

Location: BEARS Malcolm X Elementary

I check-in with the secretary 3-4 days a week and meet briefly with the principal and teachers on the yard or in the hallways of the school. - Tina I meet with K-12 teachers regularly to discuss current academic lessons. This helps me to better reinforce homework assignments. - Deevya

2. What differentiates the afterschool program from the school day?

Our staff is able to set a comfortable pace with students to support any weaknesses in their academics by giving them plenty of time to learn the skills needed to be successful in all subject matters. Also, we offer enrichment and life-skills activities to help develop productive young minds. - Tina After a long day of academics in their K-12 classes, students can come to our BEARS afterschool program and relax, have fun, and build self-esteem. Students enjoy learning life skills such as healthy eating habits, exercising, or simple things like proper hand washing or tying shoes. - Deevya

3. If there is a LEARNS program at your site, how are the two programs blended?

BEARS and LEARNS are always exchanging ideas for all of our students. Within two weeks BEARS will collaborate with LEARNS to provide enrichment activities such as dance exercising, sewing, sports, science, arts and crafts, zumba, etc. to name a few. - Tina BEARS and LEARNS students are intergrated during our enrichment period. The classes are for a full hour every Wednesday and Friday. I teach a dance and exercize class. - Deevya

4. What are your goals for the year?

To keep the doors of communication open with the day staff and parents. To develop the students awareness by focusing and building on the TOOLBOX which are social and emotiional learning tools for students to navigate themselves through understanding each other for the rest of their lives. - Tina My focus this year is to provide computer literacy for my younger students. Also, I've included more art projects and we talk a lot about healthy living habits. - Deevya