

The Lower Lab School

NYC PS 77



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM Sponsored by the Lower Lab PTA

Fall 2019 Schedule:

Monday, September 16, 2019 through Friday, January 24, 2020

- See inside details for NYC DOE holidays and half days excluded from all classes during the semester.

Online Registration Friday, September 6th at 10 am through Sunday, September 8th at 8pm

- Late registration fee of \$50 for registration between September 8th after 8 pm and September 11th at 8 pm.

Lower Lab Afterschool Program: Schedule and Tuition

September 16th- January 24th. See below for DOE holidays & half days excluded from ALL classes.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Snack 2:35 – 3:00	Snack 2:35-3:00	Snack 2:35 – 3:00	Snack 2:35 – 3:00	Snack 2:35 – 3:00
Mad Science Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$575	Sports Grades K-1 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$500	Mad Science Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$650	Lego Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$400	CHESS (all levels) All Grades 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$600
Soccer Grades K-1 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$525	Sports Grades 2-5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$600	Art with Ms. Michelle Grades K-3 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$625	Computer and Robotics Grades 1-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$625	Hip Hop Grades K-3 3:00 – 4 pm \$675
FUNctional Fitness by PopFit Kids Grades K-2 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$575	Dramazone: Theatre Grades K-2 K :3:00-4pm \$650 1-2: 3:00 -5 pm \$750	Newspaper Club Grades 1-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$400	Mandarin -- (All Levels) All Grades 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$825	Robotics Grades 4-5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$750
Gaga Grades 2-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$425	Yoga Grades 2-5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$750	Computer and Robotics Grades 3-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm \$625	Fashion & Sewing Grades 2 – 5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$725	Flag Football Grades 1-5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$675
Mandarin and Science Grades 1-5 3:00 – 5:00 pm \$750		GO K 3:00 – 4 pm \$475 1-5: 3:00- 5 pm \$625		
		Ice-Skating** Grades 1-5 3:00 – 5:15 pm Off-Site \$1050		
Lions Running Club*** Grades 4-5 7:30 – 8:00 am \$75	Lions Running Club*** Grades 2-3 7:30 – 8:00 am \$75			
Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100	Extended Care* All Grades 4 - 5pm \$100

- o * Extended Care available only to students enrolled in the Lower Lab Afterschool program for a class that ends before 5pm.
- o ** Ice Skating takes place **off-site**. Please see descriptions below for location and pick-up details.
- o *** Lions Running Club registration is through afterschool but program is administered by Mr. Goodman.

Lower Lab Afterschool Program - Policies and Procedures:

The Afterschool Program is sponsored by the PTA and organized by parent volunteers. We can be reached at lfterschool@gmail.com. If you would like to join our team, **please contact us to get involved!**

All About Afterschool

The Afterschool Program is available to students enrolled at PS 77, The Lower Lab School. The program begins at 2:35pm and all classes meet once a week. Students are dismissed to the auditorium, where they are supervised while they have a snack, relax, chat with friends, read or do homework. Classes generally begin at 3pm and run until 3:50 pm or 4:50 pm as noted. Dismissal is at 4 pm or 5 pm. Extended Care is offered for an additional fee until 5pm, for classes that end earlier. Some classes are held off-site. There is no busing home from Afterschool.

Please send your child with a nut-free snack. Snack will not be provided, and sharing is not permitted.

On-Site Supervision Provided by Lower Lab TAs and Teachers

On-site supervision is provided by Lower Lab teaching assistants and teachers who work with your children during the school day in the classrooms. Contact them if you are running late, or if an adult not included in your registration will be picking up your child. Please do not contact the parent volunteers or the school. On site supervisors will check phone and email after all children have settled into their respective classes after 3pm. They can be reached at:

clublowerlab@gmail.com or [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293)

Code of Conduct

Children are expected to follow the same behavioral rules in the Afterschool program as detailed in the Lower Lab Code of Conduct for the school day. Failure to do so will result in one warning (“strike”) and then removal or suspension from the afterschool program for the semester and/or full year. This includes time spent in the auditorium, classrooms, gym, and especially walking to off-site classes, while in class with an off-site vendor, or any other location they might be in during the Afterschool program, which begins at 2:35pm. No tuition, fee or other refund will be given for children who are dismissed and/or otherwise removed from the Afterschool program for any reason.

