

Application

Please complete information on both sides.

Applying for Spring Summer (schedule on reverse panel)

Has the student attended the Arcadia Community Learning Center before?

- Yes (most recent year/session enrolled _____)
 No

Tuition

Tuition for one semester is \$300. A deposit of half the tuition, \$150, must accompany this application.

Please make check or money order payable to:

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The Arcadia Community Learning Center



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The Program

The Arcadia Community Learning Center provides instruction to area school students who have difficulty with reading and writing. Individual and/or small group instruction is provided to students currently enrolled in or entering grades 1 through 12. The Center helps students to become more competent and confident in their literacy skills. The primary emphasis is to engage students through authentic reading and writing experiences. The program is conducted in an atmosphere of expectation of success, with supervised, knowledgeable and experienced instructors who are at the final completion phase of obtaining Reading Specialist Certification in Pennsylvania.

Strategic Reading Instruction

Reading instruction focuses on the areas of phonological awareness, fluency, word analysis, vocabulary and comprehension. This instruction is provided while reading stories and informational books, and then these skills are applied to learning about a particular area of student interest and developing special theme-related projects.

Comprehension

Teachers recognize that students bring a unique background of experiences to reading activities. Students are taught how to use these unique experiences in helping them to understand what they read. Students learn to read for different purposes and to use information to accomplish different tasks. They also learn strategies to monitor their own progress in understanding what they read.

Word Recognition

Teachers work with students to assess their phonemic awareness and word analysis skills and use this assessment to strategically build a repertoire of tools for identifying words. Spelling knowledge is embedded in word analysis lessons. Fluency is developed through ongoing progress monitoring during engaging activities to build word recognition skills as well as comprehension.

Writing Instruction

Writing instruction primarily focuses on literary response, a system in which students develop writing skills by reacting to what they are reading. Close attention is paid to spelling, as it relates to word analysis and phonics, and to using standard writing conventions to communicate clearly.

Assessment

All students who enroll in the Arcadia Community Learning Center are given initial standardized and informal assessments to discern their strengths and needs, perceptions about reading, and background experiences in reading and writing. Ongoing assessment continues in the classroom as teachers observe and reflect on how students read and write. Students are provided opportunities to assess their own progress by working with teachers to assemble a Literacy Portfolio; this is a collection of their work across the semester. Teachers use the information from these portfolios and ongoing progress monitoring to adjust instruction to best meet the needs of each student.

Parents

Parents have a special role to play in the literacy development of their children. They are encouraged to be active participants in shared reading experiences at home and contribute to the assessment profile of their children. Parents and students are made aware of the goals of the instructional program, progress made, and recommendations for further instruction.

Schedule and Tuition

The Arcadia Community Learning Center provides two instruction semesters a year—spring, and summer.

Spring (January to May)

Classes meet Saturday mornings, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Summer (July)

Classes meet Monday through Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon, throughout the month of July.

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Tuition for one semester is \$300. A deposit of half the tuition, \$150, must accompany this application.

Financial assistance is available to qualifying families.

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____ Present Grade _____

Parent's Name _____ E-mail _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (work) _____

School Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Telephone _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OTHER SIDE.