



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHOOL PODS: Distance Learning Support

What are “School Pods”?

School Pods is an in-person City of Fremont Recreation program where parents/guardians can drop off their child so they can receive assistance on their schoolwork from recreation staff. Students will be placed in “pods” by grade level where they’ll connect their devices to Wi-Fi and login for their online classes. When all schoolwork is completed, recreation staff will provide enrichment activities.

What grades will the program serve?

The program is for 3rd to 8th graders (approximately ages 8-14). 2nd graders may be considered only if an older sibling is enrolled in the program. Contact the program supervisor for an exemption.

I have a student in K-2nd, can I register for this program?

If enough interest is shown, a K-2nd program may be considered. Signup on the interest form: [School Pod K-2nd Interest Form](#)

Where will the program be located?

Fremont Teen Center in Central Park/Lake Elizabeth
39770 Paseo Padre Pwky.
Fremont, CA 94538
Additional locations may be added if there’s a need.

What are the program hours?

Monday to Friday, 8am to 5:30pm. Program is closed on holidays.

What are “Pods”?

Pods are groups of 12 kids or less. Pods will remain stable (same groupings) throughout the program. Each pod will have a designated space, separated from other pods.

Is this program associated with Fremont Unified School District?

No. This program is available for parents to drop off their child and receive support with schoolwork during hours that they would normally be in school. During the afterschool hours, program offers indoor/outdoor activities.

What are the staff qualifications?

Program staff are City of Fremont recreation staff members, not teachers. Please note that staff members are not replacing the role of teachers but will help students complete their homework and school assignments. Staff will also lead recreation enrichment activities. Most recreation staff are high school and college students. A full-time supervisor will be assigned to each facility to oversee all pods. A 12:1 will be maintained with a mix of part-time and full-time staff.

What type of enrichment activities will be offered?

In addition to assisting your child with schoolwork, recreation staff will lead them through a variety of activities such as: STEM projects, arts/crafts, dance, field games, theater, public speaking. Student input will also be taken into consideration to fit their programming interests.

What are some examples of snacks/lunch that will be served at program?

The program fee includes a daily snack and lunch for each child. Examples: Chicken sandwich, chicken or veggie nuggets, corn dog, mac & cheese, pasta, hamburger, hot dog, pizza, quesadilla, with bag of chips/crackers and side of fruit. They’ll also have a choice of a juice box or bottled water. Children with dietary restrictions should bring their own meals.

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Can my child bring their own snacks/lunch?

Yes. Please note, no food sharing will be allowed. A daily reminder will be given to participants.

What does my child need to bring daily?

- Facemask
- Laptop or tablet (or other devices your child uses for distance learning courses) with charger. Onsite Wi-Fi will be available.
- Headphones w/microphone
- Textbooks (or books for leisure)
- School assignments/worksheets
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Snack/lunch if child is not eating the snack/lunch provided by the program.

What are the steps being taken to keep my child safe during COVID-19?

Safety is our #1 priority. The program follows the all safety guidelines provided by the County and State. Additionally, the program safety plan will be sent to parents/guardians prior to the start of the program.

Is my child required to wear a facemask while in the program?

Yes, wearing a facemask is a requirement of the program while indoors. Exceptions: while eating, drinking, or approved outdoor play. Please send your child with a clean facemask daily.

What is the check-in/out procedure?

Due to COVID-19, additional safety measures will be in effect during check-in/out process such as temperature checks and a verbal health screening questionnaire. Parents, child, and staff will all be required to wear masks. When you arrive to the site, your child's temperature will be taken and given a verbal health screening questionnaire.

How do I register for "School Pods"?

To register, please visit www.RegeRec.com. Due to COVID-19 shutdown, the Recreation Main Office is closed until further notice. Until then, registration can only be done online. No cash or check.

What is the refund policy?

Refunds are allowed if requested up to three (3) business days prior to the start of the program. A \$10 withdrawal fee will be deducted from your refund.

Are payment plans available?

Yes. Please contact RegeRec@Fremont.gov for more information.

Are sibling or low-income discounts available?

Yes. Discounts of up to \$100 for siblings or low-income families. Additional low-income discounts may be available based on sponsorships and donations received. Please contact RegeRec@Fremont.gov for more information.