For certain behavior, removal or suspension from the program may be immediate, at the discretion of the on-site afterschool supervisor.

Usage of electronic devices is not permitted during the Afterschool program. We follow the same policy that PS77 has in effect during the school day. Cellular phones, iPads and other communication or gaming devices may not be turned on for use during the Afterschool program. If students are in violation of this policy, the device will be confiscated.

Parents and guardians are also expected follow the rules and guidelines described in this brochure. Failure to follow these rules including pickup policies and interactions with vendors and staff may result in the removal of your child from Afterschool program.

School Nurse and Allergies

The school nurse does not remain in the building for the Afterschool program. If your child has a life threatening allergy, or any other medical condition that you think may impact your student's participation in our program, please let us know ASAP. Refrain from sending snacks that contain nuts, as there are children with nut allergies. Class instructors will not have access to IEP, 504 or medical information. Class instructors or any on site afterschool staff cannot be authorized to administer medication.

Class Instructors

Most classes are taught by outside vendors that have staff with expertise in that field or topic. Most instructors are not certified NYC school teachers, and do not have access to your child's IEP. They will also not be aware of any on-going issues your child might have during the school day. If there is information the afterschool instructors or supervisor should know about your child, please contact the Afterschool program. The vendors are contracted with the PTA. If any issues arise, please do not contact the vendors directly.

Schedule and Holidays

Fall 2019 semester will run from **Monday, September 16th through Friday, January 24th**. All classes exclude holidays on the NYC DOE calendar and half days (i.e. teacher conferences). Afterschool will also be cancelled if school has an unexpected early closing due to weather or other conditions. There are no make-ups. You will be contacted at the email addresses you entered into the registration system if there are cancellations or other changes to the schedule. There are no Afterschool classes on the following days:

- Monday: 14 classes, excluding Sep 30, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 30, Jan 20 (Last day is Jan 13)
- Tuesday: 15 classes, excluding Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 24, Dec 31 (Last day is Jan 21)
- Wednesday: 16 classes, excluding Oct 9, Dec 25, Jan 1 (Last day is Jan 22)
- Thursday: 16 classes, excluding Nov 14 (half-day), Nov 28, Dec 26 (Last day is Jan 23)
- Friday: 17 classes, excluding Nov 29, Dec 27 (Last day is Jan 24)

Registration, Tuition and Fees

Registration is per student per class for the semester and must be completed online using the link located on the first page of the brochure. Tuition must be paid in full before the first day of the class. Tuition varies by class, and is based on the number of weeks of instruction.

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. We suggest you register early as some classes do fill up fast! If a class fills up, or is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be notified. If you would like to be placed on a wait list for the class, please contact us at lfterschool@gmail.com. Wait list priority is based on the time stamp of your wait list request, not the time of your original registration. All email correspondence from the Lower Lab Afterschool Program will be sent to the email addresses you provided upon registering your child into our system.

Classes with low enrollment that do not meet the minimum required by the vendor are subject to cancellation.

Children who qualify to receive free or discounted school lunch per DOE guidelines may qualify for reduced pricing in some classes based on availability at time of registration. Please contact Gina Goodman prior to registration at ggoodman@lowerlab.org.

A confirmation email will be sent to families the weekend before classes begin with room location, and class specific details if needed. Please keep this email and the brochure for reference, as it will contain more detail about the overall program. Days excluded from the program are listed above under Schedule and Holidays.

Missed Classes

There are no refunds for missed classes, and no make-up classes.

