



SAM Soccer (Maryland Soccer Foundation) and MCPS Community Schools Partnership

Before and After School Soccer Programming Fact Sheet- 2023- 2024

Through a contractual arrangement with the Montgomery County Public Schools, SAM Soccer and the Maryland Soccer Foundation have provided before and after school programming to various community schools in the upper Montgomery County area (Germantown and Gaithersburg) for several seasons since the spring of 2022. The program has been extremely well-received by the participating schools and fills to capacity every season. Prior to the spring 2022 season, SAM also provided programming to other schools under the MCPS (Out of School Time) umbrella. OST was implemented during the pandemic in an effort to provide opportunities for children to remain happy, healthy and active during the pandemic.

The following details pertain to what we are doing currently.

Participating Schools (seven schools, nine classes)

Captain Daly ES (am and pm), Clopper Mill ES, South Lake ES, Summit Hall ES, Washington Grove, Watkins Mill ES (am and pm), Whetstone ES

Frequency

Twice annually- spring and fall

Classes

Each school has six one-hour classes per season

Number of Participants (26 students, 2 coaches per class)

234 students

Cost

To Family- free

To MCPS- \$120/student; \$28,080 per season

Coaches

All SAM coaches are mature, experienced and credentialed adults and must obtain MCPS clearance which includes a criminal records and fingerprinting check. Coaches must also pass a criminal records check with our own background check company.

Other

SAM is also exploring ways with MCPS to improve our future programming holistically, possibly including nutrition, mental health, drug awareness counseling, etc.

Every summer, through MCPS, we provide as many as two hundred \$200 scholarships to ALL students at the above schools. These camps take place at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Boyds for ten weeks. We are exploring ways to make these camps more accessible such as pursuing funded transportation from the schools.