



ASAS provides **comprehensive** after-school programs that keep **children safe** and help them **succeed in school and life**★

Tampa Bay Chapter



Our Mission

Provide comprehensive after-school programs that keep children safe and help them succeed in school and in life.

Our Vision

Our vision is for our All-Stars to be safe and healthy, to graduate high school and go to college, to find careers they love and then give back to their communities.

After School All Stars Tampa Bay

After-school programs keep kids safe, improve academic performance, promote student well-being, and help communities.

The after-school hours provide a uniquely creative and entrepreneurial time in the field of public education. High quality after school programs like After-School All-Stars leverage community resources; provide engaging learning opportunities for kids, address the major issues kids face today, and provide practical solutions for working families in under resourced communities.

After-School Programs Offer a Range of Benefits to Youth and their Families

An analysis of 68 afterschool studies concluded that high quality afterschool programs can lead to improved attendance, behavior and coursework. Students participating in a high quality afterschool program went to school more, behaved better, received better grades and did better on tests compared to non-participating students. (Durlak, Weissberg & Pachan, 2010)

Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are nearly three times more likely to skip classes than teens who do participate. They are also three times more likely to use marijuana or other drugs, and are more likely to drink, smoke and engage in sexual activity. (YMCA of the USA, 2001)

Did you know?

In a high school graduation study done in Hillsborough County for 9th graders graduating in 2014...

Of the 9,320 students who **attended school 90%** of the school days or more, **86% of them graduated**. Of the 1,641 students who **attended school less than 90%** of the school days, only **53% of them graduated**.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Of the 8,206 students who had **zero suspensions** in their 8th grade year, **86% of them graduated**. **One suspension- 67% graduated**. **Two suspensions- 64% graduated**. **Three+ suspensions- 52% graduated**.

BEHAVIOR MATTERS!

Of the 8,924 students who had a **GPA of a 2.0+** in the 9th grade, **90% of them graduated**. Of the 1,797 students who earned **less than a 2.0 GPA** in the 9th grade, only **48% of them graduated**.

GRADES MATTER!

Program Hours

These hours have been established to provide optimum time for full participation by youth in our curriculum, as well as to allow our hard working parents/guardians ample time to pick-up youth at the end of their day. The typical hours of operation are as follows:

Before School Program:

Monday- Friday 6:00am- 7:30am

- Middle school program sites follow HCPS calendar. If the middle school is not in session then the program will not be in operation.

After School Program:

Monday-Friday 3:45PM-6:00PM

- Middle school program sites follow HCPS calendar. If the middle school is not in session then the program will not be in operation.

Summer Program:

Monday- Thursday 7:00AM-6:00PM

- All summer program sites follow the City of Tampa calendar. If the City of Tampa has a scheduled holiday then the program will not be in operation.

CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

In order to assure the safety of all youth participating in Tampa Bay ASAS the following guidelines for youth entering and exiting the program have been established:

Check-In: (After-School Programs)

- Youth attending the middle school sites must report to the cafeteria within 10 minutes of the final school day bell.

Check-In: (Summer Programs)

- Youth attending the summer program sites must report to the gym by 9:00AM.

Check-Out:

- Only parents/legal guardians or those authorized in writing may be permitted to sign-out child. Driver's License or some form of picture identification is required as proof of identity.
- Phone calls authorizing additional individuals to pick-up child will not be accepted.
- Please supply a copy of any legal restraining orders or injunctions that you may have concerning your child and discuss any other situations or changes in schedule that may apply with Tampa Bay ASAS site supervisor.
- Youth walking or bike riding home must have previous written permission to do so by parent/legal guardians.
- Youth walking or bike riding home will not be allowed to leave the program site until the end of the regularly scheduled daily hours, unless otherwise specified by parent/guardian in writing to Tampa Bay ASAS.

