

AAPS Community Division

Highlights from 2025–26 and Looking Ahead to 2026–27



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Tonight's Agenda



Brief overview of Community Division



Community Education & Recreation (Rec & Ed)
Purpose • Budget • Program Areas • 25-26 Highlights • Looking Ahead



Strategic Partnerships
Purpose • Areas of Support • 25-26 Impact • Highlights

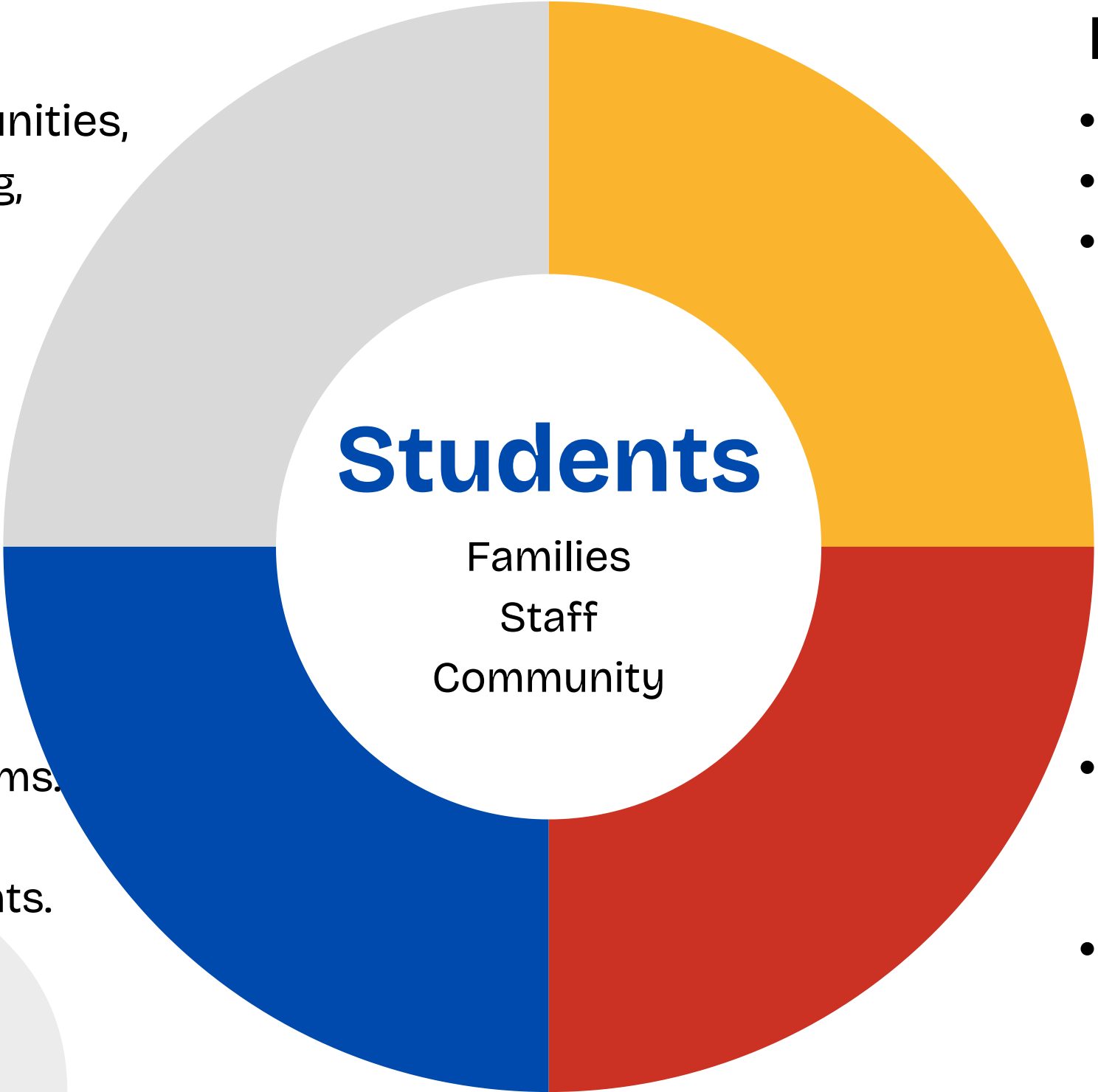
Community Division Focus and Values

Access and Equity

- Community outreach and opportunities, scholarship program, grant writing, inclusion efforts.
- Focus on connecting families and students in need with resources.

