

AFTERSCHOOL @ PROGRESS ELEMENTARY

Begins:

9/22/2025

Ends:

12/18/2025

**NO COST
ATTENDANCE**

Activities Include...

Homework Help, Targeted Tutoring, Music, Visual Art, Dance, Football, Sports, Culinary Arts, Literacy, Numeracy, Scouting

Our Partners



YOU MATTER

Young people in afterschool and summer programs are surrounded by caring mentors who help them feel a sense of belonging and that what they do and say matters.

Afterschool Alliance, 2023



Contact Us
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About Afterschool @ Progress

Afterschool @ Progress Elementary is a team effort between twelve community partners. Afterschool programs help students grow in school and in life while giving them a safe, fun place to learn. Together, we are excited to bring new skills, confidence, and opportunities to students at Progress.

Afterschool @ Progress works closely with Progress Elementary’s principal and staff to make sure this program meets your child’s needs. We are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment where every child can learn and succeed.

This handbook will give your family important information about the program. Please read it carefully and contact us with any questions.

Fall 2025 Program Logistics

 **Start Date:** 9/22/2025

 **Start Time:** 3:30 PM

 **Bus Departure:** 5:45 PM

 **End Date:** 12/18/2025

 **End Time:** 5:30 PM

 Follows All EBR
Holidays and Closures

Choices for Families

Participation Days

Option 1: Full Scope

Parents can enroll youth for all 4 days (Mondays – Thursdays). Youth who participate in all 4 days will receive academic support, enrichment, transportation, and access to special activities and event. **There is no charge to families for this option.**

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Option 2: Kids Orchestra Only

For families who are only interested in only the music lessons and social-emotional learning enrichment component. Students attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Transportation will be provided home for all participants. **There is a fee for this option.**

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Days Selection

Enrichment Selection

At Parent Orientation, families will learn about the enrichment choices and pick one for each child. Once chosen, students stay in that enrichment for the entire Fall session. Each course will finish with a project or performance. Look for more details in the F.A.M.E. Spotlight. **Note:** Choices may be limited if parents do not attend Orientation or if enrollment begins after the start date.

Program Components



Academic Support

Students receive weekly homework help and targeted tutoring. They also join skill-building games, group activities, and Partner-led lessons. Professional Educators and Circle Mentors lead the learning to help all students do better in school. *"The more time students spend engaged in focused academic activities, the greater their skill development and long-term academic success."*



Enrichment & Personal Growth Experiences

This Fall, students will choose an enrichment like music, dance, sports, or science. Thanks to community partners, they'll enjoy activities on and off campus. Families will make selections at Parent Orientation on September 10th at 4:00pm. *"Engaging in enrichment activities supports young people's overall well-being by fostering confidence, creativity, social connection, and a sense of purpose beyond the classroom."*



Parent Engagement

Your involvement makes Afterschool @ Progress even more fun for your child. Joining in is easy and won't take much planning. With F.A.M.E. Spotlights (starting soon), families can earn points for prizes and recognition. Look for updates by email, text, and GroupMe—be sure to sign up! *"When parents are engaged in their child's education and afterschool activities, it strengthens the home-school connection and boosts student motivation, confidence, and success."*

Attendance



Coming to Afterschool at Progress every day is very important. When students miss, they lose out on learning, fun activities, and time with role models. Parents and Guardians, please do your best to make sure your child attends on the days you signed up for. If a student misses more than 5 days in the Fall session (September–December), they may be removed so another student can join. Families will get a notice after 3 absences. Check the Incentives section to see how strong attendance is rewarded!

Transportation



Afterschool at Progress provides bus rides home for students. Participants leave the school at 5:45 p.m. each day. Parents and Guardians, please check in at the Transportation Table during orientation to make sure your home address is correct. Some addresses may not be in the drop-off area, and staff at the Transportation Table will let you know if that applies to you. The Afterschool @ Progress partners are working together so as many students as possible can take part in the program.

Incentives for Attendance and Participation

Student Attendance Points

A point system is used to track attendance. Invitations for special activities and events are based on the points students earn. For example, to join the FREE Holiday Encore 3-Day Camp, students must have at least 80% attendance.



Halloween Costume Shop
Free costume for 80%+ attendance



Holiday Encore
Fun 3-Day School Break Activities & Field Trips



Mentor Time
One-on-one reading and activities with a college intern



Weekend Field Trips
Special community events

Parent/Guardian F.A.M.E. Points

F.A.M.E.: Family **A**ctivity and **M**eaningful **E**ngagement

Families can also earn FAME points by joining family activities or Parent-Only events. FAME points can be traded for prizes during the year. We are excited to see strong participation in the various Parent/Guardian events and activities!

Join the
GroupMe:



Upcoming Events & Planned Activities

- **The Green Seen Art Stroll at Southern University**

September 19th @ 6:00–8:00 PM
PARENTS/GUARDIANS ONLY
Earn F.A.M.E. Points!

**RSVP for your
VIP pass**



- **Girls on the Run 5K**

November 15th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

- **Girl Fest by Girl Scouts**

November 15th, 2025

- **Holiday Encore**

November 24th – 26th
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Attendance Incentive!

- **Kids' Orchestra Fall Performance**

December 2025
More details to come!
Earn F.A.M.E. Points!

- **Love Revolution Dance Performance**

January 2026
More details to come!