It has been a very positive experience during this difficult time. Thank you to the staff for keeping them on task and safe!"*

*"The YMCA has provided my son the place to grow and learn and thrive, and it reduced my stress because I had trust in the YMCA and their amazing staff. I cannot even tell you without tearing up how much of a difference having these programs, especially this year, has meant to my family."*

*"I want to start by saying THANK YOU to ALL YMCA Staff for doing such a GREAT job during this COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, my main priority is the safety of my son, and so my concern was how the YMCA was going to manage to keep everyone safe during the pandemic. The YMCA not only managed to keep everyone safe by providing a safe environment and following all of the safety protocols for the kids. .. for that, I THANK YOU ALL."*