

After School Program Parent/Legal Guardian Information Letter

Welcome to our school's After-School Program! In order to ensure each family has a working description of this year's After School Program (ASP), all parents/legal guardians with students participating in ASP are required to read and sign the ASP Parent/Legal Guardian Information Letter.

ENROLLMENT

- Any elementary-aged student attending a CCSD elementary school is eligible to attend that school's ASP. This **excludes half-day** or special education **pre-school** students and all (full day) Georgia Lottery PreK students. Parents or legal guardians must register their child or children by completing a registration form and signing this notification letter (available in the school office). If there are any address/contact information changes, the parent/legal guardian of the participating student must notify ASP staff of changes.
- Students must be enrolled in ASP in order to participate in classes/activities offered by the Service Providers (outside vendors).

ATTENDANCE

- Credits for non-participation will be issued only if one of the following exceptions applies:
 - a. the student is absent due to illness on a day pre-designated as an ASP day for the student
 - b. the student is checked out by 11:00 a.m. due to illness
 - c. the student experiences the death of an immediate family member (parent/legal guardian, sibling, grandparent); or
 - d. school is closed/dismissed early due to inclement weather
- Any student checked out of school early may not return to the school's campus that day for the purpose of attending ASP.

PROGRAM TIMES

- ASP begins at the time of the school's dismissal and extends until 6:00 p.m.

FEE SCHEDULES, PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

- ASP is a PREPAID program.
- Schools may require parents/legal guardians to pre-designate and pre-pay for ASP participation by the week (e.g., "everyday", "M/W/F"). This is done for the safety of students by pre-determining staff coverage needs, as well as ensuring that students who should stay in ASP do not board the bus and go home to an unsupervised situation.
- ASP tuition is \$10 per day and must be paid by 10:00am on the day of attendance. Money or notification of participation received after 10:00am will cause the student to be considered as a drop-in and parents/legal guardians will be charged \$14 for that day.
- ASP payments can be made online at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/CherokeeGA/>
- Balances remaining in ASP accounts at the end of the school year will be rolled over to the next school year if the student will remain at the current school. If the student is transferring or being promoted to middle school, the parent/legal guardian must request a refund. The refund check must be picked up from the front office.
- Parents can call the school or ask the ASP secretary to verify ASP account balances.
- For purposes of personal income tax credits, parents/legal guardians are responsible for retaining all receipts.

STUDENT PICK-UP

- Only persons approved and designated on the registration form will be allowed to sign out/pick up your child—this is for the protection of your child! PHOTO IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED.
- Each/every student not picked up by 6:00 p.m. (**according to the school's clock**) will be charged a late fee of \$10 for each 15-minute portion/increment (i.e., 6:01-6:15 p.m. = \$10. 6:16-6:30 p.m. = \$20).
- Failure to pick up a child by 7:00 p.m. will be considered an emergency situation, and a call will be placed by ASP staff to the CCSD School Police (or 911) on behalf of the student. Students may be withdrawn from the program upon a **third** late pick-up. All parents/legal guardians are encouraged to have an **emergency backup** person in order to avoid these types of situations.

SAFETY

- To ensure the safety and security of all students in ASP, a program safety plan is reviewed and utilized on an annual basis. ASP coordinators are authorized to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency should an emergency occur which threatens the welfare of a child.

DISCIPLINE

- ASP is a support program and your child is expected to behave properly.
- Students must comply with the discipline policies laid out in the CCSD Student/Parent Handbook and Discipline Code and the individual school discipline policy.
- Inappropriate/disruptive behavior may result in suspension or withdrawal of your child.

SUSPENSION/WITHDRAWALS

- Students will be suspended or withdrawn from ASP for the following reasons: (a) Excessive late pickup (3X), (b) Discipline problems (3X), and (c) Nonpayment of fees and/or late pick-up fees.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- If school is closed or dismisses early due to inclement weather (or any other reason), the school's ASP will also close for the day. In such a case, the school will follow the instructions you have provided regarding school closing or early dismissal. ASP personnel will be responsible for any further parent/legal guardian contacts for the pick-ups of ASP students. Parents/legal guardians should also note that designated ASP personnel will remain at the school during such a closing to ensure all students have been picked up by the parent/legal guardian or authorized designee.

Clip/Return to ASP Coordinator. Please retain the information letter for reference purposes.

I have read and understand the information contained with this ASP Parent/Legal Guardian Information Letter.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name(s)/Grade(s) of Student(s): _____