Refunds, Cancellation and Late Enrollment:

- **No refunds will be granted for any reason!** If space is available, you may switch classes before the second class only! Additional fees may apply. We utilize many different vendors, which does not allow the flexibility to transfer between classes.
- There is a \$50 charge for returned checks.
- Late enrollment, after the signup deadline of **Sunday September 8th at 8 pm**, will incur an additional registration fee of \$50 AND the full tuition price will still apply. Please allow 7 days for all late registration to be processed before your child can start attending the class. The late fee will be waived for families who are admitted into the Lower Lab/PS 77 after the registration deadline.
- Due to classes starting on Monday, September 16th, late registration ends on Wednesday, September 11th at 8 pm. No further registration is permitted after this time.
- No tuition, fee or other refund will be given for children who are dismissed and/or otherwise removed from the Afterschool program for any reason.

Dismissal, Pick-Up, and Pick-Up Late Fee

Afterschool dismissal will occur outside the main 3rd Avenue doors. Parents/caregivers are required to wait outside the doors- do not enter the building. Adults are not allowed to sign in and pick up the children from the classroom.

Children must be picked up at their dismissal time. We cannot accommodate early dismissals. If there is an urgent situation and you need to pick up your child, you must call [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293) and a TA will bring your children down to the 3rd Avenue doors. Please add this number to your phone now and share it with your caregivers. Do not contact the main office and do not email. Call [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293).

Parent volunteers are not allowed into the classrooms.

Extended care is available until 5pm for classes that end earlier. Please see class descriptions regarding end times and class locations. There is no busing home from afterschool.

If you are late to pick-up your child at their specified class dismissal time, late charges will be as follows:

The late fee is \$25 for the first lateness and \$50 for the second lateness. If fees are not paid, and/or if lateness is determined to be chronic or repetitive, your child may be removed from the afterschool program for the semester and/or full year, and there are no refunds. If your child has accumulated unpaid late fees, he or she will not be allowed to re-enroll in Afterschool until the fees are paid.

We are offering extended care until 5 pm on a drop-in basis. You can ONLY enroll on the day that your child is signed up for an Afterschool class. The fee is \$25. To make arrangements, email clublowerlab@gmail.com no later than 3 pm on the day you need childcare. This option is not available from 2:35 – 4 pm. Your child must be picked up by 5 pm.

Please include all persons permitted to pick-up your child in the registration form. We cannot release your child to anyone not listed. On-site supervisors (Lower Lab TAs) can be reached at clublowerlab@gmail.com or at [646-591-9293](tel:646-591-9293). Contact them if you are running late, or if an adult not included in your registration will be picking up your child. Please note that they are unable to accept phone calls, texts or emails before 3pm.

Lower Lab After School Program: Descriptions

MAD SCIENCE- Chemicals, Codes & Crime

Grades K-2

Monday or Wednesday

Come and spark imaginative learning with some Mad chemistry. Watch as we combine elements and make them fizz, crackle and change color! We'll delve into molecules and chemical reactions that produce light, gas and even slime. For the 2nd part of the semester you will step into the shoes of a detective and uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Some of the weekly topics in this session include : Lab Works, Junior Reactors, p.H. Phactor, Slime Time, The Glow Show, Dry Ice Capades, Icky Sticky Stuff, Chemistry Corner, The Mystery of Chem, Kitchen Chemistry, Crime Lab, Cracking the Case, The Science of Security & Agent Undercover. This topic was last offered at Lower Lab in Fall 2017.

SOCCER

Grades K-1

Monday

Have fun with your classmates in our soccer class with Simply Sports! Promoting Fun... Friendship... and Fair Play. For more information visit their website at <https://www.simplysports.net>. Class will be held in the gym or outside, weather permitting.

