



Community Kids

HIGH-QUALITY OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMMING



This program is funded by Federal 21st Century Learning Centers administered through the Minnesota Department of Education.

Key Components

K-10th grade

About 150 Saint Paul students participate in Community Kids. Most are from low-income households and identify with communities of color.

925 program hours

Students spend roughly 1,290 hours in school each year. Community Kids provides another 925 hours of programming year-round addressing the whole child.

School Success

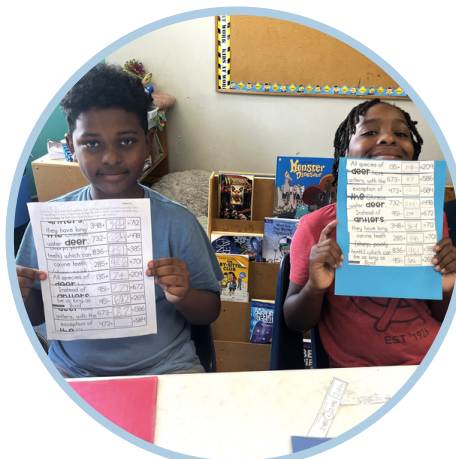
Academics focus on math and reading with qualified and experienced teachers, homework help, literacy tutoring and independent reading, and STEM learning.

Social Emotional Learning

Students participate in weekly character education and violence prevention curriculum to build social-emotional skills.

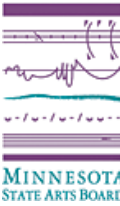
Enrichment

Nutrition and fitness, Junior Achievement, teen employment, service learning, arts and cultural experiences to complement other learning opportunities.



Arts Activities

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Keystone's Community Kids received a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. These funds were used to provide high quality arts programs.

- 2-D Animation
- Rap Mathematics
- Resin Art
- Ethiopian Dance
- Northern Clay Center
- Puppetry with Z Puppets
- Jewelry making
- Abrakadoodle visual arts
- Music Around the World
- Beatbox
- Painting techniques
- Video creation
- Global games





Youth Directed Programming

A Youth Advisory Council for co-creating programming keeps offerings interesting and attractive for youth of all ages and backgrounds.

Family Engagement

Parent conferences, an Advisory Board, family activities, and relationships with Community Kids staff keeps parents informed and involved.

Community Partners

St. Paul Public Libraries, Saint Paul Right Track teen employment, Midway YMCA, Saint Paul Urban Tennis, Allina Health United Family Clinic, MN Alliance with Youth, Sprockets, Ignite MN, and volunteers contribute to a wide array of programming for young people.

Educational Partners

Partners like the Saint Paul Public Schools, local K12 schools, University of St. Thomas, Literacy MN, and Macalester College ensure strong connections to academic learning and resources.



Teen Employment Opportunities

Youth that are in high school can apply for paid employment as Classroom Assistants.

Skills and outcomes:

- High School youth help mentor and coach elementary school students
- Teens receive on-the-job mentoring and coaching from Community Kids staff
- Youth can choose to work on some days and attend teen programming on other days
- Monthly job skills trainings are conducted by Keystone's Youth Employment Manager

Key Outcomes for Community Kids

- Students in kindergarten through 4th grade demonstrated improved reading fluency and engagement during the summer

MN Literacy Council, 2019-2023

- 100% of parents stated their child enjoyed attending the Community Kids program

MnSACA Family Survey, 2019-2023

- Teen participants believe the Community Kids program helps them build social skills and supports their academic skills

YIP Outcomes Survey

- 32 K-4th graders completed the YMCA water safety course and accomplished new swimming skills such as front glide, back float, and swimming 10+ feet

YMCA pre-post skills test

