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Academic Enrichment Opportunities

**Prince George's County Council
Education and Workforce
Development Committee
5/11/26**



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with County residents, is to provide comprehensive park and recreation programs, facilities, and services that support healthy lifestyles and respond to changing needs within County communities. The Department strives to preserve, enhance, and protect open spaces to enrich the quality of life for the present and future generations in a safe and secure environment.



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*Includes Public Private Partnerships on M-NCPPC land. Information is accurate as of 03/2026.

AGENDA



RECREATION PROGRAM STANDARDS



Department of Parks and Recreation OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME (OST) PROGRAMS



A LOOK AHEAD: COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Recreation Program Standards

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SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF WELL-BEING



Recreation Program Standards

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CAPRA Accreditation

M-NCPPC's Department of Parks and Recreation is **1 of 7** accredited agencies in the State of Maryland for its recreation programs and services

Reaccredited in 2025, demonstrating 100% compliance with 154 national accreditation standards

Recreation Program Standards

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Programs and Services Management Standard

Provide programs by which leisure & recreation experiences and environments enhance the well-being and quality of life for participants

Offer programs that educate the community about intrinsic and extrinsic benefits that leisure and participation in self-directed & leader-directed recreation activities provide

Recreation programs cover 3 behavior domains:

- Psychomotor
- Affective
- Cognitive

Recreation Program Standards

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Leisure Education Program – 6 Components

Awareness of self in leisure

Appreciation of leisure

Understanding self-determination in leisure

Making decisions regarding leisure participation

Knowledge and use of resources for facilitating leisure

Promoting social interaction

Out-of-School Time Trends

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"Park and recreation OST programs give children safe places where they can learn, connect, explore, and play outside of school hours while their guardians are still at work."

Out-of-school time (OST) programs serve children of all ages — from infants to teenagers who are about to graduate from high school and enter the workforce

Key benefits of OST programs include:



Childcare for working parents and/or caregivers



A safe space for children



Physical activity through play, exercise and sports



Socialization with peers

The COVID-19 pandemic led to innovations that will continue, including:



More outdoor programming



Virtual programming



Partnerships with school districts to provide learning support



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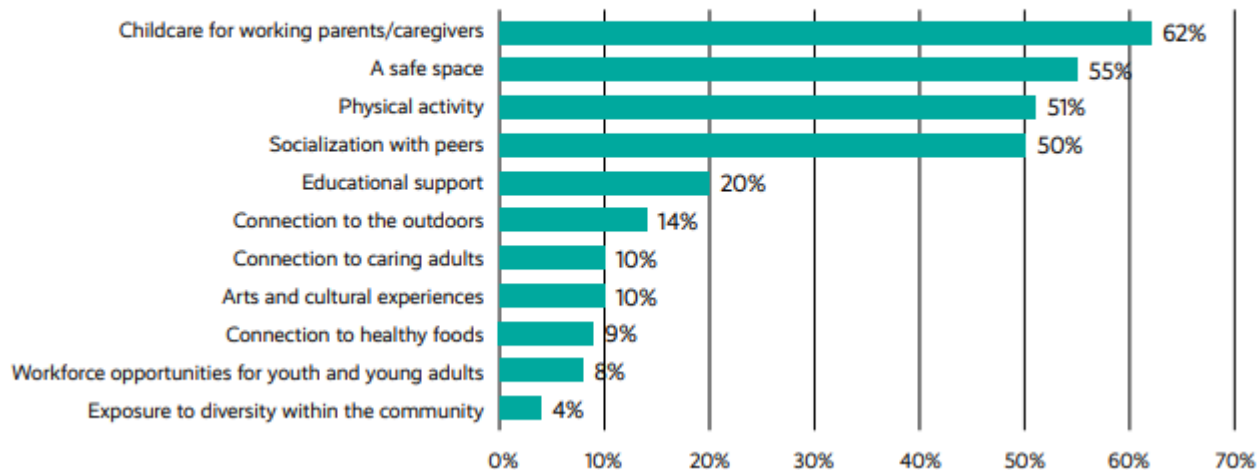
Out-of-School Time Trends

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NRPA Out-of-School Time Report (2021)

Top Benefits Out-of-School Time Programs Provide to Their Communities

(Percent of Agencies)*



Out-of-School Time Trends

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NRPA Out-of-School Time Report (2021)

- 64% of agencies offer STEAM programming
- More than half of agencies introduce environmental education as part of their OST programs
- 45% of agencies partner with school districts to provide academic support
- 62% of agencies partner with community-based organizations serving youth in OST programs
- Cost (63%) and transportation (45%) are top challenges to ensuring access to OST programs

