

Education Center

Goals

- Increase literacy rates, math, science and technology competency and overall academic performance of all program participants
- Inspire academic excellence and achievement
- Educate participants to develop social and behavioral skills for success
- Enhance healthy choice awareness among participants
- Create a healthier lifestyle through increased wellness and nutritional awareness

Program Components

Positive Growth Education Center (S.M.A.R.T) program provide a safe place for students to go after school and during non-school times (summer, spring break and holidays, etc.), as well as opportunities for education and enrichment. The three components of the program include:

- **Academic Tutorial Program:** Students study subjects during homework assistance time: Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language and Computer Technology.
- **Recreational Program:** Students participate in physical activities including Games, Sports, Structured Physical Activity, Dance, Drama, Arts, Music, Health and Wellness, Wii Recreation just to name a few.
- **Enrichment Program:** Our enrichment programs includes exploring the mountains and natural habitat of Georgia state parks exhibits at the High Museum of Art and the science exploration series with DeKalb Public Libraries. are based on the participant's interests and change.

Who can attend?

The (S.M.A.R.T) program enrollment is open to all children and youth between the ages of 5-17, who seek academic assistance. However, should enrollment exceed the program capacity, a waiting list will be developed. The program operates Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm. Sumer hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our program operates year round.



Staff

Services are provided by our experienced and dedicated trained team of professionals, certified teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals and certified facilitators.

For questions, comments, referrals or more information:

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Location

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EDUCATION CENTER

Programs & Services:

After School Program

Alternative to Suspension Program

General Equilvent Diploma (GED)

S.M.A.R.T Summer Camp



Our After School and Summer Program are Licensed by Bright from the Start and CAPS approved, an agency of the State of Georgia.

“Working towards a better tomorrow for Children, Youth, Adults, and Families”



Positive Growth Education Center

“WHERE CHILDREN AND YOUTH GROW SMART”



Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP)

Positive Growth, Inc. Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) in partnership with Georgia Piedmont College and Adult Education offers small-group, self-paced instruction in basic writing, reading and math skills (Adult Basic Education/ABE), as well as additional components in science, social studies and literature for students preparing for the State of Georgia General Education Development (GED) exam. The program is primarily for young adults and adults who have not completed high school. Day and evening sessions are available at our Center. The program is offered through funding from Grants, In-Kind Donation and Fundraising and is free to participants.

Who is eligible?

If you are at least 16 years of age, you can enter the program with consent from a parent or guardian. Minors must first obtain a “Certificate of Consent to Participate” form signed by a parent or guardian. 16 to 21 year old students must also provide a completed “Certification of Non-Enrollment in School” form from their high school. Both forms are available through our program.

Prospective students are welcome to enroll in the ABE/ GED Program once they have made an appointment to take the program enrollment test. This test is called a TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education). The number to call to register for the TABE is (404) 298-9005.

How long will it take?

Learning needs will vary, depending on each student’s level of mastery in each of the basic skills areas. Instruction is, therefore, individualized. You set the pace through regular attendance and focus on your curriculum of study as determined by our instructors based upon your current skill levels.

After School Enrichment Program

Our after school program strives to establish a safe and caring environment that allows for individual and social growth, at an affordable cost. Participants will engage in activities that encourage creativity, social relationships, appropriate behavior, and positive self-image. Our After School Program is a year-round program serving children ages 5-17.

Positive Growth after school program envisions a community where all students are inspired to reach their full potential academically, socially and personally through the support of the program, families, and the community.

In order to achieve this end, we are committed to providing an affordable, secure, and safe environment where participants:

- are engaged in learning
- are better informed decision-makers
- are connected in meaningful ways to school and community
- develop skills, talents and new interests
- build social skills and develop positive relationships with peers and adults
- are encouraged to be creative
- build character and develop self confidence and a positive self image

Alternative to Suspension Program

The Alternative to Suspension Program (ASP) is an intervention and prevention program designed to provide an alternative to out of school suspensions for middle and high school students. ASP addresses the needs of students who exhibit chronic disruptive behaviors that interfere with classroom instruction and hinders the school climate. These students are not a danger to themselves or others; however, decisions they have made violate the DeKalb County School District’s disciplinary policies and require removing the students from regular school setting for a brief period of time.

Any student who is suspended from school may be placed in the Alternative to Suspension Program. The program is voluntary on the part of parents/guardians. The program will provide behavioral and academic help for students participating in the program for the duration of their suspension with a maximum of 3 suspensions per year in the program. The program will enable students to continue the learning process (both academic and behavioral) in a safe, structured, and supervised environment.

S.M.A.R.T Summer Camp

Science, Math, Art, Reading, Technology

Positive Growth Education Center operates a year round: Science, Math, Art, Reading and Technology education enrichment program AKA (S.M.A.R.T) Positive Growth Education Center provides a quality, structured, safe, and enriching youth development opportunity to school-age children and youth after school, on breaks/non-school days and during the summer. Research shows that children who participate in quality afterschool programs have higher school attendance and academic achievement and are less likely to be involved in risky behaviors during the afterschool hours.

Science
Math
Art
Reading
Technology



- (S.M.A.R.T) is supported by school, community, public and private partnerships.
- (S.M.A.R.T) offer a broad range of educational, recreational and culturally age-appropriate activities that integrate what happens in the school day.
- (S.M.A.R.T.) allows working families who need afterschool care to fill the gap between the end of the children’s school day and the end of the work day.
- (S.M.A.R.T) also provides working parents with a safe place for their children. Youth and family involvement in program planning and implementation is a key component.
- (S.M.A.R.T) operates five-days-a-week during the regular school year and may elect to operate during school breaks.

