

# SPRINGBOARD

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Dear Parent,

We are glad that you are taking the time to review all that Springboard After School has to offer. We are offering this question and answer flier with the intent of letting you know a little bit more about us. You can also always feel free to contact us at 303 - 523 - 1543 (evenings and weekends included) to find out more and to get all of your questions answered.

## **1) Who started Springboard and why?**

Springboard After School is a program that was developed by a group of former school district and charter school teachers, administrators and school psychologists who teamed up with a philanthropist in Massachusetts who wanted to make a difference for kids and parents. The group was dissatisfied with the current students and felt as if there was a need for a program based upon research and that provided students with opportunities to receive personal attention from caring adults, explore new interests, receive academic support, develop a sense of belonging to a group, develop new friendships with their peers, take on challenging leadership roles, and build a sense of self - esteem independent of their academic talent.

## **2) What is Springboard?**

Springboard is a quality after school program that engages students in a variety of learning activities that are physical, academic, and social in nature. All of which are provided and supervised by licensed teachers who are highly qualified in their area of study and by professionals who have been specifically trained in their area of expertise (i.e. dance, music, athletics, art, etc.).

Students receive small group feedback and instruction in their homework topics in a fun and invigorating environment. They work toward completing their homework with the benefit of receiving immediate feedback and support from these highly qualified teachers. Most of our students have their homework completed by the time they are picked up in the evening, which allows them to spend quality family time when they arrive home at night. It also enables parents to pursue other fun learning activities with their children without the pressure that is associated with getting assignments completed.

Students also participate in social activities, receive a snack, and have the opportunity to socialize with their peers in a structured environment that provides them with fun group activities within the context of our "Den Area." Finally, they also participate in "electives" that are of the same quality that would be found out in your community. We hire only the best and most dedicated instructors, most of whom have committed their lives to their area of interest.

**3) Why invest in Springboard as opposed to other less expensive after school programs?**

Springboard utilizes professional teachers and instructors who are licensed and highly qualified to perform in their area of expertise. Also, unlike many other programs, Springboard adheres to a 1:8 student to teacher ratio and will not exceed that limit in the academic study room. Springboard also guarantees increased academic performance and assignment completion by students who participate in the program. We will provide more intensive support for students who are behind and enhanced challenges for those students who are ahead in their work. Every Springboard site also has a Site Coordinator who is in charge of communicating with your child's regular school day teacher to ensure that Springboard is working in conjunction with your school and that everyone is on the same page. The Site Coordinator is also charged with coordinating the efforts of Springboard with the school administration to ensure that we are supporting students as well as the mission and vision of the partner school. Our electives program receives the same level of attention as our academic program and is designed to develop a stronger self - image, positive social development, reductions in risk - taking behavior and better school behavior with fewer absences. This all happens within the context of invigorating, fun, exciting, activities that children love. Best of all this all, this all takes place within the safe and convenient school building.

**4) In what ways is Springboard supportive of our school community?**

We align our curriculum with the partner school's curriculum, which helps students to be better prepared for school. We also help parents by providing additional feedback and reports regarding student progress. Additionally, we help the regular school day teachers by communicating with them and by following up in their efforts. If a student is struggling to understand a particular concept, we will communicate with their teacher and ensure that we are spending time after school to make certain that the student "gets it." This means that regular school day teachers can spend more time on new material and less time in review.

Springboard also provides tangible support for each partner school. We purchase all of our own computers; web based curriculum, and electives equipment, which is shared back with the school. Additionally, we use a revenue sharing model that provides additional monetary support to your school.

**5) How much will Springboard cost at my school?**

At C2E, the cost will be as follows:

1 day/week for \$69 per month	2 days/week for \$135 per month	3 days/week for \$198 per month	4 days/week for \$225 per month	5 days/week for \$319 per month
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Drop In offered at \$19.00 per day.

**6) How many days does my student have to attend?**

This is a decision that is made by each and every family. We understand that there are other activities that students participate in and we encourage this. Students can attend as few as 1 day per week and as many as 5 days per week. We also provide programming during conference days and some vacations to include the summer.

**7) Will there be a morning program?**

If your school had a morning program prior then your administration has made plans to continue that program. In some instances, Springboard provides the morning program but in most instances, the school will make the decision regarding when and how the morning program will be provided.

**8) How will I be billed for Springboard?**

Billing is sent out by our offices monthly. You will receive a bill that is sent out to you at the beginning of the month. This bill is for the month that you are currently in. You can pay by credit card or check and can mail payment in or give it to the site coordinator when you pick up your child.

Thanks again for the time that you are taking to investigate our program and we look forward to working with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brett Prilik, Ed.D