

Darien Y's Hybrid Learning Labs at Each of the Town Elementary Schools

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To help families and students during the transition into a new school year, the Darien YMCA has developed a Y Hybrid Learning Lab at each of the town's five elementary schools.

The Learning Lab is a safe and structured environment that will allow students to attend virtual classes and have peer interaction under the supervision of YMCA staff and volunteers as the district follows a Hybrid Model in September.

— [an announcement](#) from the *Darien YMCA*

The Y Learning Lab will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Hindley, Tokeneke and Royle Schools and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Holmes and Ox Ridge, which coincides with their regular school hours.

Students will be grouped with similar grades with a maximum of 16 students per group, as per state guidelines. Our program will be located in the basketball gym, where each group will be separated from other groups.

The groups will do all of their activities together and our staff will guide the group through their day and will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing of program equipment between use.

Support staff and volunteers will help facilitate students getting onto their computers, logging into their

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classes and making sure they stay on task. It will be up to their classroom teacher to teach lessons and monitor individual progress.

Students will be outside as much as possible, playing games, making crafts and engaging in other activities. Activities will be selected based on the ability to practice social distancing and keep physical interactions between children to a minimum.

Students must bring the following:

- Their own laptop or tablet & charger (please charge fully prior to arriving)
- Headphones- these will be required for all participants
- Any required materials for assignments (i.e. paper, printed material, etc)
- Optional: Book, if your child completes assignments early
- Bag Lunch with ice pack (we are peanut free)
- 2 healthy snacks (we are peanut free)
- Water Bottle- can be refilled in our water bottle filling station

DATES:

Group A: Sept. 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 25

Group B: Sept. 9, 11, 14, 16, 21, 23 (*Note Sept 11 is a Friday)

Group A & B ½ Day Fridays- Sept. 18, 25

FEES:

Two days per week Hybrid Learning: \$480/Members, \$540 Non-Members (Month of September)

½ Day Fridays: \$120/Members, \$140 Non-Members (Month of September)

Parents have the option to add Kids Club After School Program from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information and to sign up for the Darien YMCA's Hybrid Learning Lab, Contact Suzanne Richards, srichards@darien-ymca.org, call 203-655-8228 or visit [the Darien Y's website](#). The YMCA is located at 2420 Post Road, Darien.

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The Darien YMCA is a charitable, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community service organization committed to putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind & body for all.

The Y: We're for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.