



**AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMY
Fall 2024 SESSION**

August 26–December 6, 2024

**Registration Deadline
Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

5600 N. Braeswood Blvd. | Houston, Texas 77096
713.270.6127 | www.theshlenkerschool.org

After School Academy Fall 2024 Session

The Shlenker School After School Academy (ASA) provides an enriching and exciting extension to our daily school curriculum. With several new classes this fall, there are even more opportunities to learn and have fun! All classes are held at The Shlenker School for ease of transition from regular school classes. All ASA instructors are responsible for their own program design. Classes meet once per week from 3:15pm until 4:15pm.

Students will be dismissed by ASA instructors from the front lobby of the school. **Parents must park in the parking lot and walk to the lobby to pick up their child(ren). DO NOT park in the carpool lane in front of the school.** The instructor will ensure that each child's parent/guardian is present before releasing the child. Please make sure your child understands that he/she may NOT exit the school until the instructor sees that the parent/guardian is there for pick up.

Please carefully note the date that your child's class begins and ends, as well as any dates when class will not meet due to school holidays and closures.

Registration

Classes will be filled as registrations are received on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Classes will be canceled if the minimum registration numbers are not met. You will be notified as soon as possible if a class is canceled.

Registration is complete and your child's place is assured ONLY when payment has been made through the online registration process.

No refunds will be issued if a student is absent, but make-up classes will be offered if an instructor is absent. Students who withdraw from a course before classes begin will receive a full refund. Those who withdraw after having attended ONE class may receive a partial refund. Withdrawals after more than one class will not receive a refund.

Please note: You will only be notified if a class does not meet the minimum enrollment or if the maximum enrollment has already been reached. Otherwise, your child will be enrolled and ready to begin classes!

Additional Details

Pick up time for all classes is 4:15pm. Children who are not picked up by 4:20pm will be taken to Extended Day and billed \$25 as a drop-in. On the enrollment form, you may choose to pre-enroll your child in After School Academy Extended Day for the day of his/her after school class. In case of emergency, please call the Shlenker office by 4:00pm to ask if your child can be placed in Extended Day.

To secure a space for your child, please complete the registration form and submit your payment by clicking on the link below **no later than Tuesday, August 20, 2024*.**

The registration form is located on the Parent Portal on The Shlenker School's website at www.theshlenkerschool.org. Once on the website, please log into the Parent Portal and click on Elementary Fall 2024 After School Academy under Resources to access the registration form.

[**After School Academy—Fall 2024 Registration Form**](#)

After School Academy
Fall 2024 Session Schedule at a Glance
 Monday, August 26–Friday, December 6, 2024
 All classes are from 3:15-4:15pm

MONDAY 12 sessions No classes 9/2, 11/4, and 11/25	TUESDAY 14 sessions No class 11/26	WEDNESDAY 12 sessions No classes 10/2, 10/9, and 11/27	THURSDAY 11 sessions No classes 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, and 11/28	FRIDAY 11 sessions No classes 10/4, 10/11, 11/22, and 11/29
Beginner/Advanced Chess Grades 1-5 \$300	Improv for Kids Grades 2-5 \$350	Mr. Blanton's Junior Master Gardeners Grades 3-5 \$300	Mr. Blanton's BackYard Rangers Grades 1-5 \$275	Kawaii Cute Grades K-5 \$375
Mad Science Grades K-5 \$300	Coding and Video Game Design in Scratch Grades K-5 \$350	Everything Mosaics Grades K-5 \$375	Soccer Shots Ages 5-8 11 sessions (9/5-12/12) \$242 +\$40 enrollment fee unless your child was enrolled for Spring 2024	Future Rockstars Guitar Grades K-5 \$345
Krav Maga Grades K-5 \$375	Yoga Fun for Boys and Girls Grades K-5 \$350	Lettuce Cook Grades K-5 \$600	Lettuce Cook Grades K-5 \$550	Hip Hop Jazz for Boys and Girls Grades K-5 \$375
American Robotics Academy—Fun Frenzy Robotics Grades K-5 \$370	Mad About Hoops Grades K-5 \$350	Houston Basketball Academy Grades K-5 \$300	Ms. Hochman's Musical Ensemble Grades 2-5 \$275	

