

The Organization

Founded in 2002 by a group of local parents, the Williams After School Club, Inc. (WASC) is a not-for-profit corporation, which continues to be run by parents. All parents of children in the program are members of the WASC Corporation. Programming, administration, management and care of the children during the program hours are the responsibility of the paid professional educators. The program is separate from the Newton Public Schools, but enjoys a congenial working relationship with the school system and rents space in the Williams Elementary School.

Parents are expected to attend an annual meeting, at which time procedures and policies will be reviewed. The Board of Directors represents all members in administering and supervising the program.

The Department of Early Education & Care (EEC) is our licensing authority. Terese Walkeapaa is our Program Director. Full-time and part-time educators also staff the program.

WASC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, handicap, sex, religion, cultural heritage, political beliefs, marital status, disability, and/or sexual orientation. Toilet training status is not an eligibility requirement for enrollment.

Kindergarten Program

During the WASC Kindergarten Short Day Program, the Kindergarteners are the only children in WASC. It's a perfect opportunity for enrichment for your Kindergartner. Group time, special thematic units, and a small educator-to-child ratio contribute to this special program.

Registration & Intake Information

The program requests, but does not require parents to visit the program prior to registering a child. An "open house" will be held the day before school starts each year, but you may visit the program at any time during the school year. Registration forms are mailed upon request. Submitting a new registration form along with the required registration fee does not guarantee enrollment. Registration for the fall will begin in the spring.

Priority for entrance into WASC will be reserved for children attending the Williams Elementary School – after which children from outside schools will be admitted, provided space is available. Siblings of currently enrolled children are given first priority. All other new registrants are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For More Information

Please visit our website, or contact our Program Director, Terese Walkeapaa, for more information:

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About The Program Director

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My name is Terese Walkeapaa, and I am the Program Director of the WASC program. I have worked as a school-age professional for over twenty years, and am currently a National AfterSchool Association (NAA) endorser. I was born and raised in Newton and I am very proud to be a part of this successful WASC afterschool program.



We offer the children of the Williams Elementary School District community a nurturing, educational and safe environment. The approach we take towards providing this service is simple: Quality educators enriching the lives of our youth with their individual needs considered. This is achieved through continuous parental contact and a low educator-to-child ratio. We look forward to your family joining ours.

Statement of Purpose

The Williams After School Club, Inc. (WASC) provides an afterschool program for the enrichment and enjoyment of the Auburndale and Lower Falls communities. WASC serves children between 5-12 years of age. Our fundamental goal is to provide a safe, high quality and affordable afterschool program.

We recognize the need for an environment in which there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding and releasing energy. The program provides structured activities from which each child may choose, including sports, arts, crafts, free play, drama, science, etc. These activities are of sufficient range to appeal to many personalities and interests, are balanced between quiet and active, and seek to extend the children's skills and experiences.

Attention is paid to contributing to each child's emotional and social development. Self-confidence and self-respect are encouraged, as are responsibility, decision-making and respect for others and for one's own commitments. Each child contributes to the development of rules, which by limiting certain kinds of behavior create an environment in which all of the children's privacy and right to make choices are protected.

Program Design

The educators of WASC plan and implement the program activities and special events. The activities vary according to the day, but they generally include a choice of free time, dance, drama, gym, art and supervised local field trips. Quiet homework time is available for some

period each day. WASC opens when school ends and closes at 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Generally, when the school is closed or on vacation, WASC is closed as well. The February and April vacation weeks are special programming for WASC.

Vacation Weeks

WASC is closed during December Recess. During Winter Vacation and Spring Vacation weeks, WASC may operate a vacation program from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. You must sign up for these weeks separately, and a separate fee will be assessed.

Extra Hours & Emergency Care

If you need to extend your child's hours at WASC, or you need your child to attend WASC on days he/she is not regularly scheduled, you may be able to arrange for extra time through the Program Director. Extra hours/emergency care is subject to attendance numbers on the particular day you are requesting. For grades 1-5 (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays), the cost is \$30.00. Tuesdays and Early Afternoon Release Thursdays are \$45.00. Please check with the Program Director for Kindergarten rates.

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