Learning for a Lifetime

- Youth and adult enrichment programs.
- College student and community volunteers supporting AAPS students.
- Partner-provided enrichment activities for students.



Health, Well-Being, Joy

- Youth and adult fitness, yoga, and sports.
- PreK safety, health, and sports.
- Strategic Partnerships that promote student mental health and well-being.

Building Community

- Opportunities for students, families, staff, and community members to connect, learn, and grow together.
- Strategic partnerships with community organizations.



A2schools.org - Departments

Rec & Ed

reced.a2schools.org/

aarecedonline.com

Online catalog for early childhood, youth, and adult enrichment and fitness

A2schools.org - Students & Families Tab

Student Scholarships

a2schools.org/scholarships

Community Resources

a2schools.org/communityresources

- Housing/Rent
- Food
- Crisis/Mental Health
- Clothing
- Legal
- Financial
- And lots more

A2schools.org - Community Tab

Strategic Partnerships

a2schools.org/strategicpartnerships

Support Students

a2schools.org/community/support-students

Volunteer

a2schools.org/volunteer

Winter Giving

a2schools.org/wintergiving



Where Community Comes Together





Community Services Fund Budget

- **Special revenue fund solely for Rec & Ed**
- **NOT part of General Fund**
- **~\$6 million/year**
- **Self-sustaining**

Personnel - Rec & Ed has

- **~30 F/T staff**
- **45 P/T child care staff**
- **100s of P/T seasonal staff**
- **100s of volunteers.**

Revenues

- + Program fees
- + Sponsorships
- + Grants and donations

Expenses

- Personnel - salaries, benefits
- Program supplies and equipment
- Contracted services





Program Areas

Early Childhood

Preschool Classes and Camps
First Steps Parent/Child Classes for 0-5 Year olds

Before/After Care Summer Camps

Before/After Care Program
Summer Camps - Enrichment and Sport Camps
Safety Town Summer Program for Rising Kinders

Youth and Adult Enrichment, Fitness, Yoga

Youth Enrichment Classes
Instructional Sports Classes
Adult Enrichment, Fitness, and Yoga Classes