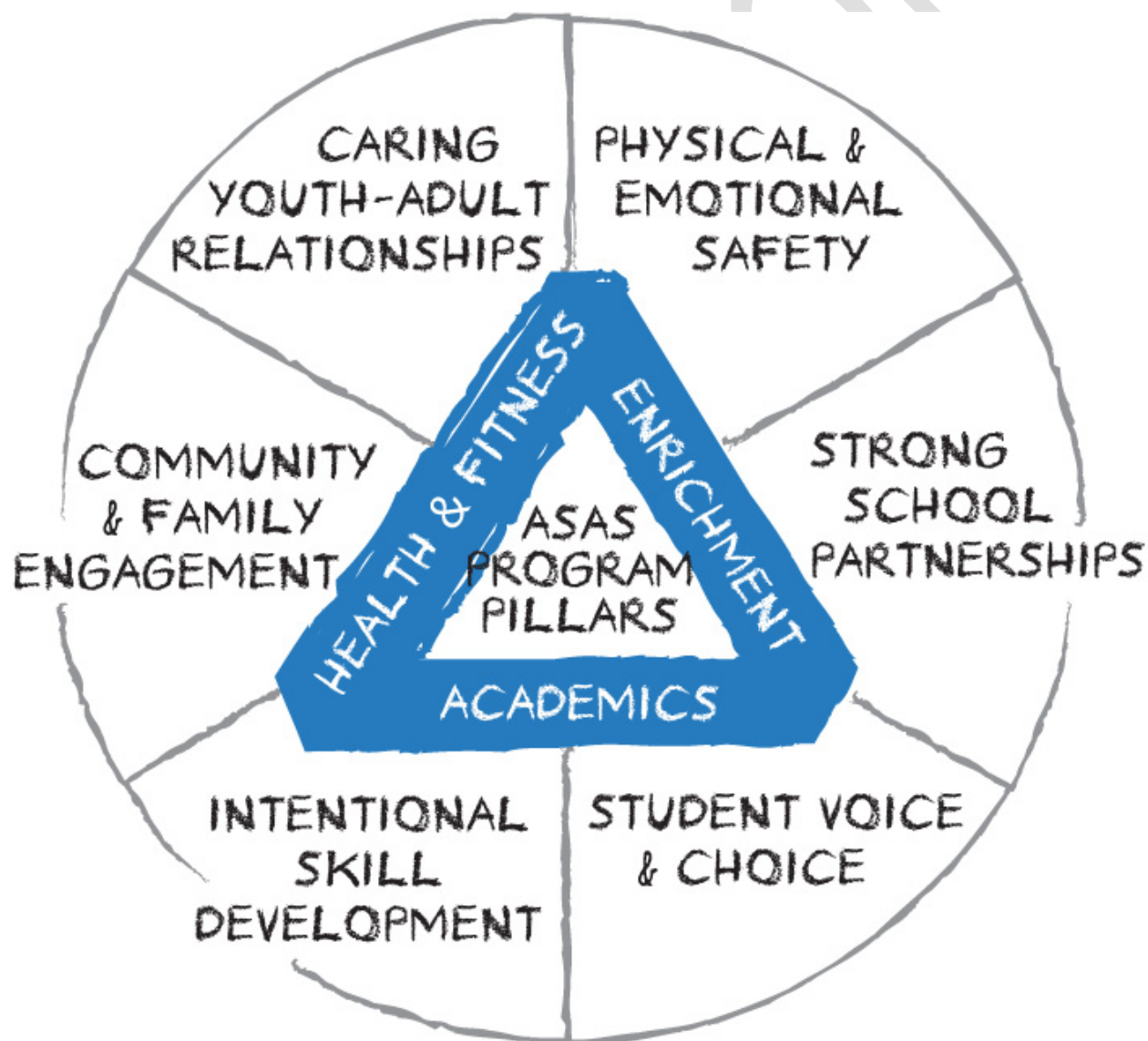
Late Pick-Up Policy:

Tampa Bay ASAS staff seeks to assist parents/guardians in every way and understand that unforeseen incidents happen. However, picking up youth on-time is imperative to a well-run program. After three late pick-ups a conference will be scheduled with the parent and site leader to discuss the issue.

Activities

The after-school hours provide a uniquely creative and entrepreneurial time in the field of public education. By teaming up with principal and faculty at each site, we're able to identify each student's specific needs and tailor programming to supplement the existing efforts at school. Our Cornerstones lay the foundation for our unique, effective after-school programming.

Tampa Bay After-School All-Stars prides itself on preparing middle school aged youth for high school, college, and life by offering academic support, enrichment opportunities, and health/fitness activities. Tampa Bay ASAS accomplishes this through its diversified after-school and summer program curriculum.



Activities

Tutoring / Mentoring Program –

We provide tutoring and homework assistance that complement the students' regular academic program. This seeks to provide improvement in student academic and social performance through the use of certified teachers, support specialists, and college and high school student interns.

Academic / Enrichment Classes –

We provide remedial education and academic enrichment lessons that focus on reading, math, and science using district approved evidence based curriculum. Programs provide engaging activities and high-quality lessons in a variety of topics and genres.

Physical Fitness and Athletic Activities –

We provide fun, age-appropriate physical education that includes health and nutrition lessons, physical fitness education and standards and other healthy lifestyle activities. The program activities consist of a variety of unique outdoor and indoor sports and games that have been modified to promote the inclusion of all program participants.

