

Many thanks in advance for retaining boilerplate language that has not changed in the past year and for preserving our copyedits from the previous year. It's a great help to us when report writers preserve established margins, line-spacing, paragraph indents, fonts and font treatments, headings and subheads, as these elements provide layout cues for our graphic designer.

This template also reflects our house style, which we follow when copyediting and occasionally fact-checking so many reports. Preserving the treatment of professional titles, organizations, programs, acronyms, number usage, dates and hours, for example, lessens how extensively we copyedit the new year's report and thus reduces the possibility of introduced errors.

Please contact Mary Kalamaras at mkalamaras@doverma.gov or 301-535-4566 with any report prep questions. Thank you for your kind assistance and partnership in publishing a great town report!

Report of
Dover-Sherborn Community Education

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Dover-Sherborn Community Education is a self-sustaining department of the Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools. Our mission is to provide programs that enrich the lives of everyone in our community. Our hope is to create lifelong learners through a community-school partnership that offers interesting, thought-provoking, and stimulating classes and programs at a reasonable cost. Community Education includes Extended Day at both Chickering & Pine Hill elementary schools, Youth and Adult Enrichment classes.

Dover-Sherborn Community Education offers the following programs:

Extended Day

The tuition-based Extended Day Program is held at both Dover and Sherborn elementary schools, where safe and stimulating after-school environments are provided for students in grades K–5. Children engage in arts and crafts projects, nature projects, outdoor physical activities, games, and creative play. Snacks are provided. The program is offered Monday through Friday with two afternoon pickup times: 5:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. At the time of this writing, 88 children were enrolled in Dover and 96 children in Sherborn. Both programs maintain waiting lists.

After-School Enrichment

After-school enrichment programs providing age-appropriate classes for elementary and high school students are also offered. Classes for students are held at Pine Hill Elementary School, Chickering Elementary School, and Dover-Sherborn High and Middle Schools.

In 2023 we offered both virtual and in-person classes. Some of the offerings for students in grades K–5 included Cupcake Decorating, Flag Football, Hip Hop, Chess, Lego Construction, Home Alone, Paint Your Pet, Drawing and Babysitting and Childcare. In addition, we supported and oversaw the Middle School Drama program during the summer and facilitated string instrument lessons in all four schools during the school year.

Program flyers are posted on the Regional School District website under Students & Families, Community Education and on our registration website (see “Registration”).

Adult Enrichment

The Community Education Adult Program offered a combination of virtual and in-person classes. Virtual classes included Understanding Medicare, Demystifying Social Security, Estate Planning, and How to Apply for College Financial Aid. In-person classes included Boating Skills, Seamanship and Basic Navigation, several Floral Design classes, SAT Prep, Dog Obedience, Watercolor Painting, Oil Painting, Guitar Lessons, First Aid, CPR, and Golf Lessons at the Needham Golf Club.

We also collaborated with other communities including Concord-Carlisle, Acton-Boxborough and Medway, to offer classes, such as Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, Instant Piano and Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People. Partnering with The Glass Bar in Needham, we offered in-person classes for youths and adults on various glass fusing techniques. New this year we partnered with Social Club Simple offering virtual classes on various internet applications including How to Use Uber Transportation for Independence, Using Snapchap Safely, Google Sheets for Awesome Beginners and several others. Students are sent a link to the virtual class which is recorded enabling students to view the class at anytime. Included with the classes the instructor offers full support after. Students may reach out to her at anytime with questions.

Many of our virtual classes will remain this way since it appears that this works well for both the instructors and the students.

Registration

Registration for the Extended Day Program is held in March for the following school year.

Registration for all other programs begins upon the distribution of brochures, or when the information is posted online. Full class descriptions can be found at www.doversherborn.org, under Students & Families, "Community Education." All program brochures/flyers are listed there. Online registration for our programs is available at <https://dscommed.communityroot.com/index/registration>.

Contact Information

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