

Our Community Engagement Initiative

How Beaufort County School District Partners with
Faith-Based and Nonprofit Organizations to Provide
Crucial Extended Learning Opportunities

Our Story

The Impact of Covid





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GmxidopLnM>

Our Purpose

Through the Community Engagement Initiative, Beaufort County School District partners with local faith-based and non-profit organizations to provide extended learning opportunities, taking place after school and in summer, for students in grades PreK-12 who are identified as needing extra help by their schools. The initiative continues work toward the goal of reducing student learning loss related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Why Extended Learning Programs Are Needed

- Poverty is linked to numerous negative outcomes, with research showing that poorer students **score lower on standardized tests** (Hanushek, Light, Peterson, Talpey, & Woessmann, 2020), **drop out of school at higher rates** (McFarland, Cui, Rathbun, & Holmes, 2018), and **enter high school with literacy skills about five years behind** high-income students (Reardon, Valentino, Kalogrides, Shores, & Greenberg, 2013).

Why Extended Learning Programs Are Needed

- Beaufort County students have a poverty rate of **18.9%**, significantly higher than the national average of 16.1%, meaning that many of our students need help to overcome the achievement gaps faced by students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Students who participate in our programs are recommended by their schools based on need.

Why Extended Learning Programs Are Needed

- Extended learning programs give low-income youth access to new and enriching experiences that may provide lasting developmental benefits. They also provide youth with access to enriching activities, safe places, and caring adults when not in school, discouraging risky behaviors and increasing community safety (McCombs, Whitaker, & Yoo, 2017).

Why Extended Learning Programs Are Needed

- Extended learning programs have the potential to narrow the achievement gap between low-income students and their higher-income peers (Augustine, et al., 2016).
- Researchers have demonstrated that these programs are effective in increasing academic achievement for at-risk students (Knopf, et al., 2015).

Our Program

What Do We Do?

- Beaufort County School District and our community partners work together to offer after school and summer programming from **3-6 PM, Monday through Thursday**, for 28 weeks during the school year and 4 weeks during the summer (**32 weeks** total).
- We have **13** faith-based and nonprofit partners whose locations serve as sites for our after school and summer programming.

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR GRADES PRE-K - 12

The Community Engagement Initiative is a joint effort between Beaufort County School District and local faith-based and non-profit organizations. The purpose is to provide extended learning opportunities for students in grades pre-k-12. The goal is to continue in our efforts to reduce student learning loss due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Research shows that when community and schools work together, there are greater outcomes for students.



This program is FREE - it is not an after-school childcare program. Students will be recommended by their school and will receive academic support with homework, physical activity, and the arts. After School Extended Learning will be offered Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in these locations in: Beaufort, Bluffton, Hilton Head, Lady's Island, St. Helena, and Whale Branch.

Transportation and a meal will be provided.

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Who Do We Serve?

- We serve **300 students**, who are recommended by their schools based on need, each year.
- Since January 2022, we have served **over 600 students**.
- Students who participate in our after school and summer learning program receive 384 additional learning hours—the equivalent of **54 extra school days** per year!

What Do We Provide?

- Academic support, including help with homework, provided by retired teachers
- Physical and arts activities
- A nutritious meal
- Access to a social worker who can connect children and their families to resources within the community to meet their needs (such as food, housing, and medical appointments)
- Field Trips and other extended learning opportunities

Extending Learning Opportunities

Students visited The Citadel, in Charleston SC



Enrichment Activities



- Citadel Aquarium
- Nature Walks
- Marine Time
- Kazoo Factory
- Beaufort Library
- Columbia Zoo

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Guest Speakers

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**MAY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
MEDIA CENTER
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022
8:30 A.M.**

RSVP by July 11, 2022

PLEASE CONTACT STACY CLEVELAND @ 843-322-5439

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Our Supporters

Community Partners

We are grateful for the help of our faith-based and nonprofit partners with whom we host after school and summer learning at 13 community sites:

- Church of the Harvest
- New Life Deliverance Temple
- De Gullah Way
- Meadowbrook Baptist Church
- Grace AME Church
- Scott Community Center
- Lady's Island Baptist Church
- Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
- St. Paul Baptist Church
- Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen
- St. Andrews by the Sea
- Hilton Head Boys & Girls Club
- Sea Island Presbyterian

Professional Development/Training for Community Sites

Professional Development/ Trainings

- **CPR/Stop the Bleed**
- **Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI)**
- **Math Path (Software)**
- **iReady**
- **Dreambox**
- **Safe Schools Training**
- **And more....**

Program Costs

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- Our students, who are typically low-income, attend after school and summer learning free of charge.
- Program costs are approximately **\$2,200 per student**.
- Serving 300 students per year, our **total cost** is **\$660,000**.

Program Costs

- This **\$660,000 per year** covers payment for the retired teachers who provide students with academic assistance and the social worker who connects students and their families to community resources, as well as facility and transportation costs.
- Beaufort County School District pays for meals in-kind using federal funds.
- Transportation
- Resources, such as books, math manipulatives, board games, wifi, etc



<https://youtu.be/rLxkYH6gXR?si=G8F7rOmPkLlKByTP>

“Community partners are a living curriculum in which the relationship and experience drive the future.”

For additional information about the
Community Engagement Initiative,
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