

McGill School of Success

Extended Day Program Plan 2020-2021

McGill School of Success is a small charter school in San Diego's community of South Park. Our 140+ students are mainly first-generation, Title I, English Learners. The Extended Day Program gives our families a safe environment that reinforces academic excellence, expanded learning opportunities beyond the classroom, and caring staff that knows them on a personal level. To learn more about us, visit:

<https://www.mcgillschoolofsuccess.org/>.

Mission Statement

To provide children with an equitable, nurturing, and effective learning environment that promotes the development of the 21st century skills of critical thinking, effective communication, creativity and collaboration, with a multicultural perspective and core values essential for academic and lifetime success. To provide parents and or guardians with learning opportunities and resources to ensure their children's academic success and emotional well being.

Vision Statement

To become the premier early education program in San Diego County where children are educated through a strong collaborative effort between parents, teachers, staff and the community, while creating innovative opportunities for growth in facilities, new technology, family empowerment and enhanced community partnerships.

Values

We believe early education is essential in preparing our children to become future scholars and leaders and they are deserving of the opportunity to develop to their full potential. We pledge to provide the best educational opportunities to all students in a family environment that also inspires our children to take ownership of their education, so they may develop academically, socially, and with healthy bodies and minds.

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and must be actively involved in their children's education, both at home and at school. We pledge to provide parents with a venue for voice and a sense of trust and empowerment via parent training opportunities and ongoing communication with the principal, staff and governing board.

We believe that an effective educational program must embody strategies, methods, and innovative teaching approaches that will maximize children's knowledge, confidence, joy

for learning, self-discipline, and respect for and sense of responsibility towards others. We pledge to engage in innovative planning to secure access to resources for teacher professional development and to maintain open communication with teachers.

We believe community support is essential to the growth and success of our school if we are to become the school we aspire to be. Therefore, we pledge to forge relationships with community and corporate partners that believe in the mission, vision and values of McGill School of Success

Grants

McGill School of Success is in its second year as the recipient of two Extended Day Program Grants to support our predominantly schoolwide Title I students. Previous to 2020-2021, McGill partnered with The YMCA to deliver Extended Day Programs (EDP). In an effort to create a more efficient program that fosters positive relationships with students, families, and staff, McGill opted to direct the program for the 2020-2021 school year with the help of the instructional aides in the school day.

State Grants- McGill's after school program is largely due thanks to four of California's *After School Extended Services (ASES)* Grants. These are statewide grants funded by California's voters via Prop 98.

For the 2020-2021 school year, McGill has been awarded a total of **\$185,249.17**:

Elementary Before-School Base ASES Grant \$36,895.47

Elementary After-School Base ASES Grant \$133,169.40

Elementary Before-School Supplemental ASES Grant \$5,596.10

Elementary After-School Supplemental ASES Grant \$9,588.20

The supplemental funding is used for outside of school calendar days to include Summer School, Spring Intersession, and Saturday Academy. These supplemental opportunities help struggling learners receive additional support to address learning gaps and maximize learning.

Federal Grants - The 21st Century Federal Grant is in its second year of implementation at McGill.

Equitable Access 21st Century Federal Grant \$25,000

Elementary After-School 21st Century Base Grant \$112,500

Academics

Daily Academic Support - A vital component of our Extended Day Program entails academic support. With 94% of our students qualifying as low-income, providing academic support

Homeroom Teacher Support - For the first 15 minutes after dismissal, students will have the opportunity to receive direct support from their homeroom teacher as they complete their independent practice.

Tutoring- Instructional Aides from the day's program will be supporting students with extended tutoring for struggling students.

Reading Intervention Volunteers - McGill partnered up with AARP Experience Corps San Diego Virtual Reading Program, a partner with The Children's Initiative, to provide free tutoring via experienced tutors. The program is expected to begin in October 2020. Targeted students will be provided 30 minutes of reading intervention using Raz-Kids A-Z Learning material. A pre- and post- assessment will be given to measure student progress.

Online math program - Students in grades 3rd-5th will participate in LeverEd instruction via online learning to strengthen their Common Core Math skills.

