



# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For children ages 6-9 (grades 1-4)

## After School Program Activities

- After school programs offer a variety of activities that include organized games as well as free play. They strive to offer children interesting subjects that satisfy their need for creativity as well as play.
- After school program operations, activities, subjects and partnerships, depend upon the resources of each establishment. Many after school programs cooperate with other district organizations, such as sports clubs to offer a more diverse field of activity.
- Your child will learn to speak Icelandic by playing and working with children their own age.
- Your child will get to know other children of the same age.
- Your child will take part in and get to know Icelandic child culture.
- Parents must inform the after school program of at what time their child is done for the day and whether the child will be picked up or is allowed to walk home on their own. You can also inform the after school program if your child is going directly to other after school activities, such as sports, music lessons or band practice. In some cases, a bus is made available to transport the children to local sport clubs that they attend.



## About After School Programs

- Daily operations are weekdays starting when the school day ends and until 5pm.
- During holidays, Christmas and Easter breaks, as well as days when school is suspended due to teachers' workdays or parent-teacher activities, after school programs are open for service for all registered children but attendance is subject to a daily fee for each day outside of normal operating hours.
- Applications for services outside normal operating hours must be submitted to relevant after school program.
- After school programs are closed during elementary school winter breaks.
- All children can attend after school programs and children in need of special assistance can get the help they need to take part in all activities that is available in after school programs.
- After school programs also offer their services in summer, where children are registered for a week at a time. During summer the after school programs are open from 8:30-16:30 and the after school program will travel the city to visit swimming pools, public parks and museums e.g. Summer programs run for 6-7 weeks while schools are closed for summer vacation.



## How to Apply for After School Programs

- Registration for the coming school year begins in February. Please apply using "[My pages](#)" at the [Reykjavik city website](#). Parents will receive registration confirmations in August. All changes in registration must be submitted to the after school programs director via Vala Frístund.
- If parents are unable to register electronically they can seek assistance with their registration at their district's after school program. Children cannot be registered for an after school programs by phone.
- The application is valid for one school year at a time (August-June). If the service is cancelled or a change of services is required, such requests must be received before the 15th of each month. The cancellation goes into action on the first of the next month. Services are cancelled through Vala Frístund.



## After School Program Fees

- Rates for after school Programs can be found here: <http://reykjavik.is/gjaldskrar/fristundaheimili-gjaldskra>
- After school program's fees are subject to the number of days a child attends.
- Additional services are charged separately.
- If two or more siblings attend a Department of Education and Youth after-school program or a youth center for children with disabilities or a city-run preschool, the older siblings receive a 100% sibling discount on their stay. In these cases, the baseline is the number of days/hours of the youngest child. Parents must always pay a fee for their youngest child. The siblings must, however, share an address and a family registration code. Parents still pay full meal fees for all children.
- Parents of children who have moved to Iceland in the last 12 months, are not born in Iceland and have another first language than Icelandic, can apply for three months free of charge in an after school program or a youth center for children with disabilities. For more information, please contact your after school program or youth center's director.
- Parents can choose to sign their children up for refreshments in after school programs and youth centers for children with disabilities. The children are offered nutritious snacks, e.g. bread with diverse toppings yogurt, fruits and vegetables every day.
- Children aged 6-18 with a registered address in Reykjavik receive a yearly stipend, the so-called Leisure Card. Parents can use this stipend as a down payment for after school program fees and/or other after school activities. More information here: <https://reykjavik.is/fristundakortid>



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