

HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS

Scholars in this program will receive a healthy breakfast, lunch and snack to sustain them through a day filled with research-based Integrated Reading pedagogy, enrichment activities, including *Harambee*, art, recreation, science, technology, and weekly field trips.

Scholars are provided with numerous group leadership activities to challenge their thinking and expand their perspectives on the world. Freedom Schools scholars are taught that they can make a difference in this world.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Parents or adult representatives are required to attend the Parent Orientation. Parents must be actively involved by attending Parent Nights one time per week and/or volunteering for 1 hour per week.



**Online Registration Opens on
Tuesday, Jan. 22nd
Deadline Friday, April 12th**

For program questions
and/or registration assistance, contact:
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OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS
ISD 279

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Be a Guest Reader.** Volunteer by reading a short book during *Harambee*. We have wonderful books for you to choose from or you may bring your favorite book.
- **Join us during *Harambee*.** Don't just stand there! Get up, sing along and dance with our scholars. We love to have family members as *Harambee* participants.
- **Classroom Volunteer.** You are welcome to spend some time helping in a class.
- **Join us during Field trips.** You may be assigned a small group to chaperone. We need your full adult support and dedication. Do not bring younger siblings or relatives.



FREEDOM SCHOOLS

A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE IS A SCHOLAR

Summer 2019

K - 7th grade

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FOR FREEDOM SCHOOLS REGISTRATION

The Children's Defense Fund Osseo Area Schools ISD 279 Freedom Schools program provides summer enrichment that helps children fall in love with reading, increases their self-esteem, and generates positive attitudes toward learning.

JUNE 17 - JULY 25, 2019

(closed on July 4 and July 5)

Monday - Friday
8 am - 3 pm

FREEDOM SCHOOLS PROGRAM DETAILS

The Children's Defense Fund - Freedom Schools program provides summer enrichment that helps children fall in love with reading, increases their self-esteem, and generates more positive attitudes towards learning. Children are taught using a model pedagogy that supports children and families around five essential components: high-quality academic enrichment; parent and family involvement; civic engagement and social action; intergenerational leadership development; and nutrition, health and mental health.

DATES

June 17 - July 25, 2019 (closed on July 4 and July 5)

HOURS

Monday - Friday from 8 am - 3 pm

Late fees are administered. Chronic late pickups may be subject to program dismissal.

LOCATIONS: Birch Grove Elementary School
4690 Brookdale Dr. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
Or
Garden City Elementary School
3501 65th Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

GRADES

K - 7th grade

You must be a student attending an elementary or middle school within Osseo Area Schools ISD 279.

COST

Freedom Schools Summer Literacy Enrichment Program is free. Families must participate in weekly family nights and/or volunteer.

TRANSPORTATION

The parent or guardian is responsible for transportation to and from Freedom Schools Summer Literacy Enrichment Program.

No buses are provided.

ATTENDANCE

Scholars are expected to arrive 15-20 minutes before the *Harambee* start time. All scholars must be picked up promptly at 3pm. Late fees apply.

FREEDOM SCHOOLS OFFERS

- * Scholars receive books to take home
- * Cultural & Global Literature
- * Intergenerational Learning & Experiences
- * Student to Instructor (Servant Leader Intern) ratio 1:10
- * Fun and Enriching S.T.E.A.M. Experiences
- * Final Student Performance Program

HARAMBEE means *let's pull together* in Swahili. In Osseo Area Schools ISD 279 Children's Defense Fund Freedom Summer Literacy Enrichment Program, we begin each morning with *Harambee*. This is an opportunity to build community, instill the love of reading, empower scholars to make a difference in our community and world, recognize and celebrate scholars, and prepare for the day of reading and other fun activities.

Extended Learning Opportunities/Field Trips

We take several field trips and have field experiences come to us! You will receive a calendar of events. Make sure to check the calendar for specific dates and times.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. I live in the Osseo area but my student attends a charter school/private school in Brooklyn Park (or Maple Grove area), can my child participate in Freedom Schools?

A. No. You must attend an Osseo Area Schools ISD 279 school. If you decide to enroll your student into Osseo Area Schools ISD 279, please contact the enrollment center. You will need to provide enrollment verification in order to attend Freedom Schools.

Q. My student will begin Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019, can she/he attend Freedom Schools?

A. No. K-7 students only. Students must have completed Kindergarten and be entering into first grade in the Fall 2019.

Q. I heard that Freedom Schools is for students with an IEP.

A. All of Osseo Area Schools ISD 279 summer programs accept students with IEPs. We are a summer literacy enrichment program. We focus on reading and the love of reading.

Q. Is registration only online?

A. Yes. Our online registration works best on computers (not cell phones). If you need assistance or access to a computer, contact your student's school. Our Equity Specialist are located in every elementary and middle schools and will be able to help you.

Q. What happens if I'm later than the 3:00 pm pick up time?

A. You must pick up at 3:00 pm. We do not have extended day care. There are late fees if picked up after 3:00 pm. Many of our Freedom Schools families *pull together (Harambee)* with other families to create a parent pick up schedule.

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- Kindergarten through 7th grade
- You must be a student attending an elementary or middle school within Osseo Area Schools ISD 279

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Enrollment for summer 2019 begins Jan. 22. We will continue to take scholars until classes are full, at which point we will begin a waitlist. Register early! Classes are limited and fill very quickly!

1. **Create an account at Osseo.ce.eleyo.com** - This allows you access to program information all summer.
2. **Complete the online registration form, a separate online registration must be completed for each child attending.**
3. **Admission is based on classroom and grade level spaces.** Upon admission, you will be notified by email. You must confirm your acceptance. If we do not hear back from you, we will open the space for another scholar to participate.
4. **Attend mandatory Parent Orientation.** More information will be provided upon acceptance.