Team Sports

Youth and Adult League Sports
Tennis

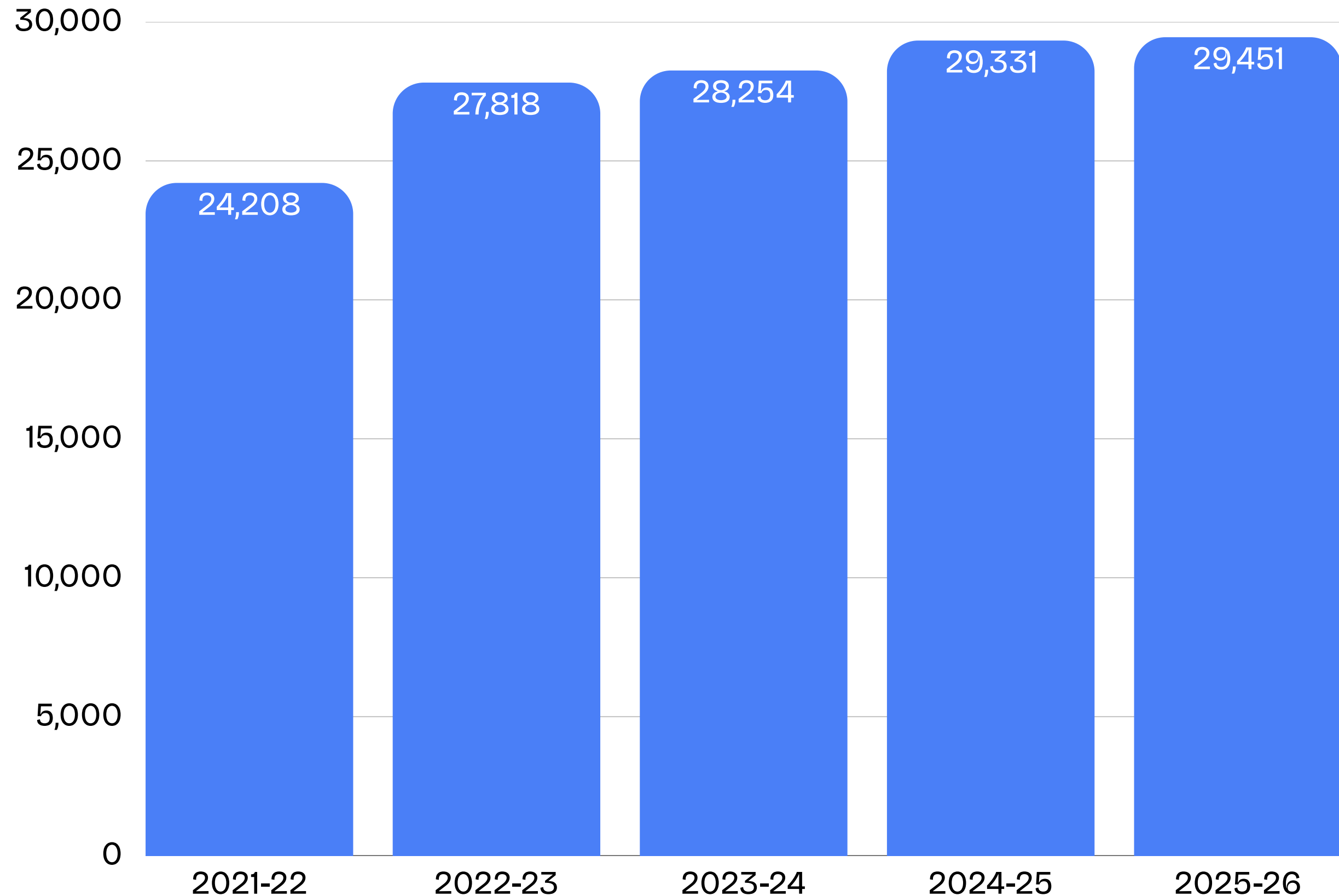




Rec & Ed Registrations 2021-2026

