

SPS Community Schools Afterschool Program

School year 2026-2027



The SPS Community Schools Afterschool Program offers tuition-based, curriculum-aligned, on-site afterschool care until 5:30 p.m. for SPS students in grades PK-5.

Program Hours

- The SPS Community Schools Afterschool Program follows the same school year calendar as Somerville Public Schools.
- The first day of afterschool is the first day of school.
- Afterschool programming starts at the end of the school day.
- Children are dismissed from afterschool between 5:15 - 5:30p.m.
- On early release Wednesdays, the afterschool program starts at the earlier school release time. There is no gap between school dismissal and afterschool programming on early release days.
- For prekindergarten (PK) students, the first week of school ends at 12:00p.m. and afterschool for PK will run from 12:00 - 3:30p.m.
- For kindergarten (K) students, the first week will follow a regular afterschool schedule.

What are important dates?

► **Priority Application
Period Opens**

March 17th, 2026

► **Priority Application
Period Closes**

March 27th, 2026

► **Afterschool
Enrollment Notification**

Mid-May, 2026

****Applying does not automatically guarantee enrollment.****

What if I missed the priority application period?

- Community Schools tries to accommodate as many families as possible and prioritizes those who apply during the priority application period.
- If you miss the priority application period, you can still apply. Your child may be placed on a waitlist for the duration of the 2026-2027 school year until a seat becomes available.
- Families will need to apply to the program every school year, even if you were on the waitlist in the previous school year.
- If you find alternate afterschool care, please call the Community School's office to ask to be removed from the waitlist: (617) 625-6600 x 6970.

How do I apply?

Applications are available at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/communityschools. Please call (617) 625-6600 x 6970 if you need assistance. Multilingual staff are ready to offer assistance in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole.



How much will the program cost for the 2026-2027 school year?

Grades	Location	Days / Week	Tuition / Week
Prekindergarten	All schools, except Brown	5 days	\$179
Kindergarten	Capuano	5 days	\$169
Kindergarten - grade 5: Options to participate in afterschool for 3 and 4 days per week are available only to students who attend schools other than the Capuano Early Childhood Center.	All schools, except Capuano	5 days	\$169
		4 days	\$159
		3 Days	\$149
Returning 6th - 7th graders need to complete a peer mentor application.			

- There is a **\$80 non-refundable registration fee per family due at the time of application.** This fee will be waived for families applying for financial assistance.
- **Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Sliding scale scholarship slots are limited.**

Who qualifies for financial assistance?

- parents/ guardians working over 25 hours per week
- parents/ guardians in training or education program
- parent incapacity and need for childcare, including a letter from a physician
- child with special needs (please submit IEP)

When can families apply for financial assistance?

To avoid extended wait time, families are encouraged to complete the financial assistance application during the priority application period: March 17th - March 27th, 2026.

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Please call (617) 625-6600 x 6970 if you need assistance.

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General Application Process

1

Confirm your school assignment with the SPS Enrollment Office

**School Assignment Notification Period:
Week of March 9th, 2026**

- The afterschool program application period begins **after** families are notified of their school placement by the SPS Enrollment Office.
- **PK & K Families or new families to Somerville Public Schools must first confirm with the SPS Enrollment Office which school you intend to enroll your child.**
- Your afterschool selection must be the same as your assigned school. If you list different schools, you will risk losing your chance of securing a seat in the afterschool program.

2

Apply online or with a Community Schools staff:

Call 617-625-6600 x 6970

Afterschool Priority Application Period: March 17th - 27th, 2026

- SPS Community Schools Afterschool Program uses a separate application process. Families must apply online by creating an account in EZ Child Track.
- **Applying does not automatically guarantee enrollment in the program.**
- Call to make an appointment if you need assistance. Multilingual staff are ready to offer assistance in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole.

3

Families receive notification

Afterschool Notification Period: Mid-May, 2026

- Afterschool seats are assigned based on site availability and through a weighted lottery system. Factors that are weighed include returning students, low-income qualification, sibling enrollment, single-parent and dual-earning households.
- Around mid-May, if your child has a seat in an afterschool site, Community Schools will send an enrollment placement confirmation letter by email.
- If you are on the waitlist, you will also receive notification around this time.
- It is possible that not all students in the same family will be enrolled due to factors such as group size per grade and needs within those groups.

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Next Steps

Mid-May to Mid-June, 2026

You are considered enrolled once you have received the enrollment confirmation email.

No additional actions are needed, except if:

- you no longer wish to enroll your child in the program. You must contact the Community Schools office to let them know about the change.
- your family has an outstanding balance. Please immediately contact your Community Schools' Site Director to settle your account.

Please call 617-625-6600 x 6970 with any questions or to make an appointment.

Our office is open from Monday – Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The last appointment starts at 3:00 p.m.

Financial Assistance Application Process

1 Collect required documents

- Community Schools requires information about your family's financial situation in order to determine whether and how much financial aid to award.
- Applications will be considered incomplete until all necessary items are submitted.** To avoid an extended process, please collect all of your documents **before** you apply.

☐ One (1) proof of income:

- 1 month of recent paychecks for all adult members of household
- an official letter from your employer and copy of recent tax return if you do not have paystubs
- child support statement
- any other documents of income such as SSI, SSDI, DTA, pension, retirement
- If you are self-employed, you need to provide your last tax return and other possible documents per request. Or, a letter from your employer with social security or Federal Tax ID, hourly rate, and hours per week on a letterhead with signature and phone number. You will also be required to complete a self-employed packet if a subsidized slot is available.
- If in school, a copy of your schedule of registered classes for a semester or an official letter indicating the type of training, hours per week, and start and end date

☐ One (1) proof of residency, if your child is a returning student in the Community Schools Afterschool Program:

- A utility bill from the previous month with your name and address, or
- a copy of your current yearly lease, or
- a voided check and bank statement with legal name and address

2 Apply online or with a Community Schools staff: Call 617-625-6600 x 6970

**Priority Application Period:
March 17th - 27th, 2026**

- To avoid an extended wait time, please submit your financial assistance application during the priority application period.
- If you have missed this period, please contact Adriana Guereque at aguereque@k12.somerville.ma.us.
- If you need help with the financial assistance application, call to make an appointment. Multilingual staff are ready to offer assistance in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole.

3 Families receive notification Financial Assistance Award Notification Period: Mid-May, 2026

- Applications are reviewed in the order they are received. Community Schools will notify you via email once your application has been reviewed. Your award letter will let you know 1) how much aid you will receive, 2) how much you will be expected to pay, and 3) when your child can start the program.

4 Next Steps Mid-May to Mid-June, 2026

- To receive financial assistance, you must confirm your acceptance within 2 weeks of receiving your award letter.
- If your family has an outstanding balance, please immediately contact your Community Schools' Site Director to settle your account.
- If you would like to withdraw from the program, or if the scholarship award will not work for your family, please contact Adriana at aguereque@k12.somerville.ma.us.