Out-of-School Time Trends

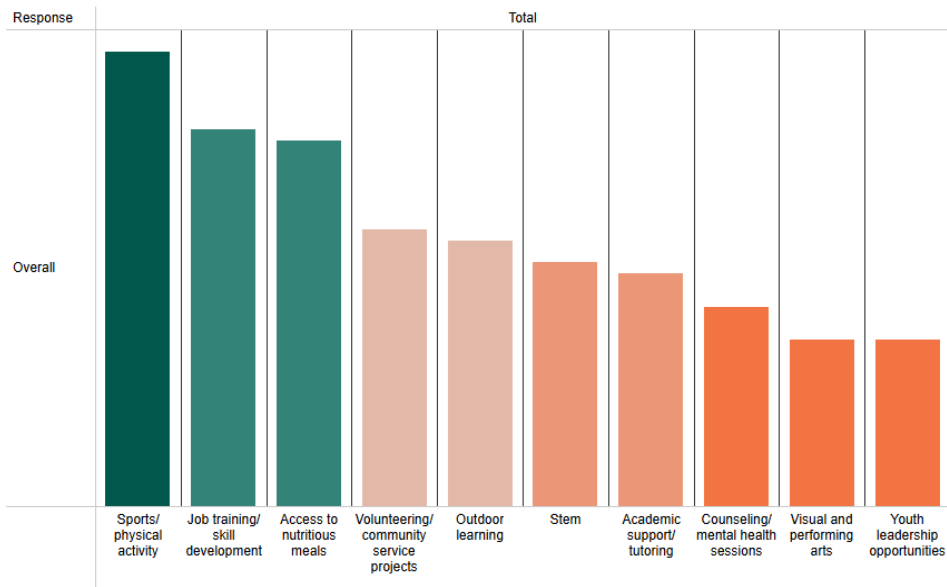
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Parks and Recreation Provides Vital Youth Services

Youth and young adults has access to a diverse set of offerings and services from their local park and recreation agency. Among their many offerings and services, U.S. adults rank access to sports and other physical activities, job training and skill development and access to nutritious meals as top youth services provided by local park and recreation when school is not in session.

Select a characteristic:

Total



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Out-of-School Time Opportunities

Licensed After-School Programs

Monday-Friday (2 – 6 pm)

- Kids' Care (19 locations)
- Kids' Corner (1 location)
- Kids' Club (2 locations)
- Therapeutic Recreation Kids' Care (4 locations)
- Therapeutic Recreation Leisure and Life Skills for Teens (1 location)



Kids' Care Participation Fee:

- \$232.50/month for 10 months (\$58/week)
- Department of Parks and Recreation Fee Assistance Program Available
- Eligible for Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program



Out-of-School Time Opportunities

Kids Care Programs

Northern Recreation and Leisure Services:

- Beltsville Community Center
- Bowie Community Center
- College Park Youth Services Center
- Deerfield Run Community Center (PS)
- Huntington Community Center
- Lake Arbor Community Center (PS)
- Lakeland College Park Community Center
- Langley Park Community Center
- Largo/Kettering/Perrywood Community Center (PS)
- Rollingcrest-Chillum Community Center
- South Bowie Community Center
- Vansville Community Center (PS)

(PS) = Park School Location



Out-of-School Time Opportunities

Kids Care Programs

Southern Recreation and Leisure Services:

- Baden Community Center (PS)
- Fort Washington Forest Community Center (PS)
- Hillcrest Heights Community Center
- Indian Queen Recreation Center (PS)
- Oakcrest Community Center (PS)
- Suitland Community Center (PS)
- Upper Marlboro Community Center
- William Beanes Community Center (PS)

(PS) = Park School Location



Out-of-School Time Opportunities

Kids' Club Programs

Aquatics and Athletic Facilities:

- Fairland Sports & Aquatics Complex
- Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex
- Kids' Club Program includes Specialty Instruction:
 - ❖ Swimming
 - ❖ Gymnastics/Tumbling
 - ❖ Tennis
 - ❖ Sports Activities



Kids' Club Participation Fee:

\$362.50/month for 10 months (\$91/week)

Department of Parks and Recreation Fee Assistance Program Available
Eligible for Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program

Out-of-School Time Opportunities

Therapeutic Recreation

Kids' Care Programs:

- Huntington Community Center
- South Bowie Community Center
- Marlow Heights Community Center
- Vansville Park Building

Therapeutic Recreation Leisure and Life Skills for Teens:

- Tucker Road Community Center

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Out-of-School Time Opportunities

