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Dear Willard Families,

The Berkeley LEARNS After School Program at Willard Middle School provides a variety of enrichment classes, academic support, recreation, community building, healthy snacks, and interscholastic sports. We also work closely with various groups from UC Berkeley and offer a 1-on-1 mentoring program known as Project S.M.I.L.E.

Our program runs Monday through Friday, starting right when school lets out and ends at 6:00pm. Students are expected to attend at least 3 days a week up until 6pm unless noted otherwise by a parent/ guardian. Students are responsible for signing in at the cafeteria as soon as the final school bell rings, and are not to leave campus before or during the program.

**Registration:**

Registration is now open. To register, visit: [berkeleylearns.asapconnected.com](http://berkeleylearns.asapconnected.com) and select, "Willard Middle School." Payment is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, and receipts, newsletters, & invoices will be sent to your email address.

**Enrichment Sign-Ups are completed by students during program hours and will be announced during Mid September. Here are some of the featured classes:**

Skateboarding, BEAM Science, Computer Coding, Tennis, Leadership, Visual Art, Yoga, Piano, Digital Photography, Robotics, Performing Arts, Gardening, and more.

**Academic Support Hour & Recreation Time:**

We provide Homework help and other academic activities during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour of the program Monday – Thursday. This year we will have the help of tutors from "Bridging Berkeley" in an effort to enhance each students learning experience. Once the Academic hour concludes, students are free to partake in games outside or in the Student Center.

**LEARNS Middle School Sports Program:**

Students that are enrolled in LEARNS can join a sports team by participating in try-outs, and earning a roster spot on the team at no additional Charge.

**For more sports info:** Contact Athletic Director, Josh Church at [JoshChurch@Berkeley.net](mailto:JoshChurch@Berkeley.net)

**For more information regarding Berkeley LEARNS, please visit:**

<http://www.berkeleyschools.net/schools/berkeley-after-school-programs/berkeley-learns/>

Thank you,  
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## **SCHEDULE – Willard LEARNS After School Program**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**2:51 - 3:00** – Sign-In @ Cafeteria

**3:00 - 3:15** - Snack

**3:15 - 4:15** - 1st Block: Enrichment/ Options

**4:20 - 5:20** - 2nd Block: Academic Support Hour

**5:25 - 6:00** - 3rd Block: Recreation/ Options

Wednesday (Early Day)

**2:00 - 2:10** – Sign-In @ Cafeteria/ Snack

**2:15 - 3:15** - 1st Block: Enrichment/ Options

**3:20 - 4:20** - 2nd Block: Academic Support Hour

**4:25 - 6:00** - 3rd Block: Recreation/ Options

\* **Most** Enrichment classes begin no later than the **1st week of October**. When enrichment classes are not running, students will be granted the opportunity to participate in organized activities we refer to as “Options”

**Options Hour:** Field Games/ Sports, Table Tennis, Board/ Card Games, and special projects put together by staff members.

- Always check the sign-in sheet and schedules on the Student Center (Room: A34) windows to locate students.
- No Academic Support Hour on Friday’s

## **Sports Guideline – Willard LEARNS**

Below is a general guideline for our teams. Finding solid coaches has historically been the biggest challenge to running teams, so all info below relies on our ability to get good help.

Cross Country: 2nd week of school year until 2nd week of Nov.

Girls Volleyball, 7th & 8th grade: 2nd week of school year until end of Oct.

Flag Football: 2nd week of school year until Nov 1

Co-ed Soccer: Early Oct until mid-Dec

Girls Basketball: 1st week of Nov until late Jan (hope to have this worked out by this afternoon, and run tryouts next week.)

Boys Basketball: 1st week of Dec until mid-March

Girls Softball: mid-Feb until late April

Co-ed Ultimate: late Feb until late May

Baseball: early March until late May

Girls Volleyball, 6th grade: Mid-March - mid-May

Track & Field: 1st day after Spring Break until early June

Tryouts: We run "tryouts" (i.e. auditions) for our after school sports teams, for many reasons. In some cases all comers are taken, in others some are not, and this has mostly to do with the limited numbers we can fit into a space, or with our limited personnel on hand. With Track & Field, and with Cross Country, we run a lot, so we strongly emphasize the retention of students that want to work hard and get faster. I mention this because both sports see kids at tryouts who are clearly there against their own interest (i.e. parents lean on them too hard to try out), and trying to keep unwilling participants on a running team means severely diminished results and headaches for our coaches. Both teams run on average 3-5 miles of running per practice off campus, and keeping the team from getting separated is a matter of safety. For this reason, it's paramount that we only bring kids on that have the desire to improve.