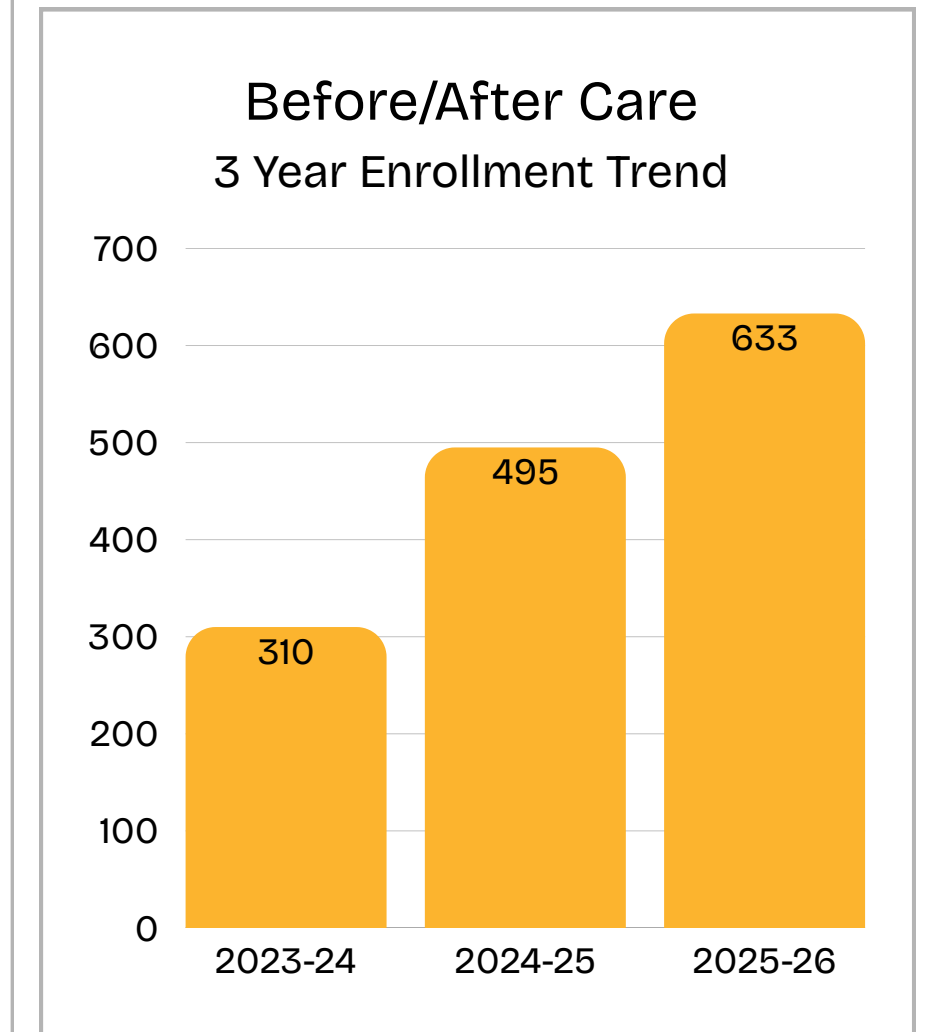
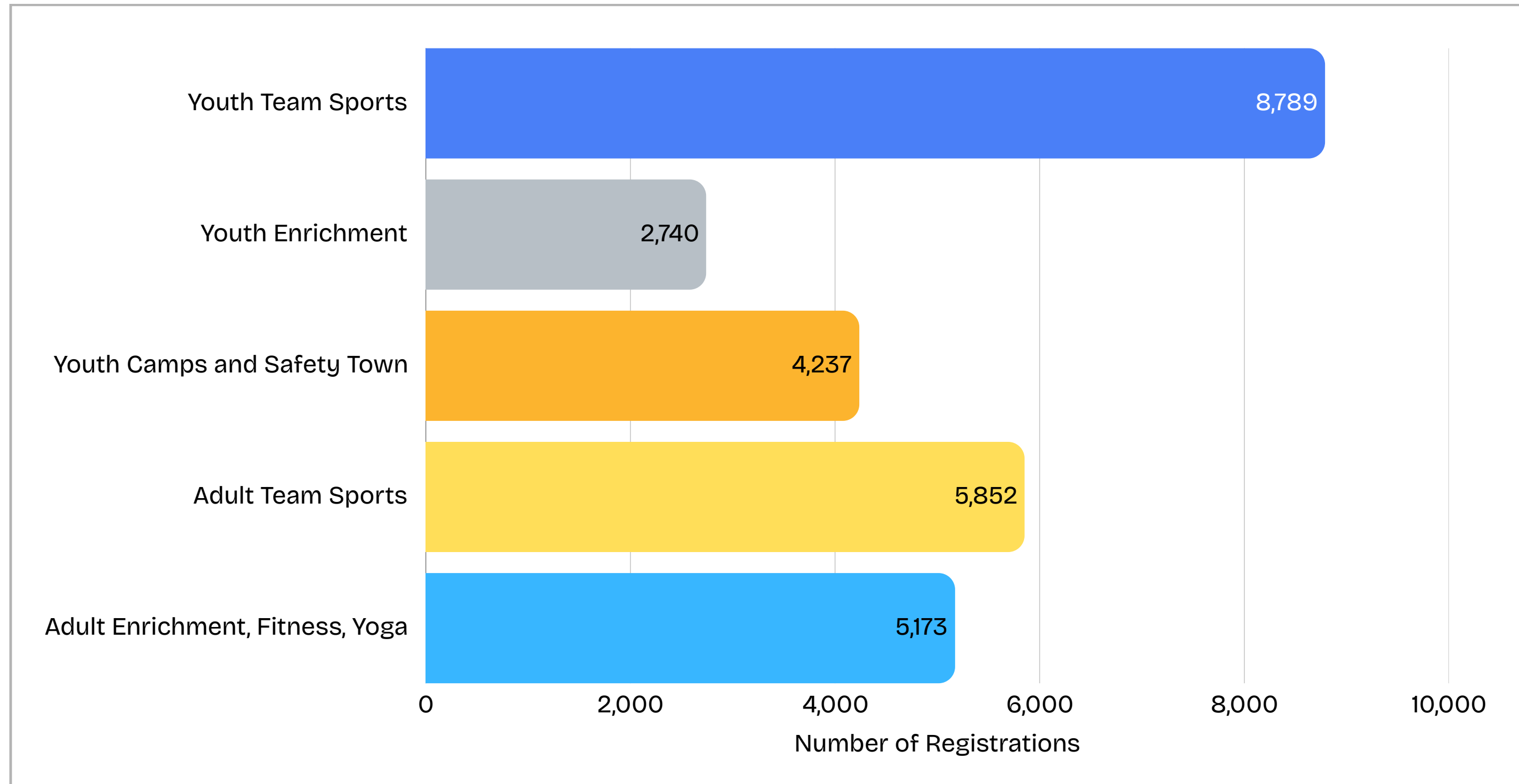
Registrations include:

