

Community Education Program Update

March 2026

2025-26 Community Education Extended Learning (CEEL)

Licensing

Programs licensed by DHS for second year, successful file audits and site visits, no citations

Staffing

Some sites prove challenging to staff and have more turnover; average length of service for support staff is 4 years

Childcare Subsidy

Fewer families participating vs last year; some fall in a gap where income exceeds subsidy thresholds yet program costs are out of reach

Community Partners

PSU: Nutrition Fair, Nittany Lion Reads, Chemical Society, Music Club

Contracted providers: Adam Swartz Puppets, Millbrook Marsh, Discovery Space, Lincoln Caverns, Soccer Shots, Discovery by Nature, Hoop Stars, Jana Marie Foundation

CEEL By the Numbers

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Monthly Fee	\$295	\$370	\$395
Students Enrolled	450	446	404
Waitlist	28	45	61

	CEEL Enrollment	Student Enrollment	%
Corl Street	47	255	18%
Easterly Parkway	52	295	18%
Ferguson Township	44	269	16%
Gray's Woods	53	349	15%
Mount Nittany	32	401	8%
Park Forest	49	401	12%
Radio Park	78	440	18%
Spring Creek	49	349	14%
Total	404	2,759	15%

Financials

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Total Community Ed (Includes CEEL)	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
Community Ed Revenue	\$1,286,765	\$1,458,427	\$1,682,310	\$1,740,671	\$1,669,715
State PSERS and FICA Reimbursement	144,237	154,437	185,142	230,122	218,049
Total Revenue	1,431,002	1,612,864	1,867,453	1,970,793	1,887,764
Operational Expense	1,266,235	1,580,763	1,526,693	1,712,567	1,668,344
Administrative Expense	226,582	251,533	261,775	258,801	230,228
Total Expense	1,492,817	1,832,295	1,788,468	1,971,368	1,898,572
Total Community Ed Revenue over Expense	\$ (61,816)	\$ (219,432)	\$ 78,985	\$ (575)	\$ (10,808)

Looking Ahead

- Currently assessing 2026-27 monthly rate: Potential rate of \$415
- Continuing 20% discount and guaranteed enrollment for SCASD benefits-eligible employees
- Seeking additional community partners, volunteer (PSU) and contracted
- Considering long-term program sustainability

The average CEEL student attends approximately 2 hours per day, 125 days per year for 3.5 years—almost the equivalent of a year of school. That's an extra year of social-emotional growth, connection with peers and trusted adults, and meaningful learning beyond the classroom.

VIPS/Volunteer Clearances

- VIPS tutoring center currently serving 33 students with 29 tutors; 2024-25 served 39 students with the help of 36 tutors
- Most common subjects: elementary reading/writing, middle school math, and high school algebra and German
- 597 cleared volunteers last school year, 696 currently

Summer Camps

- Six weeks of programming, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, one location
- Summer 2025 served 140 students
- Morning classes using community partners
- Afternoon recreational activities
- Partner with Schlow Library to provide summer reading materials

Student Registration

- Responsibilities shifted to Community Education in July 2025
- “First face” for new families
- Manage incoming enrollments, regulatory compliance, student records, transcript requests, homeschooled students, charter billing and new Act 47 proof of residency requirements
- Expanding registration access through events, flexible office hours, and family-centered supports (location, language, accessibility)

Questions?



Jen Fitzgerald, a Park Forest Elementary paraprofessional and CEEL support staff member, works with students to create whimsical bulletin boards that decorate the hallway throughout the year.