Practices: Our teams generally practice 3x per week during ASP hours, and we expect our student athletes to be present for all practices. We at times make exceptions for Cross Country and Track & Field, if students are missing practice to run elsewhere (i.e. club soccer practices, AAU basketball, etc).

PTA E-tree: The first place to get information about our sports offerings, tryouts dates, etc. is via the PTA E-tree, and I recommend all parents join the list.

For more Sports info, contact:

Josh Church

Athletic Director – Willard LEARNS

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**BERKELEY LEARNS**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL FEE SCALE-AFTER SCHOOL 2018-19**

Berkeley LEARNS uses a sliding fee scale to determine program fees. The amount each family pays for the program is based upon the family's income and size. Once approved by the program coordinator, the rate will be honored for the entire school year. Program fees are NOT reduced for December (winter recess), April (spring recess), or June.

*This is the fee scale for monthly full-time participation for one child.*

*\*Sibling discount: 50% off full-time participation each month*

*\*Acceptable forms of income documentation: Paycheck stub (less than 45 days old), federal income tax forms*

**Sports: If you attend LEARNS regularly, there is no extra charge for sports. If you only want to attend for the duration of a sports season, refer to the sports-only fee scale.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL TABLE-AFTER SCHOOL (Effective July 1, 2017) Family Gross Monthly Income									
Income: Family of 2	Income: Family of 3	Income: Family of 4	Income: Family of 5	Income: Family of 6+	Full- Time Fee	4 Day Fee	3 Day Fee	2 Day Fee	1 Day Fee
\$0 - \$1,819	\$0 - \$1,949	\$0 - \$2,166	\$0 - \$2,512	\$0 - \$2,859	\$25	\$23	\$16	\$13	\$6
\$1,820 - \$2,328	\$1,950 - \$2,651	\$2,167 - \$3,032	\$2,513 - \$3,618	\$2,860 - \$4,331	\$60	\$48	\$37	\$25	\$14
\$2,329 - \$2,838	\$2,652 - \$3,353	\$3,033 - \$3,769	\$3,619 - \$4,422	\$4,232 - \$5,061	\$90	\$80	\$60	\$42	\$23
\$2,839 - \$3,355	\$3,354 - \$3,953	\$3,770 - \$4,392	\$4,423 - \$5,280	\$5,062 - \$6,069	\$125	\$115	\$90	\$60	\$32
\$3,356 - \$3,839	\$3,954 - \$4,742	\$4,393 - \$5,646	\$5,281 - \$6,549	\$6,070 - \$7,452	\$155	\$140	\$110	\$75	\$40
\$3,840 - Over	\$4,743 - Over	\$5,647 - Over	\$6,550 - Over	\$7,453 - Over	\$175	\$160	\$125	\$85	\$45

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If you are enrolling your child in the program for Sports-Only, you will be charged by sports season, which falls under a different pricing system from the Fee Scale posted above.

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For more Willard LEARNS info, please Visit [WillardLEARNS.Weebly.com](http://WillardLEARNS.Weebly.com)

## **Willard LEARNS (Possible) Enrichment Classes –**

**Tennis** - Players of all levels will learn or re-learn the basic fundamentals of tennis. Instruction will take place at both the school and Willard Park. Students will participate in drills, games, and other tennis related activities. (Racquets and balls provided) \*Bring Athletic Shoes.

**Sports Day** - Students that want to play sports and outdoor games for fun can participate in different physical activities ranging from soccer and volleyball, to basketball, kickball, dodge ball and more!

**Community Builders** - Students will get a sense of what it is like to be a community organizer! Students will participate in community outreach, group discussions, fundraisers, beautification projects, helping those in need, and other community building practices!

**Activity Club** - Puzzle Solving! Puzzle Building! Word Searches, Cross Words, board games, spoons, foosball, Connect 4, chess, Wii, Ping-Pong. Participate in a tournament to collect points and win or prize, or just play for fun!

**BEAM Science** - Berkeley Engineers and Mentors (BEAM) is an after-school science program run by UC Berkeley undergraduates for local K-12 students. BEAM is reinventing Science! Hands on, Exciting, and FUN! BEAM instructors design their own lessons to be visually and kinesthetically engaging to stimulate their students' creativity, critical thinking, and curiosity. Cool Experiments and healthy tasty snacks provided!

