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Dear Montclair Community:

Thank you for coming to the BACR Parent Info Night. If you have not had a chance to register, here is the [REGISTRATION LINK](#) or [bacr.force.com/afterschool](http://bacr.force.com/afterschool). For those that have, we ask that you double check that your registration form has been **“Submitted”**. Registrations that are in the **“In Progress”** stage cannot be considered. **We cannot see your information on our end until it is officially “Submitted”**.

Due to a high volume of registrations not being fully completed or submitted, we will need to delay notifying you of your Enrollment status from 5/26 to **6/1**. If you have not “Submitted” your application by 5/26 you will automatically be put on a wait list. We can only process applications when they are completed and submitted.

We are diligently working with school leadership and the district to ensure that we are also meeting our ELOP state funded grant requirements of serving 65% of our verifiable categories, these include: low income, foster, homeless, refugee or asylum seekers and newcomer students. As covered at our information night last week, we will be starting with 150 students and working to scale up as quickly as possible. To date we have received over 225 applications. As mentioned in our info night, all considerations are being taken to determine our first phase of enrollment. We appreciate your patience as we continue to expand our program in the Montclair community.

We have captured your questions in our Frequently Asked Questions, now available. Feel free to email us any additional questions you may have @ [oakhillschools@bacr.org](mailto:oakhillschools@bacr.org).

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**Acceptance Questions:**

<p>What are the ELOP state funding priorities?</p>	<p>The state grant being provided at your site is ELOP funding. This grant supports equity and access for programming for students who are low income, foster, homeless, refugee or asylum seekers and newcomers. The eligibility cross check will be done in the next few weeks by principal, district rep and BACR rep. We are committed to serving 65% of students who fall into these verifiable categories. Please keep in mind this grant is not exclusive to Oakland. It is a state wide requirement for all expanded learning programs across the state. For more information <a href="#">Expanded Learning Opportunities Program FAQs - Expanded Learning (CA Dept of Education)</a></p>
<p>Will students be accepted in the program on a first come, first serve?</p>	<p>No, the program is not first come first serve. Registration remains open all year. We will enroll students as we have the staff capacity to do so. We will communicate with each family about their status on a continuing basis. These are the priorities we are considering: ELOP eligible students and data from the school site. We are also building our capacity during our first year.</p>
<p>Do you plan to serve everyone who needs after school care?</p>	<p>Although we may not be able to serve all families starting on day one, our intention is to grow with the program throughout the school year. The first phase of BACR growing into the program is about capacity and learning.</p>
<p>Will BACR be able to accommodate the same or more students than previously served through the aftercare program and the enrichment program?</p>	<p>Our goal is to accommodate at least the same number of students that are currently being served by AT. Note, we understand these numbers are lower than pre-pandemic.</p>
<p>For co parenting households, can my child come full time bi- weekly?</p>	<p>You have the option of coming 2, 3 or 5 days a week. You are billed monthly. It is up to you to decide your schedule.</p>
<p>Will this program mean the after school program at the Recreation Center/s will no longer be available? Or does this new grant have no effect on that program?</p>	<p>This is a school based program and does not impact the recreation centers currently offering after school services.</p>

**Before School Care Questions:**

<p>Will there be a before-school care option as part</p>	<p>Yes. If you are interested, submit this form:</p>
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of the program?	<a href="https://forms.gle/BbLqfFF1RCfmK7oM6">https://forms.gle/BbLqfFF1RCfmK7oM6</a> . More details to come as we get an idea of what the interest is.
Does before school care have to be connected to the After School Program (ASP)?	No, each registration is separate, with a separate tuition fee.

**Early Release Questions:**

Can you please go into more detail about the late pick-up clause in the registration form?	<p>We have updated the language in the registration form. It will be updated as the following: All students must be picked up at 6:00pm Monday through Friday. The After School Program (ASP) staff will attempt to reach people listed on the emergency contact sheet of the application after 6:05pm. If the after school program cannot reach anyone on the contact list, and if the student is still at school, by law we do need to contact local authorities. However, we will do everything necessary to make this our last resort.</p> <p>We would never leave a student unattended alone. While we do have a strict pickup policy of 6:00 pm, we understand that there are instances of late pickups. If your child is accepted into the program, we will go over the steps over a late pickup policy. (in most cases, it will be contacting the coordinator when you know you will be late)</p>
What happens if we want an earlier pickup than 6?	Parents can pick up their child anytime. We do ask as much as possible, once you have the schedule, to reference it and try to pick up during class transitions.

**Enrichment Questions:**

Will Spanish be offered?	We are working on connecting with previous language enrichment providers to check in with their status on offering services this upcoming year.
With regard to enrichments, does this mean all enrichment offerings are now through BACR? What enrichment providers will you be offering and what kind of classes?	BACR will be offering all enrichments as part of our Expanded Learning program schedule. This will be a wide range of contractors and classes. Some of them will be offered by BACR staff and some by vendors who have been in your community in the past, as well as our BACR's current Oakland based partners. You would need to be enrolled in the program to participate in these activities. All students will need to participate in the scheduled activities offered for the day they participate, however, there will be a wide variety of options for student choice. A detailed schedule for these activities will be

	available in August.
If offered a spot, can we go up or down in days or change which days depending on what is offered as enrichment? For example, if I get M/W/F but my daughter wants a Th enrichment class, can I change my days to accommodate that?	Yes

**Enrollment Questions:**

Will my incoming TK student be eligible since she isn't already enrolled?	Yes, but this does not guarantee enrollment.
Is this upcoming registration for 1 semester or for the full year?	For the full year.
What is your cancel policy should we need to withdraw from the program during the school year?	You can reach out directly to your school site coordinator if you need to withdraw. Keep in mind that fees as outlined in the registration form read as such: Refunds will not be given after a student participates in at least ONE DAY of the month and subsequently withdraws from the program.

