

**Philosophy of the North  
Bethesda After-School  
Activities Program**

We believe that after-school activities are an integral part of the total education process for middle school students. After-school activities provide students with the opportunity to explore new areas of interest, cultivate and enhance existing skills, and grow both socially and cognitively in a safe and supportive environment. We offer a broad range of activities over the course of the school year in an effort to reach out to the varied interests of our students. Although these activities take place after the school day, all of our goals, rules and expectations remain the same. We believe that the North Bethesda After-School Activities Program is of high quality and will continue to grow in years to come.