

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719  
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**901 COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAMS****I. PURPOSE**

The School Board supports a financially self-sustaining Community Education Services program to make maximum use of the school facilities and grounds by the community and to expand utilization of community resources to serve the life-long learning needs and interests of students, families, and the community at large.

**II. DEFINITION**

“Community Education Services” means life-long learning programs and services, beyond the typical K-12 student day, to meet the broad range of educational needs and interests of community members of all ages.

**III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY****A. Community Education Services Advisory Council**

The School Board, in cooperation with the Director of Community Education Services, shall maintain a Community Education Services Advisory Council which will be representative of the school district population.

1. The community education services advisory council shall recommend ways to extend the utilization of school facilities and community resources/expertise through the establishment, development and evaluation of a well-rounded Community Education Services Program.
2. The advisory council will reduce and eliminate program duplication within the school district.

**B. Early Childhood Family Education School Readiness/Screening/Home Visiting programs**

Early Education programs will serve children birth to age five and their parents/legal guardians.

**C. Youth Programs**

These academic, enrichment, and recreational programs serve pre-school and school-age children.

**D. Kids' Company School-Age Care Extended Day program**

The district may provide a fee-based community education extended day program.

1. The program will provide a caring, safe, supervised, recreational, and enriching environment for preschool and school-age children during non-school hours.
2. The program will be staffed by qualified and properly trained employees. There will be

a system of in-service training to continually update and improve the qualifications of these staff members.

3. A staff to student ratio shall be adopted and program objectives shall be written and developed to meet the needs of the age level of students involved in the programs.
4. The program will be housed in district-owned facilities, if possible, and will meet established guidelines for minimum space and storage requirements, access to shared spaces and cleanliness.
5. Goals and curriculum shall be developed for the program in the areas of behavior guidance, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development/growth as well as health, safety and nutrition.
6. Parental involvement and input will be a part of the program design.
7. Procedures and standards will be developed and shared with parents/legal guardians and staff and available to other persons upon request.

E. Adult Education and Special Events

Classes, Activities, Special Events and Programs for Adults will be offered, and based on needs and interests identified through the Community Education process.

**Legal References:** MN Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Non School Purposes; Closings)  
MN Stat. § 124D.19, Subd. 1 (Community Education Programs; Advisory Council)  
MN Stat. § 124D.20, Subd. 1 (Community Education Revenue)

**Cross References:** [Policy 902 \(Use of School District Facilities and Equipment\)](#)

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