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Beginner/Advanced Chess (Grades 1-5)—3:15-4:15pm

The game of chess helps develop logical and creative thinking and encourages social development. This class will be taught by experienced chess instructor, Rob Kalvin, who makes each lesson enjoyable and engaging for each student. Beginning and experienced chess players are welcome. Lessons are tailored to the level of each participant. Each weekly session will consist of one 30-minute chess lesson followed by a practice and play period in which chess etiquette, rules, and tactics are emphasized.

For more information, please contact Rob Kalvin at 713.863.0603 or equilibrium@sbcglobal.net.

There will be no classes on September 2, November 4, and November 25.

Price \$300

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 16

Class sessions: 12



Mad Science (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Calling all Junior Mad Scientists! Put on your goggles and lab coat...it is time to have some FUN! Join us this fall as we learn science through hands-on experiments and interactive demonstrations! Our Mad Scientists make science easy to understand and spark imaginative learning! Enroll today and science will become your favorite subject!

For more information, please contact Ting Yi at 713.663.7623 or visit <https://houston.madscience.org/>.

There will be no classes on September 2, November 4, and November 25.

Price \$300

Class minimum: 10

Class maximum: 20

Class sessions: 12



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Krav Maga (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Krav Maga classes are designed to provide the self-defense skills such as situational awareness, non-violent de-escalation, and the physical skills to neutralize the physical aggression of another person. During your child’s training they will learn not only the physical skills necessary to address physical threats they may encounter in and out of school, but also the confidence to face the many challenges that will undoubtedly arise over the course of their life.

The instructor for your child’s course is certified through Krav Maga Worldwide, has been a Krav Maga practitioner for over a decade, and has 100s of hours teaching kids ages 5 and up the critical life skill of self-defense.

For more information, please contact James at 713.526.2500 or jamesn@kravmagahouston.com.

There will be no classes on September 2, November 4, and November 25.

Price \$375

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 12



American Robotics Academy—Fun Frenzy Robotics (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Students will be introduced in the first 5 weeks to basic engineering concepts and create simple builds in weeks 6-12. LEGO Technic pieces will be used to create movable, steerable, and controlled robots. Students will engage in a group of four with assigned roles that rotate weekly.

- Instructor - He or she reads out the parts needed for the builds.
- Engineer - He or she will look for the parts that the instructor reads out loud.
- Builder - He or she is responsible for building the robot
- Cross Checker - He or she helps the builder and gets to drive the robot first.

Students are encouraged to work as a team and explore the use of motors, gears, pulleys, and IR technology while building Lego Robot inventions. Each build will be followed by a thrilling challenge that illustrates the need for “simplicity” and the pitfalls of “complexity”. Students will be provided with a creative toolkit to design their bots!

For more information, please contact Daphney Kirby at 281.642.5903 or Daphney.kirby@roboticsacademy.com.

There will be no classes on September 2, November 4, and November 25.

Price \$370

Class minimum: 8

Class maximum: 16

Class sessions: 12



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Improv for Kids (Grades 2–5)—3:15–4:15pm

Improv classes can be fun and entertaining for people of all ages. But the skills kids learn from improv can be applied to all parts of their lives. In this class, kids will learn the basics of improv by playing classic games and exercises, while also practicing important life skills like learning to really listen and pay attention; making great choices in the moment; playing characters they might not have experience with but can empathetically relate to; letting their imaginations run free while channeling them into interesting character choices and actions; having the confidence to take the stage in front of a roomful of people. The final class will result in an open performance of games and exercises that will rely on suggestions from audience members.

