

RAYMOND CENTRAL

BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

What does the Raymond Central Before- and After-School Program entail?

The Raymond Central Before- and After-School Program, set to begin in the 2020-21 school year, offers students and families a convenient, safe, and fun environment to continue their growth as leaders in their schools and communities. Students receive academic support, engage in enrichment activities, and have opportunities to grow as civic leaders in their communities through a range of clubs and community service-learning projects.

How would this be different than day care?

Programming takes place on-site at the student's "home" school building, allowing for a seamless transition from school day to after-school programs. We also employ terminology, instruction, space, and expectations consistent with students' schools. The program provides extended access to school space, resources, and teachers, and allows for meaningful partnerships and relationships to develop and grow.

What is meant by academic support?

Program staff provide students guidance, structure, and time to work on assigned homework – but also offer expanded learning and enrichment on a number of academic subjects and standards. Program staff communicate and partner closely with teachers and school staff to be as effective with student learning as possible.

Why is Raymond Central partnering with Civic Nebraska?

Civic Nebraska runs seven before- and after-school programs in Omaha and Lincoln that continually perform above state averages in terms of parent and student satisfaction. Civic Nebraska also coordinates several outside-of-school clubs and initiatives in Lincoln and Omaha. All told, our Youth Civic Leadership programs serve about 1,500 youth a day.

Our programs focus on developing our participants' critical thinking, civic leadership, and problem-solving skills. We include before- and after-school programs in our Youth Civic Leadership initiatives because students who can think critically about, and make meaning of, the world around them are better able to succeed in their individual environments. Such skills are the cornerstones of active, productive citizenship.

How will it be staffed? Are they volunteers, paid employees of the school, or paid employees of Civic Nebraska?

Before- and after-school staff are paid employees of Civic Nebraska. Civic Nebraska will hire one full-time site director and part-time program staff, which is dependent on a 1:15 ratio to ensure meaningful individual attention to students. Volunteers are welcomed, upon completion of volunteer paperwork and review.

How was Civic Nebraska chosen?

Civic Nebraska is eager to serve and support an identified need in the Raymond Central School District. Civic Nebraska was made aware of the potential to provide before- and after-school services for students, put a specialized plan together and submitted a proposal. Upon review from the Foundation and Raymond Central School District officials, Civic Nebraska was pleased to be selected to launch the program.

How do I register my student(s)?

Program registration for the 2020-21 academic year will be live in March. Pre-registration for the 2020-21 academic year is available at www.civicnebraska.org/raymond. Click on the blue and yellow *Pre-registration for 2020-21* button.

What is the timeline for registration?

Materials will be available on [the program website](#) in March 2020 and also sent to parents who have completed the pre-registration form.

How much does it cost?

The Raymond Central Before- and After-School Program is \$75 per week. This includes all programming, snacks, activities, and clubs.

Are there scholarships available?

Yes. Scholarships will be available and reviewed upon request.

What if my student can only attend three days a week?

The weekly rate of \$75 cannot be pro-rated based on days of attendance.

What are the program's hours? How flexible are they?

Programming will run from 7 to 8:15 am and dismissal until 6 pm. Parents or guardians can drop off when necessary between 7 and 8:15 am and pick up when necessary before 6 pm.

Will students get school breakfast if they are in the program?

Yes. A before-school program staff member will escort students who wish to eat breakfast to their designated space and will assist with supervision until transition to the school day begins. Students will also receive a daily snack during the after-school program.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the program?

Program Manager Charity Iromuanya can answer any questions about the Raymond Central Before- and After-School Program. She can be reached at charity.iromuanya@civicnebraska.org.

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