Community Involvement / Character Education Activities –

We infuse character education into the curriculum by using evidence based lessons that focus on anger and conflict management, building leadership qualities, self-esteem and positive support systems and physical and emotional health.

We promote service learning through existing partnerships and participation in events throughout the year. These projects allow youth to develop a sense of self-worth that can only come from helping others. The various service partnerships and projects include:

- Anti-Bullying Run
- Visiting nursing homes
- Helping the Homeless
- Holiday Toy and Food Drives
- Campus Beautification

Attendance

After-School Program (August – June)

- In order to attend the Tampa Bay ASAS program, youth must be present during the regular school day; exceptions would include an excused absence that is approved from the school prior to attending the program.
- Youth must maintain a minimum of 80% program attendance (4 out of 5 days a week)
- Parents are presented with orientation packet upon registration, and will be contacted on monthly basis in which they will be notified of student; attendance, behavior, academic and enrichment participation.
- Tampa Bay ASAS will make a concerted effort to contact the parents of any youth that is absent for any period longer than 10 days. If there is no response, the youth will then be replaced in the program, however, any youth that present viable information for all missed days, can be reinstated into the program.
- All sites ensure to maintain daily attendance records of every student that attends the program.
- Youth must be registered in middle school grades 5-8.
- Youth must attend the middle school where the program site is located.
- If program site is located at a community center youth must live in the vicinity of that center.
- Youth that are zoned for a middle school where the program site is located but attend private school/home school are eligible.
- Youth must abide by the designated HCPS middle school code of conduct and/or Tampa Bay ASAS safety/conduct rules during program hours.
- Youth must be signed into the program 10 minutes after the final school bell rings or will be recorded as late. If youth is assisting or working with a member of the middle school staff a note must be presented when signing in.
- Youth must to the best of his/her ability participate in the educational, enrichment and physical fitness curriculum provided at each site.

Summer Program (June – August)

- Youth must be registered in middle school grades 5-8, or participated in ASAS the prior school year.
- Program sites have a designated number of youth slots available and will not save or add slots for youth regardless if they participated in the regular school year program.
- Youth must abide by the designated HCPS middle school code of conduct and/or Tampa Bay ASAS safety/conduct rules during program hours.
- Youth must to the best of his/her ability participate in the educational, enrichment and physical fitness curriculum provided at each site.
- Youth must regularly attend program. Any youth missing 10 consecutive days without parental and/or doctor's excuse may be terminated from the program.
- Youth must maintain a minimum of 75% program attendance (3 out of 4 days a week) in order to attend field trips.

NOTE: If there are questions regarding a child's ability to participate in our program, Tampa Bay ASAS may require an individualized assessment. Tampa Bay ASAS reserves the right to suspend or dismiss your child due to excessive unexcused tardiness and/or absences and refusal to participate in the area of programming.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Tampa Bay ASAS's priority is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for youth and staff at all program sites. We understand that certain changes in routine, medications and home environment can occasionally cause behavioral problems. Tampa Bay ASAS's goal is to assist parents in improving and maintaining a child's behavior at school, home and in the community. All youth participating in the program must abide by the following behavioral and safety expectations:

- Youth must abide by middle school site student code of conduct and Tampa Bay ASAS safety/conduct rules.
- All youth exhibiting behavioral issues may have progressive sanctions applied to them by site supervisors according to the student code of conduct and/or Tampa Bay ASAS behavior and safety rules.
- VOE reserves the right to apply any additional disciplinary actions deemed necessary by principal and/or assistant principal.
- Any youth attempting to harm other youth, staff or his/her self may be immediately terminated from the program. Parent will be immediately notified to pick-up youth or if necessary, authorities will be called by site supervisor.
- Once signed into the program, youth may not leave staff supervision. Any youth leaving staff supervision without permission will be considered absconded from the program and a major safety violation. Youth may be suspended or terminated from the program.
- During off-site field trips youth are required to stay with their group and in staff supervision at all times. Any youth refusing to comply may be removed from the trip immediately. Youth may also be suspended or terminated from the program.

NOTE: Tampa Bay ASAS reserves the right to suspend or dismiss your child from the program if the youth continually displays unacceptable behavior, is a regular safety issue or the severity of the incident deems it necessary.