FUNctional Fitness by POPFIT Kids

Grades K-2

Monday

Whether preparing for sports or general movement, this fun-plus-fitness club introduces exercise and conditioning in a cool, fast-paced environment. Among the many techniques to be taught, students will learn the proper way to sit right for a sit-up, bend it for a box jump and lateral lunge with accuracy. Kids will engage week to week in high-energy circuit activities, agility drills, fun fitness games, dynamic stretches and more while learning the benefit of the Fit Five: Cardio, Strength, Flexibility, Endurance, and Balance. The program also features healthy habit activities and take home challenges sure to keep everyone on their feet!

MANDARIN + STEAM

Grades 1 -5

Monday

For students with fluent or near-fluent levels in Mandarin Chinese, STEAM+ Mandarin provides a fun, experiential learning opportunity on STEAM topics taught in Mandarin. With hands-on activities, students would explore STEAM concepts through an interactive approach, build language skills and express ideas about STEAM in Mandarin Chinese. In addition, scientific and artistic inventions and discoveries in China such as papermaking and compass will be integrated in the curriculum. Join this class to have fun with STEAM topics, deepen your child's understanding of Chinese culture, and reinforce their Mandarin Chinese!

GAGA

Grades 2 - 5

Monday

Kids go gaga for Gaga! Students will have 50 minutes of Gaga-fun at Lower Lab run by our afterschool TAs! Gaga is a fast paced, high energy game played in an octagonal pit with a soft foam ball, that combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball.

SPORTS

Grades K-1 (3-4pm), Grades 2-5 (3-5pm)

Tuesday

Simply Sports is back! Promoting Fun... Friendship... and Fair Play. Each week, Simply Sports coaches will lead the children in a variety of sports activities designed to keep them ALL moving! Games for younger children include dodgeball, kickball, soccer and more. For the older kids, they will also play flag-football. For more information visit their website at <https://www.simplysports.net>. There will be two classes run concurrently with the different age groups. Grades K-1 class runs from 3 – 4pm and grades 2-5 run from 3 -5 pm. In nice weather, they may play outside in the schoolyard or the “L” yard near the 95th street entrance.

DRAMAZONE – Theatre

Grades K (3-4 pm), Grades 1-2 (3-5 pm)

Tuesday

The Wizard of Oz! Taught by the pros at the DramaZone® Come join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion and Toto on this magical journey through Oz! Each class teaches singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a show at the end of the semester for friends and family! Classes include dancing with age appropriate choreography, singing instruction teaching breath support and projection as well as acting exercises created to improve speech and confidence, then let the rehearsals begin. Group numbers are emphasized, no experience is necessary and special talents may be featured. Dress Code: Comfortable Clothing and Sneakers (no barefeet or crocs).

YOGA by Dramazone

Grades 2-5

Tuesday

Lion’s Yoga by DramaZone. Give a roar for a strong mind and body! This class is created to strengthen focus and breath support, while learning to calm and energize the body. Yoga is proven to increase test scores by lowering stress. Children learn poses, fluid strings of poses, yogi breathing and challenging games. All levels welcome. Dress: Comfortable clothing, shorts or gym pants requested.

NEWSPAPER CLUB

Grades 1-5

Wednesday

Are you interested in being part of the Lower Lab Kids Newspaper? Join this club if you want to write about topics that are happening in school, worldwide events, poetry, comics, and stories. You will write, edit, publish, and takes photos and videos that will be shared with the school community. This club will be facilitated by Lower Lab teaching assistants.

ART WITH MS. MICHELLE

Grades K-3

Wednesday

Join Ms Michelle’s Cool Creative Crafts Club! Art is about self-expression. Crafts ends with a tangible object of that expression. This club is about learning many ways to appreciate all types of art and build a personal style. Children will boost fine motor skills by exploring a variety of materials that finish with take-home projects. There will be many problem solving opportunities. All talents welcome. Some craft ideas in our club are: Calligraphy, Quilling, Jewelry, Ebru Marbling art, Washi tape craft, Pottery, Masks, Decorative Sketching, Watercolor Card-making, Weaving, Printmaking, Popsicle Sticks, Tie-dye art, Wire Sculpture, Origami, Kaleidoscopes and more!