Transportation

PGCPS

- Beltsville CC
- Bowie CC
- Deerfield Run CC
- Fairland Sports & Aquatics Complex*
- Huntington CC
- Lake Arbor CC
- Langley Park CC

PGCPS

- Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex*
- Rollingcrest-Chillum CC
- South Bowie CC
- Upper Marlboro CC*
- Vansville CC
- All TR Kids' Care & TR Leisure and Life Skills for Teen Sites

Department of Parks and Recreation or Other Provider

- Fairland (CMIT North)*
- Hillcrest Heights CC
- Suitland CC
- Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex*
- Upper Marlboro CC*

Out-of-School Time Opportunities



Meals

PGCPS Food and Nutrition Department's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides meals to eligible childcare programs



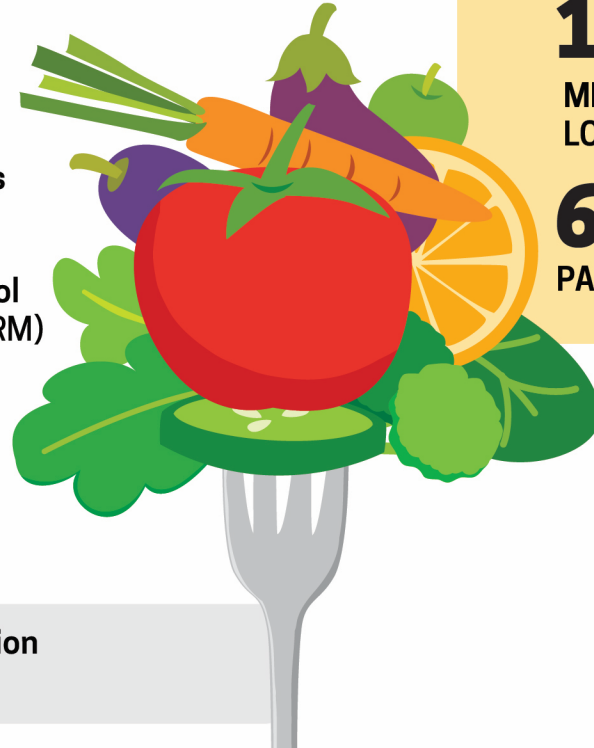
Sites must be within 1 mile radius of a Title 1 school (schools with a Free and Reduced Priced Meals (FARM) rate of 50% or higher)



Meals must meet USDA nutritional guidelines (include milk, protein, grain, and two servings of either fruit or vegetable)



For Department sites not eligible for PGCPS nutrition program, healthy snack options are provided



18

MEAL PROGRAM
LOCATIONS

611

PARTICIPANTS

Out-of-School Time Programs (OST)

6828 PARTICIPANTS SERVED



LIFESTYLE & LEARNING
1109 PARTICIPANTS



COMPUTER SKILLS
49 PARTICIPANTS



ARTS
4246 PARTICIPANTS



HISTORY
193 PARTICIPANTS



NATURE
1166 PARTICIPANTS



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
65 PARTICIPANTS



OST Programs Offered

STEAM

- STEAM: Mixed Ages
- STEAMtastic Technology
- STEAM Natural Body Scrubs Workshop
- STEAM Labs
- STEAM: Try Engineering Tuesday
- Crazy Crystal Creations
- Forensic Science Detectives
- GUMMY Candy Lab
- Let's Get Excited About Fingerprints
- Science Academy: Slime Lab
- Cosmetology
- Creative Beautification
- How Do We Breathe
- Cloud & AI Fundamentals
- Intro to Cloud & AI w/Ms. Murphy
- Robotics Workshop: LEGOS
- Cars: Start Your Engines
- Cooking and Culinary Arts
- Musical Storytelling Through Rhythm Workshops

Numeracy/Math

- Money Management: Financial Literacy
- Money Management: Piggy Bank Pioneers
- Intro to Money Management: Teens
- Tutoring: MATH
- Cash Prep Workshop 1 & 2: Teens
- Math Enrichment Skills: Mixed Ages
- Basics of the Stock Market
- Investment Club
- Stock Market 101: Basics
- Stock Market Investing: Basics
- HBCU Money Guide
- Entrepreneurship Academy
- Cash Quest: Adventures in Learning and Saving

Literacy/Critical Thinking

- Solve a Crime
- Think Fun Cold Case
- Unsolved Cold Cases
- Tutoring: READING
- Improvisation Class
- Sign Language
- Spanish

Life Skills

- Etiquette – Because it Matters: Manners
- Etiquette - Dining
- Mentoring Girls: Life Skills for Teens: Cleaning
- Employment Workshop
- Job Readiness
- Workplace Readiness
- Teen Cotillion
- Mis Quince Años
- KIAMSHA Mentoring Program

