

Out-of-School Time (OST) Taskforce Options

Background:

In alignment with the Strategic Plan, St. Louis Park Public Schools completed a School Start/End Times Study March 2019. The School Board voted to change the school start and end times for students beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

Purpose/Objectives:

The purpose of the taskforce is to create a more robust menu of out-of-school time options to meet the overall health, academic and social/developmental needs of all K-5 students and families.

This work will include recommendations for: academic programs, enrichment and recreation opportunities, and childcare options.

About the Recommendations:

The OST Taskforce generated the following categories and ideas for program options at its Nov. 4 meeting. At its next meeting on Dec. 2, the taskforce will refine the recommendations based on stakeholder feedback before sending them to Superintendent Osei.

District administrators will use the final recommendations to create several out-of-school time options based on interest level and budget capacity.

Please use ThoughtExchange (link below) to provide feedback on which program options you prefer as well as any ideas that you think might be missing from the current list of recommendations. Please note that this is a preliminary list of recommendations.

The ThoughtExchange will be open for feedback from November 14-26, 2019 at <http://bit.ly/OSTinSLP>

Community

- All activities foster a sense of belonging and connection
- Students build their will, skill and knowledge to positively impact community
- Create monthly themes that carry through after-school programs and the community so the entire community can support programs

Language and Culture

- Expose students to a variety of languages to cultivate an inclusive experience.
- Provide opportunity to share family traditions
 - Culminate in a family night experience

Student Interest Clubs

- Student choice; adult supervised
- Broad categories
- Board games
- Video games
- Cards (Pokemon, Yugio, etc.)
- Arts and crafts
- Building (Lego, Circuits, "The Works")
- Playground games
- Other activities generated by students

The Arts

Partner with community arts organizations and artists for high-quality experiences

- Musical theater
 - Vocal and instrumental
 - Visual and media arts

Culminate with a community experience

Academics

Engage community members, college students, high school students to support programming in staff or volunteer positions

- Mentoring, tutoring, homework help
- STEM/STEAM Programming (robotics, Lego, Maker space, field trips, etc.)
- Academic teams and topics based learning on a rotational basis

Athletics

Offer a wide variety of athletic activities to meet all interests and expand students sports experience

- Fitness/sports/wellness activities
- Collaborate with youth athletics and/or other organizations to offer athletics after school to free evenings/weekends.

Life Skills

- Mentor model: older students to younger students
- Experiential, hands-on, self-directed access to technology
- Educate for independence
- Embed social-emotional learning

Offsite Spaces

Utilize unique St. Louis Park city and school district partnerships

- Westwood Hills Nature Center
- The ROC
- Neighborhood parks (park programs)
- Central
 - Gym, cafeteria, pool, gymnastics
- Lenox
 - Little Theater, cafeteria, gym, rooms
- Skate Park
- Wolfe Park
- Etc.

Partner with businesses and organizations within/near St. Louis Park

- REM 5
- Loppet Foundation
- Rollergarden
- 3rd Lair
- Sabes Jewish Community Center
- Pavek Museum
- Kenwood Gymnastics
- Perspectives



**St. Louis Park
Public Schools**

Achieving success, one student at a time!