Improv for Kids will be taught by Express Children’s Theatre Teaching Artist, Elizabeth Simonsen. Elizabeth has over 10 years of experience as an educator with a BA in English with a drama concentration from University of North Texas. She loves combining her improv and teaching skills to help kids learn how to express themselves confidently and clearly inside and outside of the classroom.

For more information, please contact Tim Fried-Flori at 713.682.5044 or executivedirector@expresstheatre.com.

There will be no class on November 26.

Price \$350

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 14



Coding and Video Game Design in Scratch (Grades K–5)—3:15–4:15pm

Students will be assessed at the beginning of the session to see which group below is a good match for their interests and abilities. Students beginning in Coding Foundations will move up to Video Game Design when they are ready.

Coding Foundations

In this class, students will use hands-on tools, apps, and games to learn the fundamentals of coding on tablets and computers as well as typing. Students will work through multiple levels of our Coding Foundations curriculum in preparation for Scratch. No experience required!

Video Game Design in Scratch: Super Powered

Save the world in this super hero-themed Scratch class. Students will design video games and projects using this block-based coding language designed by MIT for kids! In this class, we’ll mix antidotes, chase bad guys, and save the day! No experience required!

For more information, please contact James Thornock at james@coderkids.com or visit www.coderkids.com.

There will be no class on November 26.

Price \$350

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 16

Class sessions: 14



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Yoga Fun for Girls and Boys (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Yoga FUN is all about stillness AND movement! We practice breathing techniques and meditation, but we also stretch, strengthen, dance, and balance (sometimes on our heads). In this class, students will have a blast putting together different sequences, playing tons of yoga games, performing, and creating their own yoga adventures! We will also discuss valuable mindfulness topics and complete fun crafts to reinforce these ideas. Topics include: how to handle your worries, being present, practicing gratitude, and the power of our thoughts and words. Kids' yoga helps to increase confidence, build concentration, develop self-awareness, and manage stress.

For more information, please contact Julie McConn at 281.686.0282 or julierozyoga@gmail.com.

There will be no class on November 26.

Price \$350

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 14



Mad About Hoops (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Would you like to see your students fall in love with fitness? Why not give hula hoops a spin! Mad About Hoops students will learn a ton of impressive tricks as well as hula hoop choreography for an exciting fall performance.

Each week, students will learn proper stretching techniques, challenge themselves with new hoop skills, and play hula hoop inspired games. Students in our program have fun all while improving balance, stamina and self-confidence. Classes are fun for boys and girls! You will be so impressed with all the amazing things your student can do with their hoop after taking our class! At Mad About Hoops, we make fitness FUN! All equipment is provided for in class use.

For more information, please contact Amy Neel at 832.233.1531 or visit <https://www.madabouthoops.com/>.

There will be no class on November 26.

Price \$350

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 14



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Mr. Blanton's Junior Master Gardeners (Grades 3-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Parents, did you develop a love of gardening during your youth? With such busy lives today, our children are missing out on that opportunity. Every Wednesday this fall, students can experience the joy of making things grow! Gardens are amazing spaces and learning how to grow your own food is a transformative experience. Each week, students will explore one of eight different topics about gardening and end the weekly program as a certified Junior Master Gardener (JMG)!

All classes are taught in The Shlenker School Garden and Fruit Orchard by Mr. Blanton, a certified Organic Fruit and Vegetable Garden Specialist. The JMG program is an international youth gardening program of the University Cooperative Extension Network, which includes Texas A&M University.

For more information, please contact Mr. Blanton at 713.270.6127 or email jblanton@shlenker.org.

There will be no classes on October 2, October 9, and November 27.

Price \$300
 Class minimum: 2
 Class maximum: 12
 Class sessions: 12



Everything Mosaics (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Unleash your creativity with our Mosaics Art Class! Step into a world where mixed media comes together to create something truly extraordinary. Our afterschool enrichment art class is here to spark your imagination and inspire you to design stunning mosaic masterpieces. With expert guidance from our talented instructors, you'll learn the art of arranging colorful materials to craft unique and beautiful mosaic creations. From intricate patterns to bold designs, the possibilities are endless! Our classes provide a fun, self-esteem building atmosphere full of "I did it" moments. Price includes materials, giggles and grins!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Collins at 713.344.9701 or Jennifer.collins@kidcreatestudio.com.

