

SPARK Afterschool & Summer Program



Our vision and goals . . .

The SPARK program is designed to provide students with a safe, supported, and structured afterschool environment that offers a variety of academic and enrichment opportunities to students and families. Programming has met the goals of increased academic success, positive social and personal skills, and increased community and parent involvement.

SPARK serves students at the following schools within the Sample School District:

- Left Elementary School • Rock Elementary School • Central Elementary School • Whitcomb Middle School

Program highlights . . .

After School Program: 150 student participants

Summer Program: 120 student participants

* 71% of students receive free/reduced lunch

* 57% of elementary students participate in the program.

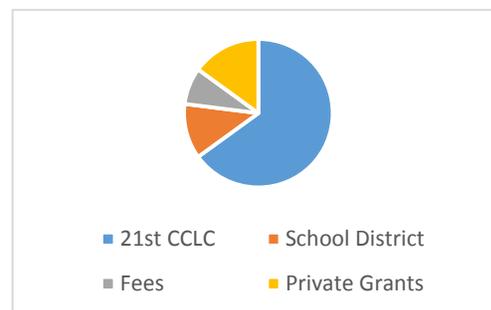
- SPARK provides afterschool and school half-day programming at three elementary schools and the middle school.
- SPARK offers homework assistance for the first 30 minutes of our program, followed by hands-on learning experiences through daily club activities. These clubs include robotics, gardening, knitting, drama, tae kwon do, computer programming, painting and technology.
- SPARK has seen clear academic outcomes for nearly three-quarters of those served on a regular basis around improved school skills, classroom performance, and homework completion.



Our funding . . .

As SPARK looks to the coming years, plans are being made to sustain programming. A decrease in federal grant dollars necessitates the importance of local support. We would like to serve all youth in our community; however, we are unable to do so at this time due to our limited funding.

- Wait list of 50 students
- Only 30% of our students' families can afford to pay the suggested \$50 annual program fee; payment is not required to attend.
- Programming costs (total cost per child for the program to operate): \$535/school year program and \$215/summer.



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