

GOALS ACADEMY



BIG LABS!

THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM THAT ENRICHES SCHOLARS

GOALS Academy Big Labs After-School Program for Grades 3-6 provides GOALS Academy scholars with opportunities to identify and nurture their interests and turn them into strengths through electives in the areas of Visual and Performing Arts, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics), and Life Skills.

During our Big Labs Program, our scholars choose electives in which they are mentored by specialists in a smaller group setting than that of the enrichment provided during the school day.

Participation in the program is driven by scholars' interests, and scholars can sign up for electives each trimester. With three sessions of electives Monday through Friday, a scholar has access to 15 electives per week.

SEEING THE PROGRAM IN ACTION



BIG LABS ELECTIVES

The Big Labs After-School Program provides scholars with many opportunities to discover their strengths through a variety of engaging electives. Electives are taught by mentors with a wealth of knowledge in their field and a passion for positively impacting youth. These courses are currently available for our 3rd-6th grade scholars.

Music

Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Levels for courses including

- String Instruments
- Keyboards
- Vocal Training
- Brass Instruments
- Woodwind Instruments

Visual and Performing Arts

- Art (Drawing/Painting)
- 3-Dimensional Art
- Dance
- Photography

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

- Circuit Creations
- Digital Animation
- Video Production
- Competition Robotics
- Webpage Development
- Young Astronauts
- Minecraft

Life Skills

- Culinary Arts
- Fashion Conservatory
- Homework Club/Typing
- Servant Leadership
- Troy Math Club
- Troy Perfect Bind

THE BIG LABS EXPERIENCE

Learning should be engaging. Testing should not be the be all and end all. All students should have a broad curriculum that includes the arts and enrichment. Students should have opportunities to work in teams and engage in project-based learning. And student and family well-being should be front and center.

– Randi Weingarten

GOALS Academy scholars in Grades 3 through 6 are presented with the privilege of enrolling in our Big Labs After-School Program and can expect:

- An opportunity to discover interests and develop them into talents
- Multiple elective opportunities daily
- Flexible scheduling options for up to 15 electives a week
- Development of strong mentor/scholar relationships
- Performance and showcase opportunities each trimester
- Hands-on skill-building through a variety of medium
- A free, healthy snack for all enrolled scholars

RESOURCES

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

These links and references are just a small sample of what has inspired GOALS Academy's strength-based approach to teaching/learning and after-school enrichment.

VIA Character Strengths

www.viacharacter.org/www/#nav

The Leader in Me

www.theleaderinme.org

StrengthsFinder

www.strengthsquest.com/home.aspx

Growth Mindset

www.mindsetworks.com/science

Benefits of After-School Programs

www.youth.gov/youth-topics/afterschool-programs/benefits-youth-families-and-communities

The Specials: Curriculum Enrichment Builds a Positive School Culture

www.afterschoolalliance.org/sel-toolkit.cfm

An Ideal Opportunity: The Role in Social and Emotional Learning

www.afterschoolalliance.org/documents/issue_sel_71.pdf

The Critical Ingredient: Caring Youth-Staff Relationships in After School Settings

www.youthtoday.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2016/04/04_HLTH_SRHHR_articlesResearch_The-Critical-Ingredient-Caring-Youth-Staff-Relationships-in-Afterschool.pdf



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