There will be no classes on October 2, October 9, and November 27.

Price \$375
 Class minimum: 6
 Class maximum: 12
 Class sessions: 12



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Lettuce Cook (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Our program will allow you to take a night off from cooking and have a meal or dessert prepared by your very own chef! Your Shlenker chef will bring home food they have prepared during class for your family to enjoy. We will let you know ahead of time what the children will prepare during each class so you can plan your meal accordingly. Kids are meant to create, not sit and watch. It's amazing what kids can accomplish! Cooking with Lettuce Cook's Chef Brittany helps children gain confidence and independence. The look on their face when you taste what they have prepared is PRICELESS! No cooking demonstrations here, your child does it ALL from start to finish. Total price includes instruction of class, food and supplies, as well as an assistant for safety and clean up.

About Chef Brittany: After culinary school and working in a couple of restaurants, she had the opportunity to mentor under an executive chef who helped her realize she could (and should) take the two things she loves (cooking and children) and find her true happy place. It was then, a little over 8 years ago, Lettuce Cook was established.

For more information, please contact Chef Brittany at 281.253.5485 or visit www.lettucecook.net.

There will be no classes on October 2, October 9, and November 27.

Price \$600 (includes \$400 activity fee and \$200 supply/food fee)

Class minimum: 6

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 12



Houston Basketball Academy (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Basketball is one of the most popular sports worldwide. Its influence has created a deep rooted culture in many countries, especially here in America. Our mission is to positively impact our student athletes on and off the court. Within this beautiful game you will learn skills and lessons that you can apply in all areas of your life. With the guidance of The Houston Basketball Academy's (HBA) very own Coach Kempton and other HBA coaches, kids can expect to learn the fundamentals of basketball, teamwork, and leadership skills in a safe and fun environment. Our coaches have a passion for basketball and experience coaching youth of all ages!

For more information, please contact Coach Cody Stiff at 407.595.5977 or info@houstonbasketballacademy.org.

There will be no classes on October 2, October 9, and November 27.

Price \$300

Class minimum: 10

Class maximum: 15

Class sessions: 12



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Mr. Blanton's BackYard Rangers (Grades 1-5)—3:15-4:15pm

What's this bug? Can you name that tree? Who left those tracks behind? Join Shlenker Science Specialist and resident naturalist, Mr. Blanton, for a weekly exploration of The BackYard every Thursday. Students will observe the habitat needs of different flora (plants) and fauna (animals) that live in The BackYard and investigate ecosystems. Each BackYard Ranger will complete a make and take project at the end of each class.

For more information, please contact Mr. Blanton at 713.270.6127 or email at jblanton@shlenker.org.

There will be no classes on October 3, October 17, October 24, and November 28.

Price \$275

Class minimum: 2

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 11



Soccer Shots (Ages 5-8)—3:15-4:15pm—September 5-December 12

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. The caring team positively impacts students' lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum, and communication. The coaches are the best trained in the business. Their expert-approved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards. In addition, Soccer Shots provides an exceptional customer experience and ongoing communication with parents.

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE SOCCER SHOTS WEBSITE—
www.soccershots.org/houston.

For more information, please call 281.995.7208 or 281.253.8338, email houston@soccershots.org, or visit www.soccershots.org/houston.

PLEASE NOTE: SOCCER SHOTS HAS 11 CLASS SESSIONS. LAST CLASS IS DECEMBER 12.

There will be no classes on October 3, October 17, October 24, and November 28.

Price \$242 + \$40 enrollment fee*

Class minimum: 5

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 11



**Please note, if your child was enrolled in Soccer Shots for Spring 2024, you do not have to pay the required enrollment fee. If your child was not enrolled in Soccer Shots for Spring 2024, you will be required to pay the \$40 enrollment fee.*

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Lettuce Cook (Grades K-5)—3:15–4:15pm

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For more information, please contact Chef Brittany at 281.253.5485 or visit www.lettucecook.net.