GO

Grades K (3-4 pm), Grades 1-5 (3-5 pm)

Wednesday

For a new challenge in strategizing and game playing, try Go! One of mankind's oldest and cleverest games, Go is getting a new round of attention with current challenges from artificial intelligence and a recent documentary (<https://www.surroundinggamemovie.com/>) - but kids will be drawn to the thrill of finding ways to surround their opponent. It might look simple at first but the complexity will pull you in! Our Go class will be taught by highly ranked, professional Go player Mingming Yin, who is also president of the New York Go Association and coach of the MIT Go club.

ICE SKATING OFF-SITE-City Ice Pavilion

Grades 1-5

Wednesday

Skating School at City Ice Pavilion will take your child’s skating to new heights! City Ice Pavilion’s private van will pick up your child from Lower Lab and take him/her to the ice rink (located just over the bridge in Long Island City) for skating instruction. Skates will be provided. In order to skate, helmets are mandatory and must be brought from home. There are 30 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of free skating, which will run from approximately 3:50 - 4:50pm. For more information, please visit <http://www.cityicepavilion.com/>

The bus will arrive back at Lower Lab at approximately 5:15. Please allow for delays based on traffic conditions. Children will be dismissed to parents or caregivers directly from the van and school representatives are not present. On-time pick-up is a must!

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ROBOTICS (3rd-5th)

Grades 3-5

Wednesday

In this course, students will learn computer science fundamentals at an accelerated pace using curriculum developed by Scratch, code.org and codesters. These websites will teach students how to use coding languages such as blockly and python. We will cover advanced concepts such as loops, conditionals, variables and functions. In addition, students will learn physical computing by programming the Finch and Dash robots.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ROBOTICS (1st-2nd)

Grades 1-2

Thursday

In this course, students will learn computer science fundamentals through participation in online and unplugged activities that teach computational thinking, problem solving, programming concepts and digital citizenship. We will use IPAD applications such scratch Tynker,

Scratch Jr, Light Bot and CodeSpark with Foos. In addition, students will complete puzzles and create programs using our Dash and Dot robots.

LEGO

Grades K-2

Thursday

Have fun with your friends and play with Legos! This class will introduce teamwork, observation, creative thinking and problem-solving skills all while encouraging the use of creativity and imagination to build the most amazing creations! Our very own TAs teach this class.

MANDARIN - Total Beginners

Grades K-3

Thursday

Mandarin Language classes for absolute beginners at Lower Lab! China Institute - one of the premier Chinese cultural institutions and Mandarin schools in New York will be teaching this course. This class welcomes children who have no prior Mandarin experience. China Institute has a well-developed curriculum progression that engages children through thematic units. In this class, students will have a fun learning experience in an interactive environment through a variety of age-appropriate activities, games, songs, etc. In addition to listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, students will also develop social skills and learning habits through our program.

MANDARIN - Fluent, Legacy, Continuing students

All Grades

Thursday

Mandarin language classes continue at Lower Lab! Our Thursday Mandarin classes provided by China Institute are for returning students or students who either speak Mandarin at home with families or caregivers, or who have prior Mandarin learning experiences. With theme-based curricula, the small-sized classes will be further divided by age and proficiency levels, and will be taught through age appropriate activities with a dynamic, interactive approach. The curriculum is designed to develop and reinforce language skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing related to everyday life situations.

