



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AND CLUBS (K-8)

FALL CATALOG
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

Out of School Time Department
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A background image showing a group of children outdoors, blowing bubbles. The children are slightly out of focus, and many colorful bubbles are floating in the air, creating a bright and cheerful atmosphere.

Somerville Public Schools provides enriching afterschool programs in which students can explore new interests, develop skills, and build confidence. These activities inspire creativity, connection, and personal growth beyond the school day.

***We invite all students to
try something new this year!***

**great
things
happen
beyond
the bell**

FALL 2026 SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

CODE FOR FUN

Our afterschool robotics programs give students in Grades 5-8 the opportunity to design, build, code, and compete through hands-on challenges with the **Somerville Robotics League**.



LOVE THE EARTH

The **Environment Leadership Program** inspires students in Grades 6-8 to spend time outdoors, disconnect from phones and make meaningful friendships, all while learning to care for our planet.



JUST FOR KICKS

Through practices, games, and mentorship, **Soccer Without Borders** helps immigrant students strengthen teamwork, communication, and resilience while connecting with peers from diverse backgrounds.



SPSCOMMUNITYSCHOOLS

\$ SPS Community Schools is the district's own full time, fee-based model offering on-site, after-school activities for Pre-K to Grade 6 at each of our elementary schools.

Led by SPS instructors, many of these programs extend student learning by aligning with the school curriculum. Students also have chances to explore new and exciting enrichment activities.

This program begins on the first day of school and continue through the final day of classes. Dismissals are between 5:15pm and 5:30pm daily. On early release Wednesdays, programming begins immediately following classes.

Registration for Community Schools is conducted in the spring and is currently at capacity at most schools for the 2026-27 school year. Families entering the district during the year should contact 617-625-6600 x 6970 or agiordano@k12.somerville.ma.us for additional information.



\$ indicates fee-based program



APOLLO

\$ Somerville Public Schools contracts with Apollo Afterschool to increase our capacity for offering afterschool care. Apollo is a fee-based academic program with financial aid available for qualifying students.





ARBITER

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration for many afterschool programs will be through the Arbiter Registration system (unless noted).

The Arbiter Registration site offers translation into Spanish and Portuguese.

If you need assistance with registration, please make an appointment with your family liaison.

SET UP AN ACCOUNT

Visit www.arbiter.io

- Create your secure Arbiter Registration account by entering your name, email address, and password.
- You'll receive an email from Arbiter Registration, which will include a link to confirm your new account. You **MUST** click the link provided in your email in order to activate your Arbiter account. **If you don't see the email, please check your spam or junk folders.*

COMPLETE REGISTRATION

- Fill out the information requested on the form.
- Make sure you click "save and continue" after each section.
- At the end of the process, click "Submit."
- Once you have submitted your registration, you will receive an email to confirm your registration.
- You may log back into Arbiter Registration at any time to update your information or check your registrations.
- If you need assistance, call Arbiter Registration at 1-800-311-4060 or submit an online support request.

To register for SPS Programs & Clubs, visit

tinyurl.com/SPSafterschoolFall2026

Note that all programs except *SPS Community Schools* use Arbiter for registration.

VIDEO TUTORIALS

Click [here](#) for video tutorials in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole.

FAQ

What happens if a club has limited spots and is really popular?

Program providers will run a lottery at the end of the registration period. Your child may be placed on a waitlist.

What happens if a club is underenrolled?

A minimum of five to eight (5-8) students depending on club, need to be enrolled in order to run a club. If a club is cancelled, we will notify you about changes.

If my child is already enrolled in Community Schools, El Sistema, or Apollo Afterschool, can we still sign up for a club or program?

Clubs and programs are open to any eligible SPS student who is not currently enrolled in Community Schools, El Sistema, or Apollo on the same day.

When will I be notified that my child is enrolled or is on the waitlist?

Program providers will notify you a few days before clubs begin.

What if my child needs access to emergency medication during afterschool hours?

Prior to the start of the program, please contact your child's school nurse to ensure that your Emergency Medication Administration Plan is up to date.

SPSPROGRAMS

Somerville Public Schools works with community partners to offer afterschool programs for qualifying students in Grades 6-8.



FOR MIDDLE GRADES

SOCCER WITHOUT BORDERS

*Operated by SWB Massachusetts

Soccer Without Borders uses soccer as a vehicle for belonging, leadership, and opportunity. We partner with newcomer and immigrant youth to build community, support academic success, and foster personal growth—on and off the field.

Meets Tuesdays and Thursday only, located at Foss Park.

Designed for newcomer and immigrant students, with priority given to Winter Hill students. *Remaining spaces are open to registered students districtwide.*



FOR MIDDLE GRADES

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

*Operated by Farrington Nature Linc.