**Fee Questions:**

My current pay for a family of 3 is well below the threshold for tier 4, however, I will be employed full time through OUSD next year which will put me in tier 2 but I don't have any documentation around my income next year so do I apply with this year's tax return and then adjust next school year when I am employed through OUSD?	All OUSD employees receive a 20% discount. We will honor in good faith that you are an OUSD employee.
Will the rates for every month be based on the amount of hours needed by our family or is it just a flat rate?	This is a flat rate for the number of days you sign up for.
My work schedule changes so frequently so how can I enroll my child in a more flexible after school care? Can my child attend BACR on an adhoc basis? Or do I have to sign up for a 2 or 3 day per week basis? If I sign up for 2 or 3 days per week, do I need to stick with the designated days that I choose?	You can, but ideally your days of attendance are taken into consideration for program scheduling. Please do your best, out of consideration for others, to let the coordinator know.
Is household income listed as before or after tax?	This is gross pay, before taxes.
What if my school is considered Free/Reduced eligible.	If the school is considered Free/Reduced lunch eligible, that does not determine your income bracket, you need to base your choice of Tier on your income earned.
If I work for the school and have 2 kids there, can I qualify for a 20% discount AND 50% for the	The first child would be 20% discount and the 2nd child and on would be 50% each.

second child?	
If I sign my child up, but end up not needing care I assume I am taking a spot from someone who may need it. Is that true? I am not sure yet of my work schedule for the fall.	Please know that these spots are in high demand. If you believe you may not need the spot, please make alternate plans during this upcoming year.
There is a possibility we will move out of Oakland this summer. Do you suggest signing up for after school care in case we are still at this school? Is there a deposit and what is your refund policy?	We ask that a payment is made before participation can begin. If your registration is approved and you plan not to attend, please let us know asap. We anticipate a very large waitlist. Refunds will not be given after a student participates in at least ONE DAY of the month and subsequently withdraws from the program. Thanks in advance.
Is the fee monthly? Or weekly?	Our fees are monthly.
Is this program eligible for Dependent Care FSA pre-tax benefits?	Yes

**Previous AT Student Questions:**

Will current AT students be automatically qualified for the spots at BACR?	No spots are guaranteed. We will do everything we can to accommodate the level of need we have at each site, but it may be a phase in timeline.
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**Priority Questions:**

Is there any priority for those of us who are essential workers?	We will continue to work on our policy around this. We do understand that "essential workers" is a broad category during this time.
Any priority for kids w/ IEPs or other special needs?	This request would need to also be made by school site leadership as we are new to the school community.

**Programmatic Questions:**

When does the program start?	Program will begin on Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 after dismissal from the school day .
What are the operating hours?	Program runs from dismissal time from school, until 6:00 pm.
Where is the program being held?	Programs will be held on the school campus.
Will TK and K be in a class together? Or will K be with older kids?	Our goal is to have two separate classes for these grade levels, however, this will be dependent on staffing capacity

Do kids have a choice of activity throughout the afternoon, or are there set activities for everyone?	Yes, student choice.
Will you be offering camps for summer, spring, winter break and holidays?	This is to be determined.
Is there a free play option?	Our programs always allow for free play during recess and other times during our programming. However, if you are looking to provide your child with programming that focuses on free play as a central theme, keep in mind, per our grant guidelines, this may not be the program for your child.
The mock schedule was very structured - is there free play? Are kids required to participate in HW help for the first hour of aftercare if they don't need/want it?	As a new provider, schedules have not been created, therefore we cannot say which order our activities will take place.

#### Registration Form Questions:

Do you need to do separate entries if there are multiple kids?	No, only do one registration. You can add multiple students in one.
Can I make changes to my registration prior to the start of the school year?	Yes, please email <a href="mailto:oakhillschools@bacr.org">oakhillschools@bacr.org</a> with those changes.
How do you register families with 2 co-parents living in different households with very different income levels? I see you have different tiers. Is it possible for each parent to register separately?	We will need income verification from both legal guardians. If you would like to enter this information separately, that is fine. Please let <a href="mailto:oakhillschools@bacr.org">oakhillschools@bacr.org</a> aware that this is how you are registering.

#### Salesforce Questions:

Should I have received confirmation that the submission was completed?	No, but please go into the system and confirm your registration states that it has been submitted. You will see it in the "status" screen.
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#### Staffing Questions:

How many instructors are in the program?	Our Programs are 20:1 ratio for 1st - 5th and TK and Kinder 10:1.
How will you address staff turnover?	We hire a core of BACR staff to meet our ratios, invest in their training and PD opportunities, and do a great job of retaining staff. However, we cannot predict turnover as these are part-time positions and if and when this happens we will do our best to fill vacancies as quickly as possible.
Will Adventure Time staff be able to work in the BACR Expanded Learning Program?	Yes, we have extended the offer to all them to apply.

**Weekly Schedule Questions:**

If we register for 3 days a week, is it possible to increase to full time once the school year starts?	Yes.
Is there a 4 day/week option?	No.
Can you drop in if you're not currently attending Tuesdays for example to drop in on a Tuesday.	You can, but ideally your days of attendance are taken into consideration for program scheduling. Please do your best, out of consideration for others, to let the coordinator know.
Can you sign up for single days? (ie. just the Weds 1/2 days?)	No.
What flexibility will be offered for families who only need part time coverage (part of the day or part of the week)?	You will need to pay for the full day, not by the hour.