There will be no classes on October 3, October 17, October 24, and November 28.

Price \$550 (includes \$350 activity fee and \$200 supply/food fee)
 Class minimum: 6
 Class maximum: 12
 Class sessions: 11



Ms. Hochman's Musical Ensemble (Grades 2-5)—3:15–4:15pm

Step into the magical world of music with our After School Musical Ensemble at the Shlenker School! Designed for enthusiastic young musicians, this vibrant program invites students to explore the joy of making music together in a fun and supportive environment. In this Musical Ensemble, students will have the opportunity to sing; play basic chords or melodies on piano, ukulele, or guitar; create percussion arrangements for songs; and perform as an ensemble at school events.

Join us on this musical journey where students will not only develop their musical skills but also cultivate teamwork, creativity, and confidence. All talents, skills, and interests are welcomed!

For more information, please contact Ms. Hochman at 713.270.6127 or email at rhochman@shlenker.org.

There will be no classes on October 3, October 17, October 24, and November 28.

Price \$275
 Class minimum: 6
 Class maximum: 12
 Class sessions: 11



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Kawaii Cute (Grades K-5)—3:15–4:15pm

Are you ready for some serious cuteness? You are going to love creating these kawaii-style projects that are so cute they'll make everyone go "Awww!" We'll be using clay, paint, and Model Magic as we make these adorable masterpieces that emphasize the true quality of cuteness. We will make a teeny tiny succulent garden, draw a happy avocado, and sculpt a teddy bear macaroon that is just as cute as can be...and many more. Our classes provide a fun, self-esteem building atmosphere of "I did it" moments. Price includes materials, giggles and grins!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Collins at 713.334.9701 or Jennifer.collins@kidcreatestudio.com.

There will be no classes on October 4, October 11, November 22, and November 29.

Price \$375
Class minimum: 6
Class maximum: 12
Class sessions: 11



Future Rockstars Guitar (Grades K-5)—3:15–4:15pm

Learn about the ins and outs of the guitar! Together with your friends, we'll cover all the basics. After just a few weeks you'll have the same building blocks that all guitar players have to rock out! Students do not need to know how to read words or music to take this class. At the end of the Future Rockstars program, you'll have full songs to wow your family and friends with. You'll see just how much fun and creativity comes with playing an instrument! Ethan Adkison is a performing musician and educator in Houston, Texas. In addition to 8 years as a private instructor, he serves as Artist Facilitator at Nameless Sound, serving a diverse range of Houston's youth in group workshops aimed at furthering social-emotional growth.

Students will need their own guitar to bring to class and practice at home. My recommended instrument is available for purchase on Amazon. You can find it at <https://tinyurl.com/ethanguitarrecommendation>. It comes with everything needed to get started!

For more information, please call Ethan Adkison at 832.360.8001 or adkisonethan@gmail.com.

There will be no classes on October 4, October 11, November 22, and November 29.

Price \$345
Class minimum: 6
Class maximum: 12
Class sessions: 11



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Hip Hop Jazz for Boys and Girls (Grades K-5)—3:15-4:15pm

Tippi Toes Hip Hop is a high-energy class that infuses the latest styles of street dancing. Using popular and current music, students are introduced to various dance elements including isolations, leaps, turns and current Hip Hop techniques. Classes will encourage students to step outside of the box by bringing their own individual style and personality to the choreography. Our version of Hip Hop dance is extremely tasteful and clean, and our priority is offering age-appropriate material. No prior dance experience required.

For more information, please contact Kelly Keller and Kasey Pazdernik at 713.291.2431 or thesisters@tippitoesdance.com.

There will be no classes on October 4, October 11, November 22, and November 29.

Price \$375

Class minimum: 5

Class maximum: 12

Class sessions: 11



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