

Edmunds Middle School Afterschool Clubs and Activities 2026-2027

Hello EMS Families!

Thank you for your interest in EMS Afterschool! Afterschool will begin on Tuesday, September 8th and meet **Monday through Friday** from **dismissal until 5:30PM**.

Clubs will begin on Monday, September 14th. Below is a list of clubs and activities available to all registered participants. Not all activities and clubs will start on the 14th; an email will be sent to students and families as start dates approach.

DETAILS:

- Parents and guardians can **REGISTER** their student(s) on [this form](#). Please contact **Gena Elliott** at gelliott@bsdvt.org if you need assistance with registration.
- Participants will check in to their club/activity space immediately after dismissal (students may not leave the building and return to Afterschool later.) **All participants must leave or be picked up by 5:30PM.**
- Please **call or text the program phone at (802) 355-4062** to let the Site Director know you have arrived and your student(s) will meet you outside the main entrance.
- **Supper** is provided every day free of charge!

Questions? Contact **Site Director Gena Elliott** at gelliott@bsdvt.org or **(802) 355-4062**.

Important Afterschool Dates

Afterschool Schedule:

- Aug. 26th: First day of school
- Sept. 4th and 7th: No school or Afterschool
- **Sept. 8th: Start of Afterschool**
- Oct. 23rd: No school or Afterschool
- Oct. 24th: No school or Afterschool
- Nov. 10th: No school or Afterschool
- Nov. 25th - 27th: No school or Afterschool (Thanksgiving Break)
- Dec. 16th: No Afterschool (Early Release)
- Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st: No school or Afterschool (Winter Break)
- Jan. 18th: No school or Afterschool (MLK Day)
- Feb. 10th: No Afterschool
- Feb. 22nd - 26th: No school or Afterschool (Late Winter Break)
- Mar. 10th: No school or Afterschool
- April 19th - 23rd: No school or Afterschool (Spring Break)
- May 19th: Half Day - no Afterschool
- May 31st: No school or Afterschool (Memorial Day)
- **June 10th: Last Day of Afterschool**
- June 11th: Half Day and Last Day of School - No Afterschool

Session Dates:

- Sept. 14th - Nov. 20th: Session 1 (Fall Session)
- Nov. 30th - Feb. 19th: Session 2 (Winter Session)
- Mar. 2 - June 4: Session 3 (Spring Session)

Daily Schedule:

- 3:00pm*: School's out (*2:00 pm on Wednesdays).
- 3:00* - 3:15pm: Check in for Afterschool.
- 3:15 - 3:30pm: Clubs and Activities start.
- 3:15 - 4:30pm: Supper available in Library/Afterschool Room (4:30pm supper will be cleaned up/put away).
- 4:30 - 5:00pm: Clubs and activities end.
- 5:30pm: Afterschool ends. Students and their families are responsible for their own transportation.

Homework Help (HwH) Information:

- Afternoon HwH (Mon-Thurs) is from 3:00 – 5:30 pm (2:00 – 5:30 pm on Wednesdays).
- On-Team HwH – 6th – 8th teams have a weekly HH for their students. Contact your team teacher for details.

Additional Information:

- All activities are FREE.
- Afterschool ends at 5:30 pm; there will be no supervision available after this time
- There are no transportation services for Afterschool, and students are expected to get themselves home
- If you would like to be notified between 2:50 and 5:30pm when your child does not attend their scheduled activity, please contact the Site Director to make arrangements.
- There is no Afterschool on vacation and half-days.

Contact Gena with questions by email at gelliott@bsdvt.org or call the Afterschool phone at (802) 355-4062. For information about EMS school plays (fall play or spring musical) please contact the

front office at (802) 864-8486 and for EMS athletics (soccer, basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, baseball or track teams) please contact Quaron "Q" Pinckney at qpinckne@bsdvt.org.

Club and Activity Descriptions

Academic Support/Homework Help is a drop-in space where you can work with afterschool staff on difficult projects and catch up on classwork. This activity is available every day in the Library from dismissal until 5:30PM.

Art Club Allow yourself to PLAY with paint, stencils, images, glue sticks, rollers, crayons and more. Come experiment with creative flow in a relaxed environment where rules about “real” art do not exist! Journal provided.

BE Above is an afterschool group that promotes healthy living and reducing substance use and misuse. We build leadership skills and come up with creative projects to build community and educate our peers on substances such as tobacco, cannabis and alcohol. Join us for field trips, learning opportunities, projects and more!