OST Programs Offered

Nature

- Basic Birding 101
- Birding for Beginners
- Pond Hike: Pond Ponderings
- Fantastical Fireflies
- Night at the Nature Center
- Night Hike
- She's Outdoors: Bike the Gardens
- She's Outdoors: Campfire
- She's Outdoors: Gardens & Plants
- Craft Tuesdays (various themes/topics)
- Amphibian Monitoring
- Frog Watch
- Lichens Night Hike
- Night Hike Stargazing
- Supermoon and S'mores
- Timberdoodle Hike
- Twilight Hike

Visual Arts

- 3-D Animation
- Art: Introduction
- Sneaker Paint & Snack
- Photography: Digital
- Ceramics
- Printmaking Fundamentals
- Balloon Making
- Drawing

Performing Arts

- Acting Basics
- Intermediate Acting
- Beat Ya Feet Dance Workshop
- Bounce, Beats, & Bites
- Hip Hop Dance
- Dance Club: Children
- REC Cypher
- Band Dance: Teens
- Majestic Elites

Performing Arts (cont.)

- Piano Keyboard
- Ballet and Jazz
- Dance: Contemporary
- Modern Dance
- Junior Academy for the Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, and Vocal Music)
- Intro to Music Production
- Creative Movement
- African Dance
- Funky Feet
- Twinkle Toes Ballet
- Latin Dance: Children and Teens
- Voice
- Salsa
- Theatre Skills
- Young Stars Program
- Guitar
- Ballet and Tap

Summer Camps & Playtime/Teen Centers

Explorers

- Includes a variety of structured leisure activities including sports, arts, crafts, quiet and active games, movies, and special events.
- **Fees:** \$150 (1 wk) & \$270 (2 wk)

Specialty Camps

- Includes a minimum of 20 hours of specialty-focused instruction per week (average 4 hours daily)
- **Fees:** \$160 - \$355 (1 wk) & \$300 - \$385 (2 wk)

Playtime & Teen Centers

- Prince George's County Residents
- \$100 for 6-week program



Summer Camps – Specialty/Enrichment

- Get in the Zone – STEAM
- Enrichment Camp: STEAM
- STEM n’ Crafts
- Global Explorers
- Life Skills Camp
- Real World Life Skills
- Nature Camp
- Outdoor Explorers
- All Things Painting
- Art in Motion
- Creative Creatures
- Musical Theater Camp
- SEAC Summer Enrichment
- Engineering/Science
- STEAM Playhouse
- Culinary Camp
- Comic Book Camp
- Cosmetology
- Coding Camp
- Digital Media
- Fashion Design
- Robotics Camp
- Stage Craft: Set Design
- Video Game Design
- Video Production
- Gaming and Coding
- Computer Animation
- Art & Architecture: STEAM
- Quest for Discovery Enrichment
- SAARC Enrichment STEAM
- Crime Science
- Sci-Fi & Comic-Con
- Bay Lab Adventures
- Jr. Naturalist
- Nature’s Elements
- Plantapalooza
- Wetland Wanderers
- Wizards & Creatures
- Wandering Wizards
- MakerSpace Camp
- Politics Camp: Girls
- Artworks Summer Studio

A Look Ahead: Collaboration

PGCPS

- Incorporate Student Learner Profiles into OST and Summer program development
- Align Student Support Recommendations for Community Partners with Department programs
 - ❖ Reinforce literacy and numeracy/reasoning skills for youth and teens during OST and Summer Programs
- Increase access to school-based recreation activities for PGCPS afterschool programs
- Work with PGCPS to identify student enrichment needs
- Partner with PGCPS on evaluation process to measure outcomes for Department enrichment programs



A Look Ahead: Collaboration

Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)

- Expand after-school programs in collaboration with PGCPS and BGCA, with a focus on providing academic enrichment and recreation activities
- Increase access to BGCA academic enrichment programs for Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club (PGCBGC) participants
- Summer Enrichment Pilot
 - ❖ 5 Summer Playtime/Teen
 - ❖ Academic Enrichment Sessions (3x/week)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**



A Look Ahead: Collaboration

Prince George's County Council

- Regularly engage with the Education and Workforce Development Committee to identify opportunities and collaborations to enhance Department's enrichment programs and services
- Prioritize support for community-based organizations to increase access to enrichment expertise for OST programs
- Identify businesses and faith-based organizations to provide scholarship support to increase access to Department programs for underserved youth.



CONCLUSION

Thank You!

