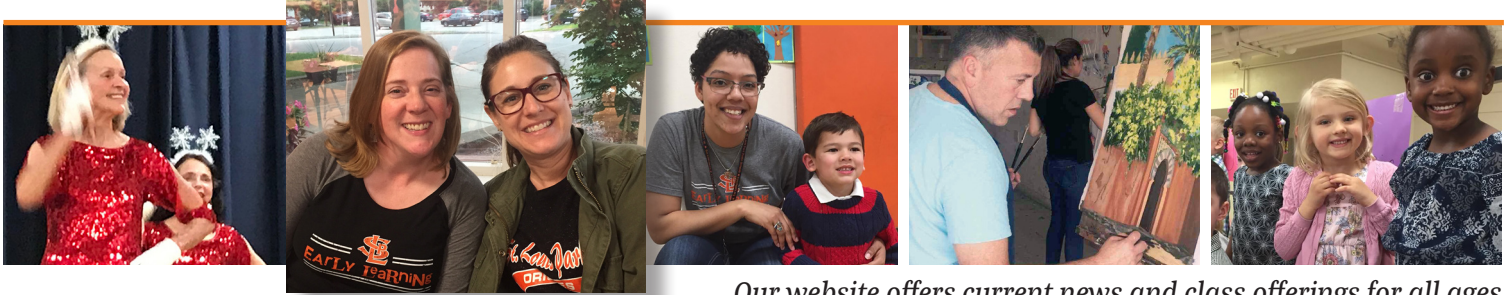




# St. Louis Park Community Education

2017 - 2018  
Annual Report



Our website offers current news and class offerings for all ages

## Our Teachers are Learners, Too!

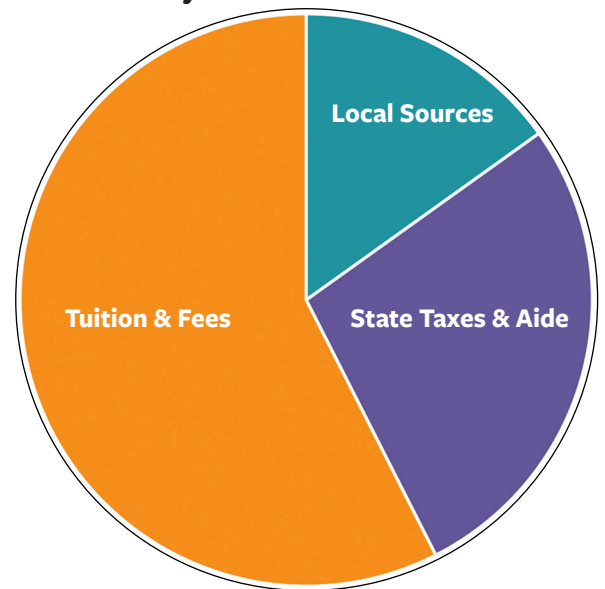
St. Louis Park Early Childhood teachers are required to participate in ongoing professional development and learning so that they stay on the cutting edge of best practices that help your child learn, grow, and prepare for kindergarten. As part of St. Louis Park Public Schools, we share the District's mission to '...offer high quality opportunities for lifelong learning; provide multiple pathways to excellence; challenge all learners to meet high standards; and provide a safe and nurturing environment that energizes and enhances the spirit.'

### 2017-2018 Participant Information

Program	Participants
Adult Enrichment	5,387
Adult Options in Education/ESL	209
Aquatics	2,793
ECFE/Early Learning	2,542
Gymnastics	692
Kid Dance	198
Kids' Place (Pre-K & School Age)	851
Project SOAR (includes data from four-district consortium)	1,756
Senior Program	26,524
Summer Learning & Play	960
Volunteer Program	235
Youth Development	1,635
Youth Enrichment	1,120
<b>Total Program Participants</b>	<b>44,902</b>
**Facilities Use (includes 63 different community groups)	5,669

Based on Turnstile Count: Data from 2017-2018 Minnesota Department of Education Report

### Community Education Revenue Sources



**Tuition & Fees:** \$ 3,725,466

**State Taxes & Aide:** \$ 1,784,776

**Local Sources:** \$ 937,831

City/County funds plus LCTS, interest,  
local gifts & grants

**Total Revenues:** \$ 6,448,073

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## A Message From Director Lisa Greene –

St. Louis Park Public Schools has been working toward achieving racial equity and closing the opportunity gap between our white students and our black and brown students. In Community Education, our goal is to support the District in this work in whatever way we can in all of our program areas.