FIELD TRIPS

As opportunities arise, Tampa Bay ASAS curriculum may include a wide variety of exciting field trips offered to all the programs youth. The field trips are designed to be both fun and educational. Tampa Bay ASAS programs may be invited to attend Tampa Bay Buccaneers football games, Tampa Bay Lightning hockey games, Tampa Bay Rays baseball games, the Museum of Science and Industry, community center pools, Lowry Park Zoo, and Busch Gardens. To be allowed to attend the field trips all youth are required to meet participation and behavior standards. The minimum expectations are as follows:

- Youth must fully participate in all aspects of the program. This includes completing all homework during tutoring hours, finishing assigned educational work, participating in all physical fitness/enrichment activities and summer reading assignments.
- Youth must maintain a minimum of 80% program attendance (4 out of 5 days a week).
- Youth must follow all behavioral and safety expectations outlined in the code of conduct section. Youth are subject to disciplinary actions from both Tampa Bay ASAS and HCPS middle schools.
- Youth must not be involved in any previous major behavioral or safety incidents. This includes physical violence, verbal abuse, and possession of illegal substance or damage to facility/vehicles.
- Youth must not be involved in any previous major behavioral or safety incident on a previous field trip.
- Parent/guardian may not pick-up youth from the field trip site.

NOTE: Tampa Bay ASAS reserves the right to exclude any child from field trips if youth regularly refuses to complete program assignments, continually displays unacceptable behavior, is a regular safety issue or the severity of a previous incident deems it necessary. Any scheduled after hours activities or field trips will be made by the specific program site only. In the event of an afterhours activity or field trip parents will be notified.

MISCELLANEOUS

PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

- Parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active role in their child's involvement in Tampa Bay ASAS programs.
- Tampa Bay ASAS site staff will continually update parents/guardians on their child's educational, behavioral and overall program progress.
- Please do not hesitate to contact Tampa Bay ASAS site staff if there are any questions, concerns or issues that may arise throughout the year.

LUNCH / DINNER/ SNACKS:

- A free snack is provided to all youth during both the after-school program and summer program.
- A free lunch is provided to all youth during the summer program only.
- Youth are permitted to bring snacks/lunch to both the after-school program and summer program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Village of Excellence Academy:

- Mr.Thompson, Director of Operations
- 4702 E. Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL 33617
- 813-559-1250

Program Manager:

- R. Franklin
- rasheedahfranklin@afterschoolallstars.org

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

By placing your initials on the line before each of the items listed below, you are indicating that you and your son/daughter have read and understand the contents of the information given. **READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

_____ 1. In consideration of the acceptance of my child or ward to participate in the activities sponsored by the *City Of Tampa, Parks & Recreation Department*, I agree on behalf of myself and my child or ward, to assume the risks incidental to such participation (which risks include, but are not limited to: physical injury, emotional injury or death) and, on my own behalf, and on behalf of my child or ward, and on behalf of any other parents or guardians of my child, and my child's or ward's heirs, executors and administrators, I agree to release and forever discharge the released parties defined below, of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature arising out of or in any way connected with the participation of my child or ward in such activities, and further agree to indemnify and hold each of the released parties harmless against any and all such liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and attorney's fees on appeal. The released parties are the *The Village of Excellence Academy, Tampa Bay After-School All-Stars ("Tampa Bay ASAS")*, *Hillsborough County Public Schools*, and their elected officials, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns of the released parties. I understand that this release and indemnity agreement includes any claims based on the negligence, action or inaction of any of the above released parties and covers bodily injury (including death) and property loss or damage, whether suffered by me or my child or ward, before, during or after such participation.

_____ 2. I declare that my child is physically fit and has the skill level required to participate in these activities. I further authorize medical treatment and related transportation for said child or ward, at my cost, if the need arises. I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the participant, but authorize *ASAS* staff to arrange for emergency medical care if necessary.

_____ 3. I hereby grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and my child or ward and further to use said name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising and promotional materials by the *Tampa Bay ASAS* without reservation or limitation.

_____ 4. I hereby grant full permission to *ASAS Tampa Bay* to transport my child/ward for requested field trips.

_____ 5. I hereby grant full permission to the *ASAS Tampa Bay* to request the following information from *Village of Excellence Academy*: **student demographic data** (District ID number, Special Education Status), **student performance** (courses taken, credit accumulation, course grades, school attendance, State reading/ math test scores, test scores for standardized tests administered by the district, health and fitness assessments), and **behavior** (referrals, suspensions).

_____ 6. The *ASAS Tampa Bay* occasionally shows movies during program hours. Those children not permitted to watch movies will participate in separate activities. All movies will be chosen with careful consideration. I hereby give my permission for my child to watch PG or PG-13 rated movies.

Village of Excellence Academy

Daily Schedule

Monday-Friday, 3:45pm-6:00pm

3:45pm-4:00pm, Check in/Snack

4:05pm-4:10pm, Transition

4:10pm-5:00pm, Academics

5:00pm-5:05, Transition

5:05pm-5:45pm, Enrichment

5:45pm-6:00pm, Dismissal

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