

# AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM PREVIEW

## RACHEL CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

### AFTER SCHOOL BASICS

- ❖ There is no fee for the After-School Program (ASP) and all students are invited to attend.
- ❖ The program is a mixture of structured academic and non-academic activities. There are many options to choose from when deciding where to stay after school.
- ❖ The ASP program runs Monday thru Friday. End times vary by activity. Most activities are over by 4:30. Check with specific teachers/sponsors for detailed meeting time information.
- ❖ Every student must return an After-School Registration Form. Please make sure that both the student and parent signatures are provided. (This form will be included in the first day packet at the start of the school year.)
- ❖ Students should make arrangements prior to the end of the school day when staying after with a specific teacher to ensure the teacher is available.
- ❖ Student's must be supervised at all times and are not permitted to wander around the building during after-school hours.
- ❖ Discuss your child's after-school plans every morning to prevent any confusion in the afternoon for the parent and student.
- ❖ Encourage your student to get involved in as many activities as possible. After-school is a great time to get extra academic help and enrichment, make new friends, build social skills, complete homework, and participate in specialized activities.

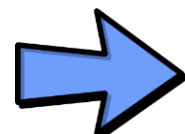


### LATE BUS INFORMATION

- ❖ Late buses will begin in September and will be provided on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- ❖ Information regarding routes and stops will be released in September. Late bus runs differ from the morning and afternoon runs. There are fewer buses and stops.
- ❖ Late bus runs will be posted on Blackboard as well as various locations around the school.
- ❖ Parent Pick up is required on Tuesdays and Fridays and when a student is staying past the late bus departure time on late bus days. **Parents should have their students picked up by 4:45.**
- ❖ Late buses depart from Carson between 4:30-4:45.
- ❖ If you are picking your child up, please utilize the "Kiss and Ride" area near the cafeteria.
- ❖ If your child is not taking a late bus home, please be sure to pick them up promptly at the conclusion of their activity to prevent unnecessary wait time by students and staff.



CLUB/ACTIVITY INFORMATION **Check out the back for more after-school info!**



- ❖ Club/activity schedules and information will be posted on our community blackboard which can be accessed through your child’s Blackboard account under the “Carson School Community” page. Information will also be offered on the morning news show (RC-TV) and will be posted throughout the school.
- ❖ Various clubs/activities will be added as the year progresses. Be sure to check periodically for updates.
- ❖ ***Examples*** of previously offered activities include:

Academic Support & Enrichment	Drama	Mentoring	
Advertising Club	Drawing Club	Volleyball	
Anime Club	eCybermission	Origami	
Arts & Crafts	ELO	Spelling Bee	
Basketball	Arduino Club	SCA	
Best Buddies	Rocketry		
Carson Chronicle	Futsal		
Chess Club	Geography Bee		
Cookie Jar Mystery	Going Green		
TSA	Jazz Band		
Model UN	Library Hours		
Debate Team	Math Counts		

- ❖ Clubs/activities are offered based on student interest, financial capabilities, as well as staff availability to sponsor. It is not guaranteed that all activities listed above will be offered each year.
- ❖ Due to limited space and resources, some activities do require try-outs and/or signing up to participate. This information will be given to the students as it becomes available.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- ❖ All FCPS rules and regulations apply during the after-school program. Students who do not abide by such rules and regulations will be disciplined accordingly including the possibility of losing after-school privileges.
- ❖ In the event of an early closing due to inclement weather or emergency conditions, all after-school activities will be cancelled and students will be sent home on their regular buses.
- ❖ If your child is absent from school, they are not permitted to participate in after-school activities that day.
- ❖ Students with academic obligations should fulfill those prior to attending a non-academic club or activity.

### REASONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- ❖ Research shows that participation in after-school programs lead too...
  - Increased classroom participation, homework completion and academic performance
  - Improved student behavior
  - Better student/adult relationships, peer relations, and emotional adjustment
  - Improved school attendance
  - More positive attitudes towards school
  - Reduced high risk behavior
  - Increased participation in healthy recreational activities
  - Increased school, family, and community partnerships



**Have questions or need additional information? Please contact...**

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# RCMS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FAQ'S



**Q: Who can participate in the After-School Program?**

A: All RCMS students may participate.

**Q: What is the bell schedule for after-school activities?**

A: On late bus days there will be two activity blocks that are each an hour long. Students may leave after A block if they are picked up by a parent. Late buses will depart at the conclusion of B block. If a student is catching the late bus, they must have both an A and B block activity to stay in. RCMS will offer open homework rooms and various activities for students needing to take the late bus who do not have two clubs to participate in.

AFTER-SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE					
	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>2:23-3:23</b>	A Block	Check with activity sponsor for exact program timing.	A Block	A Block	Check with activity sponsor for exact program timing.
<b>3:28-4:28</b>	B Block		B Block	B Block	

*Be sure to check with activity sponsors for the most current and updated information.*

**Q: How will students know what bus to ride home?**

A: Students should check the late bus listing which will be posted on the RCMS website and also will be available from any teacher. (Listing will be released in mid-September).

**Q: What fees are associated with the program?**

A: The program is free of charge to all students.

*Some activities may have fees for competitions/conferences/uniforms.*

*Financial assistance is available if needed.*



**Q: How do students sign up to participate?**

A: Each club will have their own policy for participation. Many clubs will have try outs, auditions, or registration forms. Detailed club information will be released in an "Activity Listing" in September. This listing will include all important details for individual activities.

**Q: Can students start a new club?**

A: Yes! See the After-School Specialist for a "Club Proposal" form. They will also be available on the school website or Blackboard.

**Q: Where can I find more information about the after school program?**

A: The most accurate and up to date information can be found on the RCMS After School website, <https://carsonms.fcps.edu/activities/after-school-program>, bulletin board in the cafeteria, on posters around the school and also on the morning news show (RCTV).