**Code Club** - Students in Code Club will learn the basics of computer programming through games as well as drag and drop programming! This is a fun and interactive enrichment class that will introduce kids to various forms of coding, whether it be games or web page design! START DATE: Week of SEP 18<sup>th</sup>

**Hip-Hop Dance** – Exploring different styles of Hip-Hop dance and other forms of dance as well! You do not have to be a pro, everyone is welcome! “Movin ‘n groovin!”

**Piano** - Piano lessons presented by the Music School of Bill Lawley! Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced students are welcome to join. Students will have the opportunity to play, write, and sing.

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**Magic: The Gathering:** Each game represents a battle between wizards known as "planeswalkers", who employ spells, artifacts, and creatures depicted on individual Magic cards to defeat their opponents. Although the original concept of the game drew heavily from the motifs of traditional fantasy role-playing games such as Dungeons & Dragons, the gameplay of Magic bears little similarity to pencil-and-paper adventure games, while having substantially more cards and more complex rules than many other card games.

**Chess:** Come work on your game, sharpen your strategy, or challenge a friend! We welcome veterans as well as new comers! This is one of our most popular classes and is lead by longtime Willard Chess teacher Mr. Larry Snyder.

**Gardening:** Experience the Willard garden every Wednesday! Get hands-on experience by helping out and learning from the Willard Garden Crew. Students will gain hands on gardening experience, understand the importance of a community garden, and will periodically partake in cooking as well! START DATE: 1st Week of October

**Skateboarding:** Learn parts of a skateboard, how to put together a skateboard, learn how to properly put on and secure your safety gear. How to properly push, roll, find balance and more! FME will supply helmets and skateboards. Parents must sign sports waiver for this class.

**Visual Arts:** The class will include a basic foundation education of visual art: color, design, composition, history, incorporated with graffiti art techniques and fun new mediums. This is a basic art class super-charged with fun new techniques and styles.

**Basketball 5 on 5:** Teams of 5 on 5, 3 on 3, or 2 on 2 and shoot around. This is a basketball class for students that enjoy playing the sport both for fun and competitively.

**Art of Rhyme (Hip-Hop):** Students will learn the basics of writing raps, reciting raps, counting bars, formulating flows, and all things hip-hop, from the history of the art form to collaborating with other students and making their own songs.

**The Music Connection:** Get hands-on One-On-One Music tutoring from UC Berkeley Musicians! Students must bring their own instrument.

**GASA:** Willard's GASA is a part of the GSA Network which sets out to create safe environments in school for students to support each other and learn about homophobia and other oppressions, educate the school community about homophobia, gender identity, and sexual orientation issues.

**Math Works:** Math Works takes place 2nd Block every Tuesday. Students can chose to go to MathWorks instead of Academic Support Hour. Math Works provides math tutoring, extra help, practice, support, and more. Math Works is run by B.U.S.D. teachers **FREE SNACKS PROVIDED!**

## **Willard LEARNS Enrichment Classes –**

**Cal Girls Group:** A safe nurturing space for students to express themselves freely, as a result cultivating personal development and empowerment from within. Lessons on mindfulness, empathy, compassion and learning how to rise above adversity will be emphasized. Students are encouraged to share their love of music, dance, and art (or whatever other passions they may have) with the class. Hosted by Cal/YWCA mentors.

**Robotics:** Students design their own remote-controlled hydraulic arms, learn to harness the power of pressurized carbon dioxide with Yeast Mobiles, build electric & solar powered race cars, and experiment with gears & pulleys in our Tinker Sets. Students keep their inventions and proudly share their projects with family, and friends. Next Explore Robotics is fully aligned with Next Generation Science Standards and STEAM and is designed to remind students to always stay creative.

**Photography & Art:** Students will work on visual art, graffiti, painting, and more. Students will also get to participate in digital photography using digital cameras, smart phones, and drones.

**Yoga:** Malachi Leopold is an experienced Yoga instructor and community leader. He will lead students on a journey to improve their strength, flexibility, mindfulness, while reducing stress and other harmful ailments plaguing our students. Participating in Malachi's Yoga class will help our students feel better connected to their own bodies and to their communities

**Show Me the Money (Finance):** Students will learn some of the basics of being an entrepreneur, and learn how to start their own business, save, invest, and much more!

**Science Wiz:** This class is built upon inquiry, experimentation and play! Each Course, students will dive deep into one of the following scientific concepts: electricity, inventions, sound, energy, physics, light, DNA, magnetism and more! Students will receive their very own Science-Wiz™ kit to explore fundamental scientific ideas through hands-on play and activities and conduct experiments, many of which they will bring home to share with family and friends.