



Club J FAQs:

Everything families need to know before enrolling

General Questions

What is Club J?

Club J is the after-school program at the Merage Jewish Community Center of Orange County, located in Irvine, CA. We provide a safe, enriching, and fun environment for kids after the school day ends; complete with transportation, snacks, and two enrichment classes every day.

Who is Club J for?

Club J serves elementary school children in Irvine and the surrounding Orange County area. Whether your child attends Vista Verde, Turtle Rock, Newport Coast Elementary, Bonita Canyon, Andersen, Lincoln, or East Bluff; we've got a pickup plan for your family.

Do you have to be Jewish to enroll?

Absolutely not. Club J welcomes all children and families, regardless of background, religion, or lifestyle. Our doors are open to everyone in the Orange County community.

Schedule and Hours

What time does Club J start and end?

Club J begins at school dismissal and runs through the late afternoon. Contact us at 949.435.3400 ext. 268 for current daily hours and extended care availability.

What happens on early dismissal days?

We've got you covered. Club J provides transportation on early-out days as well as regular dismissal days, so your schedule stays stress-free no matter what's on the school calendar.

Do you offer care on days school is closed?

Yes! We offer School's Out Days programming so working parents have reliable, quality care even when the school calendar takes a break.

Is there Friday programming?

Club J runs Monday through Friday. Please note that enrichment classes are not held on Fridays in observance of Shabbat.



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Transportation

Which schools do you pick up from?

We currently provide bus transportation from: Newport Coast Elementary
Turtle Rock Elementary
Bonita Canyon Elementary
Andersen Elementary
Lincoln Elementary
East Bluff Elementary

We also offer walking pickup from Vista Verde and Tarbut V'Torah (TVT), including half-day pickup for TVT students.

Is transportation included in the tuition?

Bus transportation is available at an additional cost. Walking pickup from Vista Verde and TVT is included. If your child's school is not on the list, contact us — we want to find a solution that works for your family.

My child's school isn't listed. Can they still enroll?

Reach out to us directly at 949.435.3400 ext. 268 or email hilariad@jccoc.org. We'll do our best to accommodate your family.

Enrichment and Activities

What kind of enrichment classes does Club J offer?

Every child participates in two enrichment classes per day. Class offerings rotate and have included options across arts, sports, STEM, and more. View our current enrichment schedule by downloading the [Spring 2026 Enrichment Class list](#).

Is homework help available?

Yes. An optional homework class is available for children who want structured time to get a head start before heading home.

What does my child eat at Club J?

We provide healthy, kosher snacks every day. Current menu items include fresh fruit, vegetables with ranch, graham crackers, Ritz crackers, Cheez-its, raisins, and more.



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Enrollment and Cost

How do I enroll my child in Club J?

Download the [Club J Registration Form](#) for 2025-2026 and reach out to Hilary Duran at 949.435.3400 ext. 268 or hilariad@jccoc.org. She'll walk you through everything.

What is included in the monthly tuition?

Monthly tuition includes transportation (from select schools), daily kosher snack, and two enrichment classes per day.

Is financial assistance available?

Yes. We believe every child deserves access to a great after school experience. Scholarship and financial assistance inquiries can be directed to our scholarships team at scholarships@jccoc.org.

Still Have Questions?

Contact Hilary Duran, Children's Department Office Manager 949.435.3400, ext. 268 or hilariad@jccoc.org