- Early childhood programs
- Before/After Care
- Youth enrichment classes
- Family workshops
- Youth and adult league sports
- School break and summer camps
- Adult enrichment, fitness, and yoga





Rec & Ed Registrations 2025-26



Rec & Ed 2025-26 Highlights

Supporting Access and Opportunity



Safety Town on the Go
at Pittsfield Elementary



Using MiLEAP Out-of-School Time Grant
Funding, we provided 35+ scholarships for
full day, week-long summer camps



Rec & Ed 2025-26 Highlights

New Sponsors and Partners



Sponsorship Program Refresh

11 Sponsors = \$63,000
 33% increase over 24-25

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New Partnership with Maker Works



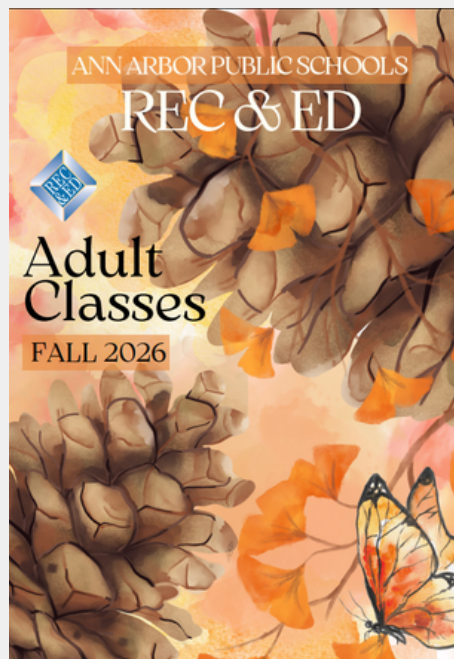
New Partnership with Wolverine Pickleball



Looking ahead to 2026-27



Fall Fun for Everyone!



Visit aarecedonline.com

Online catalog and registration for youth and adult classes and workshops, and school break camps.



