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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

About WYOMING YOUTH SERVICES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ASP?

1. To provide students with remedial and extension experiences to improve their academic and social skills.
2. To tutor students in organizational techniques to enable them to achieve.
3. To support students' in completing homework so that skills are reinforced and grades are improved.
4. To model and teach social skills and behaviors, including the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use, so that students enter adulthood with appropriate and healthy living habits.

WHY WAS MY CHILD CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE?

Your child was identified by the Wyoming Middle School staff as needing additional help with academics and/or organization skills.

WHERE IS THE PROGRAM HELD?

The program meets at the Wyoming Middle School. Immediately after school dismissal, students are expected to go to the class assigned where they will have a snack and get organized.

WHEN IS THE PROGRAM IN SESSION?

The program takes place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. and Thursday afternoons from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. on the days school is in session. Periodically, there may be dates when a session must be canceled. We will give you as much notice as possible. An ASP important dates calendar is enclosed.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no cost to you. The program is sponsored by Wyoming Youth Services. Materials are purchased by Wyoming Youth Services or donated by community members.

WHO WILL WORK WITH MY CHILD?

The ASP Coordinator and ASP staff – all current teachers with the Wyoming Middle School - will work with your child. There will also be community members, college students, and high and middle school students who are volunteering their time to work with your child. All adult volunteers have completed thorough background checks and all volunteers are required to participate in training to ensure they have the skills needed to support your child.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO DURING THEIR TIME AT ASP?

From 3:10 until 4:30, students receive a healthy snack and drink, and get organized to start working on homework as well as remedial and study skills. At 4:30 all the students will be dismissed. At that time, they must exit the building.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE MOTIVATED TO DO THEIR BEST?

They will earn a pizza party every quarter for being prepared, working hard, and behaving during tutoring. We strive to provide a positive atmosphere for all students and will recognize your child for his or her good efforts.

WHAT ARE THE RULES AND BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES?

The most important rule is – **RESPECT**. We will discuss with the students that this word extends to people, places and things. Students will be given a warning for inappropriate behavior. If they choose not to stop the behavior, they will “take five” and sit away from the group. If they choose to continue the behavior even after a “warning” and a “take five,” you will be called and your child will be sent home. Before the student reenters the program we ask that you conference with us, either by phone or in person, to discuss strategies to help your child be successful.

Students may not use their cell phones to make calls or texts during homework time (3:10-4:30). If there is an emergency, parents may call the Program Coordinator, Debi Allen, at 382-6035. This number will be available during normal program hours. **In order to ensure your child is safe, we also ask that you call to let us know if your child will be absent from the program.** If your child didn't come to school that day, there is no need to call as we will already have that information. You may also reach Debi Allen by email at allend@wyomingcityschools.org.

Students may bring snacks to ASP, but we encourage healthy snacks and drinks. We do **not** allow soda or energy drinks.

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MY CHILD IS DOING IN ASP?

We will contact you by phone, email, or note to let you know how your child is doing in the program. You are also welcome to call the Coordinator at the contact information listed above with questions or concerns.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE ASP PROGRAM?

Please discuss with your child the purposes of ASP and the behavior expectations.

Although socializing is important and will be a part of the program at specific times, our focus will be on academics and organization during our hour work session. Your child will complete some of their homework at ASP and prepare for tests, but **they may have more work to finish up at home. Please check their assignment notebook each day.**

We will try to indicate what still needs to be completed. You can stop by ASP any time you like to visit us and you are welcome to donate snacks or materials for the program to use.