With a majority white staff, it can be difficult to see where our white dominant culture systems either keep people out or prevent our students from realizing their full potential. Our staff are receiving professional development to help them understand where implicit bias serves to reinforce the dominant culture and find ways to interrupt it. We are also working to recruit and retain staff of color. It is important for our students to see themselves represented in the educational setting. It is also important that we create space and safety for our staff of color to bring their perspectives to the table.

Finally, we are finding ways to engage our whole adult community in our spaces, classes and programs. We offer free or sliding fee classes, unique offerings, and partnerships to facilitate use of our spaces for groups to gather.



## BIRTH - FIVE PROGRAMS

Preparing your child for success in school and life, beginning at birth.

### EARLY LEARNING PRESCHOOL –

Serving children ages 33 months-5 years old, the curriculum for these

programs focuses on language and literacy, social and emotional development, and school readiness skills.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE)** – Parents and children, ages birth-5, play and learn together under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher.

**FAMILY LEARNING** - While parents enrolled in ABE learn English or work on their GED, children participate in Early Learning Preschool and child care.

**KIDS PLACE EARLY LEARNING** – Provides a high quality preschool experience within a full-day child care setting.

SLP Community Education also serves preschoolers with Aquatics, Gymnastics and Kid Dance classes, all held at Central Community Center.



## SENIOR PROGRAM

Health and Fitness Opportunities Increase

The St. Louis Park Senior Program, housed at Lenox Community Center, operates in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park. Seniors enjoy weekly activities such as 500 cards, party bridge, canasta, cribbage, mah jongg and more. Bingo is offered twice a month, and once a month there is a country music jam session where musicians, dancers, singers and spectators come together to have a good time. Every Thursday, there is ballroom dancing in the gym, with live music. An active woodshop, led by volunteers, painting classes, and lectures on topics ranging from history to art round out the many options for lifelong learning offered through the Senior Program.



## ADULT PROGRAMS

Lifelong Learning Completes

**ADULT ENRICHMENT** – Serves lifelong learners of all ages with courses covering a wide variety of topics such as arts and crafts, fitness and nutrition, technology, dance, music and more.

### ADULT OPTIONS IN EDUCATION / Adult Basic Education –

AOIE provides a solid foundation of basic education classes for adult students. Classes focus on building reading comprehension, math, preparation for GED Exam as well as speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for non-native speakers. AOIE is a partnership between St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Minnetonka Community Education.

**PROJECT SOAR** – This program for adults with disabilities offers classes in a variety of social, recreational and enrichment activities. Project SOAR operates in partnership with Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata Community Education.

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM** – Recruited and trained community volunteers for St. Louis Park Public Schools. Volunteers generously gave over 6,745 hours of their time helping students with reading, math, English language learning and more. The total value of volunteer service in the 2017-18 school year was over \$159,868.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Creating building blocks for a healthy, happy life

**YOUTH ENRICHMENT** – Serves students in grades K-12 and their families with a variety of classes and extracurricular activities in areas such as arts, music, sports, fitness and more.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** - Brings students in grades 4-12 together to develop leadership skills through service learning and volunteerism.

**AQUATICS** – Provides lessons for swimmers ages five months through senior citizens, lap swimming opportunities, and pool rental and synchronized swimming club coordination.

**GYMNASTICS** – Provides enrichment gymnastics classes for participants ages 2-18, and prepares athletes for competition on the SLP High School team.

**SUMMER LEARNING AND PLAY** – This program ensures continued learning over the summer for students grades K-8 through enrichment classes and activities.

**KIDS PLACE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE** – Offers child care for school-age children, before and after school and all day in the summer.

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