

Darien After School, LLC Child Care program for and by contract with the Darien Board of Education

Detailed Description of the Program

Overview

Since its inception at Darien's Holmes School in 2013, Darien After School, LLC has provided full service before and after school program management. Born from two PTO moms wanting better and safer after school enrichment for their community. Since, we have become an integral part of the Darien community at large. We provide high quality before and after school enrichment classes and childcare to children in their school system. We handle all aspects of and assume all liability and responsibility for the program, its instructors and participants. Classes are open to all students of all abilities within Darien Public Schools per Board of Education school districting rules.

Our business model is designed around customization of programs. With community, School Administration and Board of Education input, we create a customized program for each school or offer the same program across all schools.

Our instructors are Darien Public School teachers and staff, and educators from local and national organizations and businesses.

We are currently serving all five Darien Elementary Schools, as well as schools in 6 other communities in Connecticut and New York (Appendix A).

Description of the Program(s)

Darien After School enrichment and child care programs operate to allow students and families to enjoy the benefit of extending the school day beyond school hours within school buildings during the full course of the academic year.

Enrichment is defined as 1 hour, before or after school, programs with a specific enrichment activity, offered Monday through Friday for most of the school year. A license is not required.

Child care is defined by the State of Connecticut as a Child Care Center, defined as providing regular care to more than twelve related or unrelated children outside of their homes. This is a licensed program by the state of Connecticut. Program offered each day of the school year. Program hours are 7:30am to 6pm, specifically:

Holmes and Ox Ridge schools 7:30am until 9am, and 3:30 until 6pm

Hindley, Royle and Tokeneke Schools 7:30am until 8:30am, and 3 until 6pm

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Neither program is exclusive of the other, and students may attend only their respective elementary school per home address and Darien Public School's districting guidelines.

Program Space for child care will be the common rooms, gymnasium, school media center and playground. Per state guidelines a minimum of 35 sqft will be provided per child in attendance.

Childcare - Program Extension Additional Information

The Darien After School Childcare Program is a warm, friendly, safe, and enriching in-school program that promotes the emotional, physical, creative, and social development of each child. Our programs are offered before and after regular school hours, and include:

- Teacher to student ratio is no less than 1:10 per state guidelines
- Anticipated enrollment is approximately 30 students, dependent on space requirements specific to each location, with 3-4 adults on staff
- Indoor and outdoor group games and activities
- Quiet time for children with homework or who would benefit from the less rigorous activity
- Reading and enrichment support
- Students will be picked up by caregivers at the end of the program—no transportation provided

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Students will arrive and be dismissed through the designated entrance by school administration. This is typically the main entrance of the building, however at times Principals may direct the program to use an entrance/ exit that is less disruptive school and student daily routines.

Drop off and pick up are always in person, with a one to one hand of caregiver to program teacher.

Safety Measures

- CPR, AED, First Aid, concussion awareness and EPI-Pen-trained Head Teacher managing each location for the duration of all classes
- Emergency Action Plan for each location
- Student allergy and medical process and procedures
- First Aid supplies and locked medical box for student medications
- Adherence to all School Policies including school closures and security
- Background checks, of all instructors and staff