STEAM opportunities - This year, McGill wishes to expand its STEAM program to include gardening, engineering, technology, science experiments, Lego creations, among other project-based activities that help students make sense of the science world. Funding will be used to purchase materials that will help students experience science first-hand. STEM guest speakers will be invited to speak to students about the various science fields available.

The Arts

Music - Music classes will continue and will add recorders for TK, 1st and 2nd grades while other grades learn guitar, violin, keyboards, and the Djembe drums.

Dance -Gill's extended day program will consist of an extension of the day's Dance PE program including: yoga, cheer, ballet folklorico, zumba, etc. In addition, McGill is partnering up with San Diego Ballet to offer ballet classes to our 2nd and 3rd grade

students. Our vision is to extend these dance opportunities to include tap, ballroom dancing, and other forms of dance.

Distance Learning

Due to Covid 19, McGill School of Success has provided students, teachers and staff with the appropriate online distance learning equipment, information, guidance and training for equitable learning opportunities. Thanks to the 21st Century Grant 2019-2020 funding, each student has been provided with a Chrome book along with the appropriate accessories. They were also provided with a backpack filled with essential school materials. Parents were given the opportunity to respond to an online survey with specific online learning needs prior to the opening of the school and the school has responded proactively to their requests and concerns. Parents have been informed of the low-cost internet service providers and access to our office for further inquiries about how to log on, access, and etc.

Google Platform

Teachers, students, and staff are utilizing the power of Google Classroom, Google meets, and other effective platforms in order to continue the efficacy and rigor of learning by each grade level. Staff is provided with ongoing training, support, and access to administration to effectively implement a rich and diverse learning environment for all their students.

Essential Workers Support for McGill's Parents - McGill School of Success is providing essential worker academic support and enrichment opportunities are provided during the hours of (7am to 6pm) where vigorous health safeguards and protocols are being followed and appropriate supervision and diversity of activities with safety measures are in place.

As each student arrives with their parent and or caretaker, McGill staff ensures that they are wearing a mask, their temperature is taken to ensure that they do not have a fever, they are properly signed in, and they are given an assigned seat in the auditorium which has been set up for appropriate social distancing along with a personal acrylic barrier.

Each student participating in this program is provided with a nutritious breakfast and lunch and given the opportunity for movement and exercise while keeping with all social distance protocols.

Upon return to on-site instruction, the Extended Day Program will maintain the rigorous academic support and expand the enrichment program to include activities including

X-Games, Robotics, and other activities that follow provisions for COVID19 health guidelines.

Mental Health & Socio-Emotional Needs

Counseling Services - Psychological and school counseling services are being offered at McGill School of Success in order to support the student's academic, social/emotional, and career endeavors. McGill embraces the ASCA (Association of School Counseling Administration) National Model where data and results-based counseling is incorporated. Our bilingual counselor is an experienced veteran who connects with students and families to ensure they are succeeding both academically and socio-emotionally. When needed, referrals to third party agencies are made to address student and family needs.

The Leader in Me - For the 2020-2021, McGill has chosen Franklin Covey's *The Leader in Me* as the socio-emotional character-development focus. There has been school-wide professional development provided to all staff, including office staff and custodian. *The Leader in Me* also includes parent engagement and training that build families who adopt the 7 Habits of Happy Families. We are excited to be able to provide a seamless 6 - 6 character program where McGill stakeholders are involved.

Parent Engagement

Parent Liaison - For the 2020-2021 school year, in addition to our counselor, an hourly bilingual (Spanish) Parent Liaison was hired to support family needs. Our Parent Liaison has over 17 years of experience working with families, community agencies, and non-profit organizations for the well-being of children and their families. Our Parent Liaison is available after hours and on weekends to connect with parents about their needs.

Parent Workshops - Part of the feedback McGill received in the *Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan* survey included providing families with adequate information and training to support their children at home. McGill plans to host evening and Saturday parent training in the various areas:

- Technology training to help families navigate the complexities of the cyber world with a simple click.
- Parenting classes to provide families with tools and resources to support their children

- Cyberbullying workshop that will expose dangers of technology, including the dangers of human trafficking

Note: This plan is editable. Given COVID19 restrictions, it may need revisions through the year..