

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

December 14, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Enrichment Programs Presentation (CSP-11-15-2022-02)

During the *Enrichment programs presentation*, at the Board meeting with the Committee on Special Populations, the following information was requested:

Question

Mrs. Smondrowski requested data on which schools are participating in the after-school programs, what type of programs they offer, and if there is any cost related to the programs.

Response

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Student Leadership and Extracurricular Activities (ECA) Unit monitors and supports those afterschool activities identified in the MCPS ECA Handbook. The handbook outlines two types of ECA stipends for schools to use for their extracurricular activity program(s). ECA Class 3 stipends outline specific job titles, descriptions, and hours assigned at the current hourly rate of \$15.65. ECA Class 1 allows schools to supplement their ECA program with other extracurricular activities that meet their students' specific needs and interests. Outside of the MCPS ECA Handbook, some schools receive Achievement Focus Grant funding based on the need to further enhance their afterschool program(s).

There are 22 non-athletic high school Class 3 stipends, 11 non-athletic middle school Class 3 stipends, and 4 non-athletic elementary school Class 3 ECA stipends. Many ECA Class 3 athletic stipends round out the MCPS extracurricular activity program. High schools receive 840 Class 1 hours, and middle schools receive 350 ECA Class 1 hours. The 2022–2023 school year is the first year elementary schools received 50 ECA Class 1 hours to provide additional extracurricular activities during the out-of-school time.

Between the ECA Class 3 stipends and ECA Class 1 hours offered at each school level, one hundred percent of our schools can provide opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular and co-curricular activities at no cost. There are supplemental after-school programs provided by various partners, including the Parent Teacher Student Association, Excel Beyond the Bell, Flex Academy, Enrichment Academies, Inc., and Montgomery County RecXtra,

to name a few. These beyond-the-bell programs provide opportunities for students to receive academic support and engage in various learning experiences. Programs vary from school to school, and while many of these programs are free, some require a minimal cost. These programs are outside the scope of the MCPS Student Leadership and Extracurricular Activities Unit; schools independently enter into an agreement with each vendor.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Damon A. Monteleone, associate superintendent of well-being, learning, and achievement, Office of School Support and Well-Being, via email.

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