



Afterschool Lottery Newsletter

This newsletter explains how to apply to the DHSP Afterschool Programs Lottery and how to get help if you need it. For more information:

➔ www.cambridgema.gov/AfterschoolLottery ←

Afterschool Lottery Registration — Important Dates

Monday, May 1, 2023

2023–2024 DHSP
Afterschool Programs
Lottery Applications Open

Families apply online through the City’s Viewpoint website. Families who need help with their application can email askdhsp@cambridgema.gov or call 617-349-6200.

Thursday, May 4, 6–7 p.m.

Virtual Meeting: *How to Apply to the DHSP Afterschool Programs Lottery*

Join to learn about the application process and ask questions. Join the meeting through Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5874243463>

In-person Help with Your Lottery Application

Visit these locations to get in-person help with completing your Afterschool Programs Lottery application and to ask questions.

- Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 5 – 7:30 p.m.** • DHSP, 51 Inman St., 3rd Floor
- Thursday, May 11, 6 – 7:30 p.m.** • Frisoli Youth Center, 61 Willow St.
- Thursday, May 18, 6 – 7:30 p.m.** • Gately Youth Center, 70 Rindge Ave.

Friday, May 26

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To enter the lottery, families must submit applications for their child or children by **11:59 p.m. on May 26.**

Monday, June 19

Beginning this week, families will learn if their child got into a DHSP afterschool program or did not get into a program. If your child did not get into a program, they will be placed in the “waiting pool.” Notifications will be sent by email through Viewpoint. Families can log into their Viewpoint account at any time to check the status of their child’s application.

Have questions? Need help with your application? Contact DHSP.

Multilingual help is available! Email us at askdhsp@cambridgema.gov or call us at 617-349-6200.

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How do I apply for the DHSP Afterschool Programs Lottery?

1. Visit the City's online Viewpoint Cloud platform

This link will not be activated until **May 1, 2023**.

<https://cambridgema.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1131/record-types/6853>

2. Select the DHSP Afterschool Programs Lottery and then click "Apply online"

Log into your existing Viewpoint account or sign up for a new account. You only need 1 account for your household — even if you will be applying to the lottery for more than 1 child.

3. Enter or confirm your household information, then fill out the application.

Follow the instructions on the application to enter the information for your child or children. When you have completed the application, you will be asked to confirm your information before you submit the application. **DHSP staff cannot make changes to your application once it is submitted.**

4. Once completed and submitted, the site will provide a message that confirms your submission.

You will also receive an email from "City of Cambridge, MA" with the subject line "Application Submitted". Documents with information about whether your child has been offered a seat or added to the waiting pool will be issued to your Viewpoint account **the week of June 19, 2023**.

How does the DHSP Afterschool Programs Lottery Work?

Children who are currently in a DHSP afterschool program can re-enroll at the same site by completing the application. Children who are re-enrolling will be guaranteed a seat at that site if they do not owe any money. If children are currently enrolled in a DHSP afterschool program and would like to enroll at a different site, they will not get a seat preference and will be re-entered into the lottery.

All applications that are received on time are assigned a random lottery number. Siblings are grouped together and share the same lottery number. The applications are then divided into 2 groups, "priority applicants" (from households with an income of 65% or less of HUD AMI) and general applicants. **30% of seats in each afterschool program are reserved for priority applicants.**

Give DHSP Feedback!

Interested in sharing feedback on this newsletter or other DHSP programs and services?

Take our survey: bit.ly/DHSPfeedback.

Developing a Caregiver Partnership

In response to feedback from Cambridge families, DHSP is working with caregivers to form a new community partnership that welcomes families into decision-making that impacts them. DHSP deeply understands that there is a clear need for a caregiver-centered, transparent, and collaborative process to design this partnership and its role in defining racial equity and economic justice in DHSP's work.

Read the full statement and get updates at www.cambridgema.gov/CaregiverPartnership.