Chess Club Step into the captivating realm of strategic thinking and camaraderie with our Chess Club. Catering to all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned players, our club offers an engaging space to learn, practice, and compete in the timeless game of chess. Led by experienced instructors, participants enjoy friendly matches and a supportive community where critical thinking and social interaction flourish. Join us after school for a dynamic experience that fosters skills, friendships, and a love for the game of chess!

Chorus Discover the joy of making music as a team. Join EMS’s Music teacher Julia Stacom for chorus and build your vocal skills, confidence, and create lifelong friendships through fun and exciting songs.

Cooking Club Do you want to learn how to cook and/or bake new recipes? Join the EMS cooking club! This is a fun, hands-on program where students build essential life skills, learn kitchen safety, and explore creative recipes together.

Creative Writing Are you dying to make a movie script, comic book, D&D campaign? Anything at all writing-y?? This is the perfect place to work on your project. Plus it's an opportunity to talk about and share your work with other writers.

Crochet and Knitting Handmade Fun! This club is for students who want to spend time with other students who enjoy crafting with their hands. Students across all levels of crocheting/knitting knowledge are welcome to join. Come work on personal crafts or learn a new skill!

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) D&D Club is an extracurricular program where students come together to play one of the most popular and famous tabletop roleplaying games. Members will go on adventures, fight monsters, discover treasure and explore a mystical world. It's an amazingly fun time where unforgettable memories are made.

EMS Literary Mag Explore your creativity with the EMS Literary Club. As the creators behind our school's literary magazine you will create artwork and short writing pieces for the magazine and work together to organize, curate, and bring the magazine to life. By the end of the year, our collaborative efforts materialize into a captivating magazine. Join us in shaping the literary landscape of our school and let your creativity shine!

GSA Club/You Be You is open to all students who care about LGBTQIA+ issues. We plan activism, learn history, play games and hang out.

Jazz Band Wind instrument players and jazzy musicians, join Mr. Lambert to listen to and study the art of improvisation. *(Open to 7th and 8th graders.)*

Junior Iron Chef Love cooking and want to compete against other junior chefs in a statewide culinary competition? Join EMS's Junior Iron Chef team as they work in teams of 2-5 students to cook original, healthy dishes from scratch. These events focus on teamwork, knife skills, and farm-to-school local ingredients.

Magic the Gathering Dive into the enchanting world of Magic: The Gathering! Welcoming players of all levels, from novice spellcasters to seasoned strategists, our club provides a vibrant space to learn and explore the complexities of this captivating card game. Led by passionate enthusiasts, participants engage in epic duels, friendly competitions, and collaborative deck-building sessions. Embrace the thrill of Magic and join us after school for a magical journey where strategic thinking, camaraderie, and the pursuit of victory converge in an unforgettable experience!

Mathcounts is a nationwide, problem solving competition for all middle school students. During our Mathcounts sessions we will study problem solving techniques AND we will explore how math applies to various activities such as games, codes, cards and dice.

Philosophy Club Ever wonder if video games are real, if a robot can feel sad, or how you know what is right and wrong? Welcome to the Philosophy Club! We do not memorize old rules; we tackle the weird, wild questions about life, logic, and fairness. Led by UVM professor Tyler Doggett and partnering with the philosophy club at BHS. Come hang out, share your wildest thoughts, and see that your ideas matter.

Sailing Club Join us and the Community Sailing Center for Sailing Club! Students will spend two hours on Lake Champlain aboard a 23-foot Sonar keelboats with a certified CSC instructor. Participants rotate through different roles on the boat - such as steering and trimming sails - while practicing communication and teamwork.

Scholar's Bowl is a fast-paced, buzzer-based academic competition. Two teams go head-to-head to answer questions covering core subjects like history, science, literature, and math, alongside arts and pop culture. Run in partnership with the Scholar's Bowl team at BHS.

Skateboard Club Are you interested in learning how to skateboard or further your current skateboarding skills? Join us for our skateboard club run through Burlington's Chill Program. Chill works with local skateboard coaches and mentors and works to pair experiential learning activities, reflection, and discussion with boardsport lessons. Chill strives to remove barriers to accessing boardsports by providing youth with everything they need to get after it.

Snowboard Club Are you interested in learning how to snowboard or further your current snowboarding skills? Join us for our snowboarding club run through Burlington's Chill Program. Chill works with local snowboard coaches and mentors and works to pair experiential learning activities, reflection, and discussion with boardsport lessons. Chill strives to remove barriers to accessing boardsports by providing youth with everything they need to get after it.

Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team.

**Clubs and activities subject to changes based on session schedules and attendance. A detailed schedule with club start dates will be shared separately.*