The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools After School Enrichment Program works collaboratively with the principal, classroom teachers and support staff to integrate ASEP into the plans and goals of each school, as well as other CMS departments.

**An integral component of the regular school program**

- Site coordinators are available to work with school staff to meet the individual needs of students. Site coordinators work each day until 6 p.m.
- Monthly information is distributed to ASEP families and school staff about school-wide events, ASEP programming and activities.
- ASEP staff liaise between families and school staff to enhance the feeling of a school family.
- Quarterly parent meetings and/or student programs promote family engagement.
- ASEP supports Positive Behavior and Intervention Support by teaching behavior expectations for staff and students, creating a respectful and positive environment.

**Supporting academic goals**

**ASEP academic tutorials**

- 3rd–8th grade ASEP students performing below grade level on the previous year’s assessments in reading and math are invited to participate provided enough students are eligible for tutoring.
- ASEP provides funding for principals to give teachers extended pay to work with children in small groups who perform below grade level for four hours each week plus an additional hour of planning time.

**ASEP curriculum and programming**

- Daily teacher-directed activities are aligned with Common Core and Essential Standards and are currently being updated to align with the North Carolina Common Core and Essential Standards.
- At least five clearly defined center areas per group of students include activities aligned with the NC Common Core and Essential Standards and the CMS pacing guides.
- ASEP provides regular access to technology to help improve 21st Century Learning Skills.

Most ASEP sites are licensed at a level that exceeds minimum NC Division of Child Development regulations.
ASEP curriculum and programming, continued

- Reading lets adults model fluency and enthusiasm for literature.
- ASEP collaborates with community partners and approved vendors to provide enrichment programming and field trips that enhance student learning.

Homework time
- ASEP provides time for students to work in small groups on homework assignments.
- Each ASEP communicates individual student needs related to homework to parents and teachers.
- Supplies and materials are accessible to students in an environment appropriate for study.
- ASEP staff monitor and provide assistance on homework assignments.

Supporting Academic Goals

Nutrition and physical activity
- ASEP provides daily snacks that meet or exceed federal, state and local nutritional guidelines and address individual dietary needs.
- ASEP offers daily outside recreation to promote aerobic activity.

Licensing and environmental health requirements
- All ASEP sites are licensed at a level that exceeds minimum NC Division of Child Development regulations.
- ASEP complies with local, state and federal environmental regulations

After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP)

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