



MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2026 Community Based Organization Questions and Responses RFP: 26-20

Minneapolis Public Schools - Special School District No. 1

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1. We provide Extended Learning in STEM which includes reading, math, and SEL in our curriculum increasing student skills in reading, math and social skills. However our program is STEM focused rather than specifically a Reading or Math program. Are we qualified to apply for this RFP?

A STEM-focused approach that intentionally integrates reading, mathematics, and social-emotional learning (SEL) would meet the necessary criteria. These courses must be taught by appropriately licensed teachers as approved by PELSB. Please list out by grade level state standards that are being addressed, with a focus on the standards that address reading and math.

2. Will the District assign CBOs to school sites, or do sites select from vendors approved from this RFP? If sites select from a pool of vendors, are vendors permitted to reach out to sites to propose services?

CBOs are independent organizations that provide out-of-school-time academic programs. Sites are determined by the CBO, not by the district.

3. May you please define what an out of school time academic program?

Out of school time is an academic program that is either before or after the regular school day. The program must consist of the following.

- **Academic and learning skill development**
- **Applied and experiential learning opportunities**
- **Work-based learning and career exploration**
- **English language and literacy programs for English learners**
- **Coordination with social, health, and community services**
- **Special education services for students with disabilities**

4. Is there a required student to instructor ratio?

CBOs will be reimbursed for up to 22 students per appropriately licensed teacher.

5. Is there a sample schedule we may see to understand how MPS may schedule vendors throughout the year at a site and/or across sites?

- **Team Building** (30 minutes): Structured teambuilding activity focused on social-emotional learning that includes opportunities for community building, greeting, routines and rituals, relationship building, and teamwork.
- **Math** (60 minutes): Standards-based, sports-themed math and social-emotional curriculum. Development of curriculum is based in research about what kids need to know and are struggling with in those grade levels. Sports theme and content increases student engagement and buy-in.
- **Reflection & Closing** (15 minutes): Group activity to reflect on learning, a key component for student retention of academic and social-emotional learning.
- **Maximum time is 1.75 hours per session for a before or after school program. During the summer the time is increased to 4 hours per day. The calendar of days when programming can be offered and reimbursed will be provided at a later date.**