

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

*Build upon
school day learning*

enrichment





Our Program

Propel Schools' award-winning Afterschool Program, facilitated by Propel staff, allows scholars to have continuity from the school day. We utilize an ever-growing partner network to provide scholars with academic and enrichment opportunities during the extended day. Our Afterschool program is open to all scholars from kindergarten to 12th grade across all of our schools at no cost to families.

Why Participate in Afterschool Programming?

Today, scholars face many obstacles as they grow into successful citizens. At Propel Schools, overcoming obstacles is the expectation, not the exception. Propel provides a safe place for scholars to learn and grow after the school day ends. According to the advocacy organization, Afterschool Alliance, scholars in high-quality afterschool programs have better attendance, behavior, grades and test scores than their non-participating peers. These scholars have better attitudes toward school and high educational aspirations.

Proud Partners and Collaborators

We are fortunate to have great partnerships that continue to grow in number and contributions to provide well-rounded experiences for our scholars.

- Adagio Health
- ALCOSAN
- Allegheny Youth Development
- Andy Warhol Museum
- Boy Scouts of Western PA
- Carnegie Museum of Natural History
- City of Asylum
- Community Kitchen Pittsburgh
- The Frick Pittsburgh
- Giant Eagle
- Irma Freeman Center for Imagination
- The Jewish Healthcare Foundation GRAN Program
- Mattress Factory Museum
- Penn State Greater Allegheny
- Pittsburgh Cares
- Pittsburgh Opera
- Reading is Fundamental
- Rivers of Steel Arts
- SLB Radio Productions, Inc.
- The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
- YWCA Greater Pittsburgh

Program Overview

All Propel Afterschool sites operate Monday through Thursday. Sites that receive funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program operate three hours each day four days a week; all others offer two hours each afternoon. Time is dedicated to completing homework or tutoring and then scholars move to enrichment activities that may include cooking, science, literacy, judo, music, dance, physical education, service learning and college and career development and exploration. Propel Afterschool scholars enjoy dinner funded through the Child and Adult Care Food Program or a healthy snack. Many Propel Afterschool partners bring special opportunities in science, literacy and career exploration.

Summer programming is available for all Propel scholars. Programs include MAGIC sites, which offer summer enrichment; credit recovery camps, where scholars can recover high school credits; Stem Girlz, a science camp for middle school girls; and Braddock Hills Middle School Special Projects Camp, a career development camp.

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Our Goals

At no cost to families, Propel's Afterschool Program aims to improve scholars' academic achievement, encourage healthy lifelong skills, provide resources and build an ongoing platform for scholars and families.

Improve Academic Achievement

Participation in our Afterschool Program can have a positive impact on academic achievement. Improved test scores are reported in evaluations. Our program supports a range of positive learning outcomes and affords scholars opportunities to learn and practice new skills through hands-on experiential learning.

Provide Resources for Students and Families

Scholars work first-hand with local artists and are exposed to area museums and institutes. Service learning projects connect our scholars to community and city efforts and make it possible to distribute community information on public resources to our families.

Encourage Healthy Lifelong Skills

Children expand upon what they learn in the classroom through their own life experiences. At Propel Afterschool and Summer Camps, scholars are encouraged to develop healthy life skills and habits. They may participate in physical exercises such as dance and judo and also learn about healthy eating and nutrition through cooking classes. Middle and high school scholars benefit from classes on social and emotional well-being. All scholars are encouraged to read, complete homework, work as teams on projects, and participate in dance, music, the arts, cooking, sewing, and hands-on science.

Build an Ongoing Platform for Students and Families

Propel Schools engages communities in discussions that raise awareness of the importance of high-quality afterschool programming. We work directly with community and neighborhood leaders to secure resources and funding to provide limitless opportunities to our students.

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**The Propel Afterschool
Program will work with
the school, the family and
the community to provide
academic support and
enrichment opportunities
in the arts and sciences as
well as lessons on healthy
lifelong habits and skills.**

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For more information on Propel Schools Afterschool Program please contact Dr. Rosemary Anderson at 412-325-7305 ext. 1310 or randerson@propelschools.org.

To sign up your student for the Afterschool Program, please contact your building's site coordinator and complete an online application.



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