

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for choosing Durham Public Schools (DPS) Before and Afterschool Programs!

You have selected a program that has over 35 years of experience providing quality expanded learning opportunities to elementary children.

Learning is supported in DPS Before and Afterschool programs. This year, your child will experience a balance of homework time, enrichment, and recreational activities that are considered elements of a high quality program. Our elementary programs are licensed and regularly evaluated by the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education, and 95% of our programs have 5 star ratings!

Our programs are led by experienced, dedicated and caring professionals who participate in regular staff development and are prepared to cultivate a safe, high energy, and fun-filled learning environment.

Important things to Note:

- Before School Care opens at 6:30 a.m. and operates until the first bell rings.
- All of our monthly fees are differentiated based on your school bell time. Some schools have longer before school programs than others as do our afterschool programs. Our fees reflect these different operating hours.
- Our rates remain competitive compared to other area school districts and local licensed child care providers.
- Payments are due on the 15th of each month; Late fees are applied after the 1st.
- Visit us at our website: www.dpsnc.net/afterschool

Reminders:

- Sign-in/out your child to and from the program daily.
- Afterschool programs operate on school days from the time school is dismissed until 6:00 p.m.
- Afterschool programs operate on Early Release Days at no extra cost to parents.
- Sign-up for Auto-Pay and save money by avoiding “Convenience Fees.”
- Parent handbooks that provide additional information are on our website: www.dpsnc.net/afterschool. You may also obtain a copy from your before/afterschool site.

Parent involvement is very important. We encourage you to come visit our programs, and participate in special activities that are planned throughout the year. The ***DPS Family Academy*** partners with community agencies to offer parent education and family support in Durham. To learn about *Family Academy* classes and resources, you may visit the DPS website at www.dpsnc.net, email Family Academy at family.academy@dpsnc.net, or call (919) 560-3816.

Community Education has a convenient service that allows parents to register and pay on-line. You will receive monthly reminders and a link where you can make payments without the hassle of writing checks and mailing them. This saves money in printing and mailing costs which helps keep our tuition low.

Go to www.dpsnc.net/afterschool to get valuable information that includes Coupon Booklets (if you would like to pay by check), Payment Schedules and Financial Assistance forms.

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