The Environmental Leadership Program helps students enjoy time outdoors, learn about the environment, play games and make nature art while disconnecting from their phones and connecting with other students. Field trips are included.

Meets Tuesdays at East Somerville Community School and Wednesdays at Healey School.

Designed for students in Grades 6 - 8 who meet income qualifications.

This program (or a comparable academic program) will be finalized soon and will start later this fall. We will notify middle grade families when registration opens.



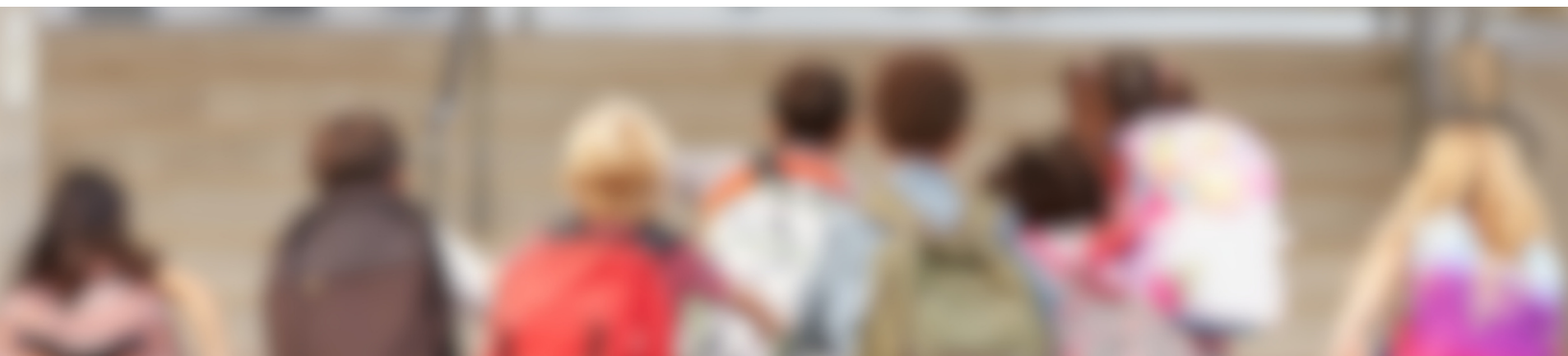
FOR MIDDLE GRADES

FUTURE LAB

*Operated by Knovva Academy.

Future Lab is a free after-school program designed to equip middle-school students with the skills and confidence they need to thrive academically, socially, and in their future careers. Its curriculum supports SPS initiatives focused on academic achievement, leadership development, and readiness for life beyond school.

Designed for students in Grades 6-8, and is specially designed to support first-generation college-bound students and other groups that are underrepresented in higher education.



Enrollment will NOT be on a first come, first served basis.

If necessary, program providers will run a lottery at the end of the registration period.

Your child may be placed on a waitlist.

SPSCLUBS

School-based clubs are clubs led by community partners (unless noted) and meet weekly after school dismissal, with students transitioning directly from classrooms to club activity rooms. They are not intended to serve as full-time, daily, afterschool care.

Each school will have access to different clubs.



BALLET ROX

BalletRox introduces students to many forms of dance and welcomes students of all levels. No experience necessary and beginners are welcome. No special shoes or attire required.



BUILDWAVE

Buildwave® is a club that helps your child discover their creativity and resilience. During each class, your child will receive wave after wave of materials they'll love, like blocks, bricks, and other hands-on pieces.



CHA TEEN HEALTH ADVISORY

Teen Health Advisory after-school club focuses on adolescent health, community, and advocacy. Icebreakers, games & crafts will be done at every session. Students joining the club will decide which health topics they want to address in the community.



CHESS WIZARDS

Chess Wizards offers a discovery-based curriculum that inspires students to think ahead, visualize their goals, treat others with respect and to learn from mistakes. Chess is more than just a game of winning and losing. We make learning chess fun!



DANGER WIZARD

Danger Wizards teaches kids to play Dungeons and Dragons, a heroic game of role playing, creativity and imagination.



GIRLSTART

Girlstart provides 4th and 5th grade girls with a fun, free STEM enrichment program that builds confidence through hands-on STEM activities. Girlstart also encourages girls to pursue paths to higher education, and discover fun STEM career opportunities.



PRETZEL KIDS YOGA

Pretzel Kids Yoga introduces yoga and mindfulness to children in a fun and interactive way. It combines traditional yoga poses, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques with games, storytelling, and music to engage children's imaginations and promote physical and mental well-being.



SOMERVILLE ROBOTICS LEAGUE

For students in Grades 5-8, the school-based intramural robotics program uses LEGO SPIKE Prime robot kits for a series of activities and trainings before high school student coaches unveil the annual game. At the end of the program, all teams compete at Somerville High School in the game challenge or showcase their innovation project.

