



Frequently Asked Questions

What is P.A.R.K.? Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids, better known as P.A.R.K. Ministries, is an after-school and summer program that provides homework assistance, academic monitoring and enhancement, incentives/rewards, and social exposure to middle- and high-school students.

How much does it cost? All services are provided to the students for FREE!

How did my child get nominated? A teacher, administrator, or community member who is familiar with the services P.A.R.K. provides thought your student would be a good fit for our program. They completed a one-page nomination form that provided your contact information.

What can my child gain from being enrolled in this program? All students enrolled in our program have the opportunity to receive the following FREE services: (1) homework management and tutoring, (2) academic tracking and monitoring throughout a five-year timespan, (3) mentoring and leadership development, (4) spiritual growth, (5) access to impressive recreational facilities, (6) rewards and incentive programs, (7) community service projects, (8) fun field trips, (9) college preparation, and (10) opportunities for college scholarships! Again, all of these services are provided for FREE!

Who can be a part of the program? Students can be nominated for the program through March of their 7th or 8th grade school year. Once enrolled, all students make a four or five year commitment that takes them from the 8th to 12th grade.

What are the hours of the program? The program is open to students from 4^{PM} – 7^{PM} Tuesday through Friday during the school year; and from 8^{AM} – 5^{PM} for six weeks of June and July, during the summer.

Is transportation provided for the program? Because P.A.R.K. works in partnership with the schools we service, the same bus that takes your student home during the school year also provides transportation to our program Tuesday through Friday. Parents/guardians are required to arrange transportation from the program during the school year; and both to and from the program during the six-weeks of the summer.

What schools does P.A.R.K. service? P.A.R.K. is in partnership with all of the Little Rock School District middle- and high-schools. We also serve four Pulaski County Special School District middle- and high schools which include: Robinson and Fuller middle schools as well as Robinson Sr. and Mills high schools. All students must remain enrolled in one of these schools in order to continue in our program.

How do I get my child enrolled in the program? (1) Students currently in the 7th or 8th grade are nominated based upon a 1.5 to 2.5 grade point average, g.p.a., on their first and/or second nine weeks report cards. (2) Eligible families are contacted to schedule an interview with the program. (3) Families come to the facility to interview, tour, and find out more information. (4) Selected students are contacted via mail and invited to attend our six-week summer program to become eligible for the five-year commitment program. (6) Final selections of students are made before the start of the next school year based on performance during the summer program. Students who accept our invitation are enrolled and offered a five-year commitment.

When would my child start? This first step is only the nomination and interview process. Students who are selected after the first step are required to attend an 8^{AM} to 5^{PM} six-week probationary summer program during the months of June and July.

What's the catch? Sadly in today's society we are always trying to figure out what's the hook. There is no catch with our program. P.A.R.K. was built on a vision from God given to former NFL wide-receiver, Keith Jackson. It is designed as a program that is completely FREE for the student who has the potential to achieve but needs a little extra motivation.

What's the next step? Call our program at (501)562-5223 to reserve your seat at our next interview and tour session. Additional information concerning the recruitment interviews is enclosed in this packet. Please review to answer further questions concerning enrolling in the program.

Want to find out even more about our program? Find us on the web at <http://www.positivekids.org> or give us a call at (501) 562-5223.