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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

about WYOMING YOUTH SERVICES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ASP?

1. To provide students with remedial and enrichment experiences to improve their academic and social skills.
2. To tutor students in organizational techniques to enable them to achieve.
3. To support students' in completing homework so that skills are reinforced and grades are improved.
4. To model and teach social skills and behaviors, including the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use, so that students enter adulthood with appropriate and healthy living habits.

WHY WAS MY CHILD CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE?

Your child was identified by the Wyoming Middle School staff as needing additional help with academics and organization.

WHERE IS THE PROGRAM HELD?

The program meets at the Wyoming Middle School. Immediately after school dismissal, students are expected to go to the Middle School Cafeteria where they will have a snack before going to their assigned work areas.

WHEN IS THE PROGRAM IN SESSION?

The program takes place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:10 to 5:00 p.m. on the days school is in session. Seventh and 8th graders may leave at 4:30, with prior parent approval. Periodically, there may be dates when a session must be canceled. We will give you as much notice as possible.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no cost to you. The program is sponsored by Wyoming Youth Services. Materials are purchased by Wyoming Youth Services or donated by community members.

WHO WILL WORK WITH MY CHILD?

The ASP Coordinator and three ASP staff – all current teachers with the Wyoming Middle School - will work with your child. There will also be community members, college students, and high school students who are volunteering their time to work with your child. All adult volunteers have completed thorough background checks and all volunteers are required to participate in training to ensure they have the skills needed to support your child.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO DURING THEIR TIME AT ASP?

From 3:10 until 3:30, students will sign in, receive a healthy snack and drink, and socialize. From 3:30 until 4:30 your child will work on homework as well as remedial and study skills. At 4:30, the children will then have a choice to go outside to play at the Middle School playground or remain inside to socialize or play board games. On the last Thursday of the month we will celebrate birthdays, and every Thursday we hand out rewards to recognize children who are performing well and meeting program expectations.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE MOTIVATED TO DO THEIR BEST?

We have developed a reward system to motivate students. They will earn points for being prepared, working hard and turning in their work at school. Students will be able to exchange these points for prizes. We strive to provide a positive atmosphere and will recognize your child for his or her good efforts.

WHAT ARE THE RULES AND BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES?

The most important rule is – **RESPECT**. We will discuss with the students that this word extends to people, places and things. Students will be given a warning for inappropriate behavior. If they choose not to stop the behavior, they will “take five” and sit away from the group. If they choose to continue the behavior even after a “warning” and a “take five,” you will be called and your child will be sent home. Before the student reenters the program we ask that you conference with us, either by phone or in person, to discuss strategies to help your child be successful.

Students may not use their cell phones to make calls or texts during homework time (3:30-4:30). If there is an emergency, parents may call the Program Coordinator, Indrani Chatterjee, at 206-7208. This number will be available during normal program hours. You may also contact the school office by calling 206-7170. We also ask that you call to let us know if your child will be absent from the program. If your child didn't come to school that day, there is no need to call as we will already have that information. You may reach Ms. Chatterjee by email at chatterjeei@wyomingcityschools.org.

Students may bring snacks to ASP, but we encourage healthy snacks and drinks. We do not allow soda or energy drinks.

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MY CHILD IS DOING IN ASP?

We will contact you monthly by phone, email or note to let you know how your child is doing in the program. You are also welcome to call the Coordinator at the contact information listed above with questions or concerns.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE ASP PROGRAM?

Please discuss with your child the purposes of ASP and the behavior expectations. Although socializing is important and will be a part of the program, our focus will be on academics and organization during our hour work session. Your child will complete some of their homework at ASP, but they may have more to finish up at home. Please check their assignment notebook each day. We will try to indicate what still needs to be completed. You can stop by ASP any time you like to visit us or you might want to provide one of the snacks or some materials for the program to use.