Somerville Robotics League is led by SPS staff members and high school students on the award-winning FRC6201 Highlanders Robotics Team.



SPANISH FUN PROGRAM

Learn Spanish through interactive methods such as engaging games, cooking, pretend play, and dancing. Learn about countries that speak Spanish by making projects and celebrating traditions.



YOGA FUN WITH ELISA HURLEY YOGA

Yoga Fun introduces yoga and mindfulness to children using games, stories, and their imaginations, helping children build strength, flexibility, bodily awareness, concentration, and more.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FROM SPS!



Middle Grades Athletics (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Registration for middle grades winter sports (Boys/Girls basketball) begins on October 1. Students are also eligible to tryout for the SHS Swim team and Girls Basketball, as well as Boys Hockey.

Learn more by contacting [Indira Evora](#).



All City Middle Grades Music Groups (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Students in Grades 6–8 may join several city-wide music groups by teacher invitation. These include the All City Middle Grades Chorus, All City Middle Grades Band, and All City Middle Grades Orchestra.

Learn more by contacting [Beverly Mosby](#).



\$ El Sistema Somerville (Grades 3 - 8)

[El Sistema Somerville](#) is a daily afterschool music program that provides ensemble-based music instruction to SPS elementary and middle grades students, grades 3–8. The program offers intensive study on strings, winds, and brass instruments through orchestral rehearsals, sectionals, musicianship and technique classes, chamber music, and private lessons. *Meets daily at East Somerville Community School.*

Learn more by contacting [Rosalyn Taylor](#).

PROGRAMS & CLUBS BY SCHOOL

Find out what will be offered at your school!

* For information about **teacher-led clubs**, talk with your child's teacher or your family liaison!

Enrollment will NOT be on a first come, first served basis.

If necessary, program providers will run a lottery at the end of the registration period. Your child may be placed on a waitlist.

ALBERT F. ARGENZIANO SCHOOL

Ballet Rox (K-5)

Mondays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm *Begins October 5.*

Buildwave (K-5)

Tuesdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Danger Wizard (6-8)

Thursdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Somerville Robotics League (5-8)

Mondays 2:45 - 4:30 pm. (Sept-Dec)
Begins September 28.

ARTHUR D. HEALEY SCHOOL

Girlstart (4-5)

Mondays, 2:35 - 3:50 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Ballet Rox (K-5)

Tuesdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

CHA Teen Health Advisory (7-8)

Thursdays, 2:35 - 4:00 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Somerville Robotics League (5-8)

Mondays 2:45 - 4:30 pm. (Sept-Dec)
Begins September 28.

Environmental Leadership Program (6-8)

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. *Begins October 5*

Danger Wizard (5-8)

Fridays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

BENJAMIN G. BROWN SCHOOL

Yoga Fun with Elisa Hurley Yoga (K-2)

Mondays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Spanish Fun Program (K-2)

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Ballet Rox (K-2)

Thursdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Chess Wizards (K-2)

Tuesdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Somerville Robotics League (5)

Thursdays 2:45 - 4:30 pm. (Sept-Dec)
Begins September 28.

Buildwave (K-2)

Fridays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Spanish Fun Program (K-5)

Mondays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Yoga Fun with Elisa Hurley Yoga (K-2)

Tuesdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Chess Wizards (K-5)

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Somerville Robotics League (5-8)

Mondays 2:45 - 4:30 pm. (Sept-Dec)
Begins Sept 28.

Environmental Leadership Program (6-8)

Tuesdays, 2:45 - 4:45 pm. *Begins October 5*

Buildwave (K-5)

Thursdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL

Danger Wizard (6-8)

Mondays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Spanish Fun Program (K-2)

Tuesdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Chess Wizards (3-5)

Fridays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Somerville Robotics League (5-8)

Mondays 2:45 - 4:30 pm. (Sept-Dec)
Begins Sept 28.

Buildwave (K-2)

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. *Begins October 5.*

WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

Buildwave (K-5)

Mondays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Ballet Rox (K-5)

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00. *Begins October 5.*

Spanish Fun Program (K-5)

Fridays, 2:35 - 3:35. *Begins October 5.*

Somerville Robotics League (5-8)

Mondays 2:45 - 4:30 pm. (Sept-Dec)
Begins Sept 28.

Pretzel Yoga (K-5)

Thursdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

WINTER HILL COMMUNITY INNOVATION SCHOOL

Soccer Without Borders (7-8)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.
Begins Sept 24.

Chess Wizards (3-5)

Tuesdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Spanish Fun Program (K-5)

Thursdays, 2:35 - 3:35 pm. *Begins October 5.*

Somerville Robotics League (5-8)

Mondays 2:45 - 4:30 pm. (Sept-Dec)
Begins Sept 28.

Danger Wizard (6-8)

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. *Begins October 5.*

The Winter Catalog will be available in November.