FASHION & SEWING

Grades 2-5

Thursday

Learn what being a Fashion Designer is all about in this fabulous class! Students will learn to sew by hand and with a sewing machine to complete an accessory and a wearable fashion garment plus sketch fashion designs and more. A wonderful way to learn design and sewing while having fun. Please visit <https://thefashionclass.com/> for more information.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Grades 1-5

Friday

Through the fall semester, students will develop positional skills (catching, throwing, and route running just to name a few), build their self-confidence, as well as increase their speed and agility. Our curriculum is designed to maximize time and most importantly, to keep children engaged and having fun! Each class will begin with warm ups and stretching, a "lesson of the day", and games to help put these newly learned skills into practice! For more information about Huddle Up NYC or Coach Rob you can go to www.huddleupnyc.com. This class will meet in the Lower Lab gym.

CHESS

Grades K -5

Friday

From complete beginners to advancing tournament players our goal is that all Lower Lab players can experience both the joy & significant social/educational benefits of learning and playing chess. Our Lower Lab Team will prepare for local, City, State & National Competitions.

Players will be matched into groups based on skill, interest level & age. This allows coaches to identify and create the right training environment for each player (complete beginner - advanced competitors). For further information on chess, please go to impactcoachingnetwork.org.

ROBOTICS

Grades 4-5

Friday

In this course, students will participate in the Wonder League Robotics competition. For this competition, students will work in small teams and complete missions and challenges using the Dash and Dot robots. This course will provide students with opportunities to collaborate and problem solve with classmates. In addition to programming the robots, students will learn digital skills such as video recording and developing slideshows to showcase their work. **In order to register, students must have taken a previous Robotics class at Lower Lab. If you have any questions about your child's eligibility, please contact us at Llafterschool@gmail.com prior to the first day of registration.**

HIP HOP JAZZ FUSION- by Dramazone

Grades K-3

Friday

This class is great for Boys and Girls! Children explore the styles of dance used in present-day video clips and movies based on Jazz and Hip Hop Dance. Jazz/ Tap Dance Fusion is a great way to get kids moving! Taught by dance professionals from The DramaZone, Children will get to see their work played back just like the pros. Come and join the dance jam!

All music is age appropriate and Dress is comfortable clothes, sneakers or dance shoes.

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EXTENDED CARE - Lower Lab TAs

All Grades

Mon-Fri

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 4:00 – 5:00 pm

This option is only for students enrolled in the afterschool program with a class that concludes at 3:50pm. TAs will supervise the students. Children must be picked up by 5:00pm from the 3rd Avenue doors. There is no busing home.

LIONS RUNNING CLUB

Grades 2-5

Monday, Tuesday

Lions Running Club: Tuesday at 7:30 am to 8:00 am for grades 2-3

This club will provide our 2nd and 3rd grade students with additional physical activities that develop proper running technique, pacing, athletic skills and race strategy. We will introduce students to track and field activities such as distance races, sprints, long jump, shot put and relays. Students will set a personal goal to run a total of 6 miles by the end of school year. We will also mix PE friendly games into our lessons such as castle ball, capture the flag and wacky relays. Students are required to wear athletic attire and bring a water bottle to the gymnasium. This club is highly recommended for students that want to compete in organized races and New York Road Runner Jamborees. The overall goal of this club is to make running and athletic games fun and exciting for students.

Lions Running Club: Monday at 7:30 am to 8:00 am for grades 4-5

This club will prepare our 4th and 5th grade students for participation in the New York Road Runners Developmental Track and Field Series this spring. We will review proper running technique, pacing, starts and race strategies. In addition, students will set a personal goal to run a total of 13 miles in the class. We will train using a variety of lesson formats such as fitness circuits, distance runs and interval training. Students will practice all the events offered in a track meet such as 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, long jump and shot put. We will use both static and dynamic stretches to improve flexibility as well as muscular exercises that improve core strength. Students are required to wear athletic attire and bring a water bottle to the gymnasium. This club is highly recommended for students that wish to compete in the All-City Track Championships at Icahn stadium. The Lions Running Club is not a part of the Afterschool program. Please contact Mr. Goodman at mgoodman@lowerlab.org with any questions.

Please note, information contained in this brochure, including dates, schedules, policies and procedures, is subject to change, in the sole discretion of the Afterschool Program.