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Adults



bit.ly/SubscribeRecConnect

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[Ann Arbor Rec & Ed](https://www.facebook.com/AnnArborRecEd)

The Bridge Between the Community & AAPS



Strategic Partnerships Programs & Numbers

Strategic Partnerships	Strategic Partnership Volunteers	Community Resources	Scholarships and Grants
District-level partnerships with university, business, and community organizations that support AAPS students, staff and schools.	Volunteers recruited at the district-level including U-M Students and community members. Volunteers provide supplemental support to students and staff.	Connecting students and families with community resources. Training and resources for staff around navigating community resources.	Graduating senior, classroom, enrichment and student support scholarships and grants. Partnerships with the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, vendors and donors.
65 Strategic Partners (2026-2027)	201 Volunteers (F 2025) 150 Volunteers (W 2026)	\$19,374 Direct support 16 Website Pages	\$126,575 Scholarships & Grants to students and schools. (2025-2026)



Strategic Partnerships 2025–26 Highlights

Building Capacity for “Student-Focused” Partners

**These partners serve 800+
AAPS students per year!**



AAPS Strategic Partnerships builds capacity for key student-focused partners by providing:

- **Access** to Powerschool, Schoology, and other academic support tools
- **Annual training** with Teaching and Learning Team to learn best practices for academic support.
- **Resources** for school staff to ensure strong partnerships at the building level.



Strategic Partnerships 2025-26 Highlights

Student Mental Health Partnerships Summit



AAPS shared data with partners and staff to gain feedback and insights on AAPS student mental health.



The Summit strengthened relationships between AAPS mental health staff and partners.



Strategic Partnerships 2025–26 Highlights

LGBTQIA+ Student Engagement and Voice

In 2025-26, AAPS partnered with the Neutral Zone for a series of activities to better understand and support the mental health of our LGBTQIA+* students.



Students from all 5 AAPS High Schools participated with teachers from their buildings.

Students and teachers provided valuable insights on what's going well in AAPS to support LGBTQIA+ students, and areas for improvement.

The work continues in 2026-2027.

*LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, "plus" other identities not included in the acronym. [UCSF LGBTQ Resource Center](#)

Looking ahead to 2026-27

Enhancing Volunteer Benefits for Students/Staff

Our comprehensive evaluation of the Strategic Partnerships Volunteer program in 2025-26 led to several program improvements for 2026-27.



New flexibility: more types of volunteer opportunities to increase recruitment.

New roles that leverage the skills and talents of our College Student volunteers (80% of all Strategic Partnership Volunteers).



New times for volunteer opportunities when they are needed the most: Lunch/Recess and times when social engagement is needed.

AAPS Strategic Partnerships Impact

**2025-26
DISTRICT
IMPACT
=\$262K**

Grants for Classroom Projects and Teaching and Learning Support	\$64,981
Grants for Student Support and Enrichment	\$8,594
Direct Assistance to Families	\$19,394
Scholarships for Graduating Seniors	\$53,000
Monetary Value of Volunteer Time*	\$116,009
TOTAL	\$261,978



Funding and other resources managed, facilitated, or solicited directly by the AAPS Strategic Partnerships Office during the 2025-26 school year. *Value of Volunteer Time Source

Feedback from AAPS Staff and Partners

"The [AAPS Strategic Partnerships Office] has been incredibly helpful and undoubtedly had a big impact on the quality of work with our shared youth.

Our staff's ability to not only have access to Powerschool and Schoology but also trained and familiar with how to access critical information, assignments, grades, etc has helped them to target their supports in more impactful ways."

Derek Miller, Exec. Director,
Community Action Network

"Grants from [KLA] allowed us to bring the magic of robotics, drones, and engineering into the lives of underrepresented minorities and young women who may have never considered STEM as a path for their future."

Cynthia Heraud
PLTW Teacher & Robotics Coach
Forsythe Middle School

"The feeling of a safe and supported room full of people who care. It has a real effect on the students' attention and focus, which makes them feel better."

Music Teacher
Pattengill and Pittsfield Elementary Schools

"Connecting middle schoolers with college students acts as a powerful motivator by providing relatable role models."

EL Teacher
Clague Middle School

"Trainings on Schoology and Powerschool help us better serve the academic needs of our program participants.

Knowing initiatives at schools allows us to streamline our programs to what children are learning in school and to provide additional supports at schools."

Raven Vawters, Director,
Peace Neighborhood Center

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Thanks for your support!
Any questions?



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