



Community School Fact Sheet

I.S. 61 - 21st Century Life Designs After-School Program

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The Children's Aid Society, in partnership with the Department of Education Region 7, The After-school Corporation and DYCD, offers a free comprehensive after-school program. The goals of this program are to provide safe and enriching after-school care for Intermediate School children.

This program strives to provide activities that will improve student's academic skills, introduce students to artistic, creative and healthy programs, help develop students' social and developmental needs, and to overall foster a positive relationship between the students, school and parents. The Life Designs Program specifically looks to introduce activities that enhance the school day curriculum.

This program operates Monday through Friday after school throughout the school year and full days during the school vacations and summer.

The students have opportunities to select activities and to create their own "schedules". Activities are led by talented members of the I.S. 61 staff and energetic and caring college students.

About Our Activities:

Step – Students learn synchronized dance steps with handclaps and shouting incorporated into exciting energetic routines. Participants learn specific routines that they have choreographed themselves.

Dance – Students are taught tap, jazz, and a variety of other dance forms.

Guitar Workshop – Students with varied musical experience are given the opportunity to learn to play guitar. The instructor is a visiting artist with a long-time involvement in the music industry.

Cooking – Program members learn all facets of working around the kitchen, including safety, healthy meal planning, following recipes, proper use of utensils and cookware, and preparation of appetizers, entrees and desserts.

Art – Students enrolled in this class will be encouraged to experiment with a variety of materials to complete different kinds of interesting and unique projects. Students will be taught a variety of art modalities.

Drama Workshop – Youngsters expressing an interest in acting and play production are exposed to the many facets involved in producing a school play.

Magic – Participants will learn to perform a variety of magic tricks.

Mad Science – Students learn a variety of scientific principles through on hands experiments and research.

Sports and Physical Education – Program members are engaged in a wide range of sports-related activities in order to expand their awareness of athletic endeavors and physical education options available to them throughout their lives.

Academics (Homework help and tutoring) – Our academic component is available to all program members, whether they simply want to complete their homework under the guidance of our teaching staff from I.S. 61 or are in need of tutoring to address specific deficit areas that interfere with school success.