

SLAM Program: A 21st Century Community Learning Centers Initiative

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Location: Thomas Edison Charter School, Wilmington, DE

Program Overview

The **SLAM (Social Emotional, Literacy, Art, Mentorships)** program is dedicated to fostering a positive, enriching environment where students can grow academically, socially, and creatively. Here's what you should know about this dynamic After School program:

1. Arrival and Dismissal:

- **Arrival Process:** Younger students are escorted to the cafeteria for dinner, while older students proceed independently.
- **Dismissal Process:** Staff ensures safe pickups, checks bus boarding, and provides adult supervision until all students are safely dismissed.

2. Attendance Tracking:

- Attendance is meticulously recorded daily and verified weekly to maintain accuracy.

3. Activities Observed:

- **Academic Enrichment (Math):** Interactive lessons led by certified teachers to enhance learning and understanding.
- **Lyrical Math:** A creative program that combines music, rhythm, and math concepts to teach multiplication and vocabulary in an engaging way.
- **Beyond Those Bars:** Students explored creativity and teamwork by writing and editing rap lyrics using computer software.

SLAM Focus Areas:

- **Social Emotional Learning:** Activities designed to promote teamwork, self-awareness, and respect for others through practices like Tech Zen Mindfulness, Flyogi Yoga, and collaborative exercises.
- **Literacy:** Interactive lessons that strengthen reading and writing skills using engaging, hands-on approaches.
- **Art & STEAM Learning:** Creative projects, such as Lyrical, Crystal Burnett Dance Program, Exquisite Cupcake Design, and Math, that encourage artistic expression and imaginative thinking.
- **Mentorships:** Building positive relationships with staff and peers to foster growth and development. Key initiatives include the Sankofa Rites of Passage, Cultural Restoration Project, and Program and Project Ready with the Wilmington Delaware Urban League.

Key Features:

- **Safety:** Comprehensive safety procedures are in place to ensure student well-being with constant supervision.
- **Healthy Snacks & Meals:** Nutritious snacks and meals are provided to fuel students throughout their day.

- **Engaging Environment:** Activities are designed to be age-appropriate, hands-on, and focused on skill-building.

Strengths of the SLAM Program

- Tailored activities meet the unique needs and abilities of each student.
- Creative and interactive programs foster engagement and excitement for learning.
- Strong emphasis on mentorship and social-emotional development.

How You Can Support:

- Encourage your child to fully participate in the variety of SLAM activities.
- Stay connected with program updates and communicate any feedback to staff.

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The **SLAM program** is a proud part of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative, committed to fostering a positive and enriching experience for your children.