

# FMS Falcons After School 2020-2021

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why should my child be a part of Falcons After School?**

Falcons After School is an extension of Faribault's Community School offered at both Jefferson Elementary and Faribault Middle School. Our goal is to provide students with enriching opportunities not typically found during a regular school day. Clubs focus on working with students to meet academic, social-emotional, and physical needs through a community based framework that strives to be inclusive for all. Whether your student needs academic support, a boredom cure, or is just plain interested in the clubs we offer, Falcons After School is the place for them to be!

- **Who can sign up and attend?**

Any student in grades 6-8 is welcome to join the Falcons After School program at FMS. This is also true for the Jefferson site which caters to K-5 students. It doesn't matter where a student is enrolled or whether they are learning from a distance, hybrid mode, or in-person, all kids in grades K-8 are welcome. Please contact the Jefferson Community School Coordinator, Vicky Coon ([vcoon@faribault.k12.mn.us](mailto:vcoon@faribault.k12.mn.us)), for more information regarding K-5 after school programming.

- **Are there any fees or costs to participate?**

Falcons After School is completely free for all participants, including snacks, dinner, and transportation home after clubs.

- **How long does this program run?**

Falcons After School is offered every Monday - Thursday from September 21st until May 20th. Clubs will run from 3:00 - 4:30 with snacks provided beforehand and dinner available starting at 4:30.

- **What does my child need to bring?**

Students who are coming from off campus should remember to wear a mask. If they plan on utilizing our Homework Help, students can bring their homework and backpacks, but this is not required.

- **Who will my kids be with during this time?**

The majority of our clubs are created and led by FMS teachers and fellow staff members. This provides students with the unique opportunity to interact with FMS adults in a more relaxed way, while also allowing them to receive subject specific help directly from FMS teaching staff. Please see the Fall Club Schedule (available via Schoology or Sign up genius) for a complete list of teachers involved.

- **How do students sign up?**

In order to sign up, students must fill out a Falcons After School registration form signed by a parent or guardian. This is a one-time requirement for the duration of the school year, and may be

turned in at any time. It can be found in the Falcons After School Schoology group, FMS front office, Community School Website and Facebook page. Both digital and print versions are accepted.

Students that show up and have not yet turned in this form will be asked to call home or show proof that their parent/guardian is aware of their participation before being allowed to stay. This ensures that students, parents and FMS staff are on the same page.

- **What happens if the district's mode of instruction changes?**

Falcons After School will continue providing clubs in a virtual format. Our hope is to coordinate supply distribution for any club projects, but this will be arranged as needed. All club leads are prepared to transition into a virtual mode of instruction and will inform their participants of these changes as they come.

- **How will transportation to and from the program work?**

*In-building students:*

For students already at FMS, they will check in near the cafeteria after 7th hour, and have the option to walk, get picked-up, or ride the Falcons After School bus home after programming. For parents/guardians who choose to pick-up their student after programming, please do so using the main FMS entrance parking lot.

*Hybrid, distance, and 6th grade (distance) Wednesday students:*

While any 6-8th grade students are welcome to participate in Falcons After School, no transportation will be provided to FMS prior to our 3:00 start time. Off campus students should plan to arrive at FMS around 2:45 PM in order to receive a snack and check in for the day.

Participants should be dropped off prior to clubs in the designated parent pick up area of FMS as other students will be leaving the building for the day. Walkers should plan to use the front entrance. On Wednesday, parents/guardians are welcome to drop students off at the main entrance as normal buses will not be using that space.

Regardless of how kids arrive, the Falcons After School bus will be offered each day after clubs around 5:00 PM to bring students home unless they decide to get picked up or walk.

- **How will Falcons After School combat the threat of COVID-19?**

Students will be required to practice social distancing and wear a mask at all times. In addition, clubs will be held in small enough groups to maintain these conditions while also providing activities designed to minimize the spread of disease. For more detailed information on how Falcons After School will deal with COVID-19 concerns, please refer to our program's preparedness plan on the Community School website, schoology, or contact program coordinator Katie Geary.

- **Who should I contact if I have any questions or concerns?**

The FMS Community School Coordinator, Katie Geary.

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