

Guide For Grant or Federally Funded Programs



How can Little Scholars support your program goals?



Our programs strive to focus on the following:

➤ **The Whole Child**

Social-emotional skills are more important now than ever. We take these needs into consideration when creating our lesson plans, making sure students set and achieve positive goals, establishing and maintaining positive relationships with others, and encouraging self-awareness in all students.

➤ **Curriculum Standards**

Little Scholars customizes our classes to meet the specific needs of your program by including local voices and academic gaps. We will ensure that our lessons and activities will align with state and local district standards.

➤ **Relationships**

Little Scholars seeks to build strong relationships with our students, focusing on tolerance, trust, and collaboration. We build relationships with your school community to determine the best way to meet student needs. We engage with families through daily recaps and recommended extension activities to help support the connection between school and home.

➤ **Equity**

Little Scholars is proud to offer programming to school systems and nonprofits around the country to bring enrichment to children who are often underserved. These programs include students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds and are designed to highlight and connect to the assets and unique qualities of every student in the classroom. Little Scholars strives to increase all students' access to quality out of school programming.

Little Scholars... provide[s] the children at our program with quality after school enrichment that's developmentally appropriate and engaging for early learners.

We follow What Works Clearing House recommendations for structuring Out of School Time Programs (ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/FWW)

Standards aligned content

- Our robust catalog of more than 100 classes allow schools to set the direction of the classes and programs based on local needs.
- All lesson plans and curriculum are written and developed by individuals holding advanced degrees in Education.
- We can demonstrate and align our outcomes in classes to school and common core curriculum if requested.
- We create all our own curriculum in-house and can customize our programs to fit the wants and needs of a specific school.

Small Class Size

- Classes are typically smaller in size than a general school classroom.
- Little Scholars caps classes at 20 for Grades 1-8 and 12 for PK- K students but will accommodate schools who prefer class size to be smaller.

Engaging Learning Experiences

- Our personalized approach allows us to provide fun, educational enrichment programs to our students with lesson plans that include interactive, hands-on activities to keep our children actively engaged in each lesson.
- What sets us apart is our unique appeal to students who enjoy academic adventures like solving puzzles, creating structures, building with Legos, unraveling mysteries, drawing comics, and having fun using their minds

Regular Program Assessment

- Little Scholars sends surveys to any parents for whom we have contact info immediately upon completion of class/program to find out what the impact was on their family
- We hold debrief meetings with school contacts to find what to “stop, start, and keep” as our program continues in the future.
- We review our catalog at least twice a year to determine what classes are popular with students and determine if there are new trends in after school learning and student interest to follow in the future

Promote Family Engagement to Maximize Student Participation

- Daily recaps keep families up-to-date on class lessons and include extension activities (books, websites, crafts, videos) for families to do together at home.
- Families are asked to share expectations for classes up front and give feedback when class session is complete.
- Ensure families are made aware of program details and information.

