

**Greene County Schools
After School Academy
2015-2016**

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Description:

The After School Academy (ASA) is a grant-funded program created with Greene County students and their specific needs in mind. The focus of the ASA is to accelerate the growth of reading skills and comprehension in students from kindergarten through the seventh grade. By employing some of the county's most qualified reading teachers and placing students specifically in level appropriate classes of fifteen students or less, each student is able to enjoy more one on one reading assistance from their teacher. ASA is held Monday through Thursday at Greene County Intermediate School (GCIS) from 3:30 until 5:30. During that two hour block of time students will receive forty-five minutes of reading instruction with a classroom teacher, and then the other forty-five minutes will be spent at the Boys & Girls Club located at GCIS. Sixth and seventh graders will attend ASA Monday through Thursday at Greene County Middle School from 3:30-4:15 then be shuttled to the Boys & Girls Club at GCIS. Students will be invited to attend ASA based on their need for additional support in reading. Invitations to ASA will be sent to families in mid to late September. If a student is invited to attend ASA his/her parent or guardian must complete the application for need-based assistance. This is a state requirement. All of these forms will be kept confidential and in a secure location.

Transportation:

- Each day children who attend the ASA will be provided transportation from their school site to GCIS.
- Students who need transportation from ASA to their home each evening will be given that privilege. If you choose this option for your child, the buses will depart from GCIS each day between 5:30 and 5:40. In order for your family to utilize this option the following must be completed:
 - A current address must be on file with both the student's home school and with the ASA program director(s).
 - Students must follow the bus passenger guidelines stated in the Student Code of Conduct. Failure to follow the guidelines on any Greene County School bus including the ASA buses will result in disciplinary actions.
 - Only ASA students are allowed to ride ASA buses with the exception of immediate family members (i.e. brothers or sisters) who attend Boys' and Girls' Club.
- Parents may pick up their student each day AFTER the student has completed his/her reading group time.
- **Transportation changes must be made no later than 4:00 on the day that the request is needed.**

You may submit transportation changes as follows:

 - Call the ASA phone at (252) 521-6940, and please leave a message with your name, your child's name, and a working phone number at which you can be reached.
 - Email the ASA directors at asa@greene.k12.nc.us, and please include your name, your child's name, your specific request, and a working phone number at which you can be reached.
 - Complete a transportation change form at your child's home school site. If you choose this option, please indicate that your child is an ASA student. The secretary at the home school will then need to email the ASA director(s) with the information as well as place a copy of the transportation change form in the courier to go to GCIS.

Calendar:

The ASA calendar does coincide with the Greene County Schools calendar, however, please pay special attention, as there are some differences. The ASA Program will begin on October 5, 2015 and will operate Monday through Thursday until May 27, 2016. The complete calendar can be found on the Greene County Schools website under the community tab. Important dates to note:

- September 29 and October 1, 2015 – Information night for invited ASA students and parents.
- February 9, 2015 – ASA Open House for parents to meet with teachers about student progress.

ASA Program Expectations:

While attending the ASA, students are expected to follow all of the expectations set forth in the Greene County Schools Student Code of Conduct. ASA is a privilege and there will be no toleration for students who do not comply with Greene County and ASA expectations.

- Violations of the Student Code of Conduct while at ASA will result in one of the following:
 - Parent Contact
 - Removal from the classroom
 - Suspension from the ASA Program
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- Violations of the Student Code of Conduct while at the student's home school site can affect ASA in the following ways:
 - Being suspended from a Greene County School bus from the home school will result in a suspension from all Greene County School buses including the ASA buses. If the parent want the student to still attend ASA during their bus suspension, the parent must provide all transportation.
 - Students who receive out of school suspension (OSS) are not allowed to attend ASA immediately following the announcement of their suspension. Students may return to ASA once their suspension is completed.
- **Attendance is mandatory to the success of students enrolled in the ASA Program. There are a limited number of spots available and attendance is monitored to determine if each child is meeting the attendance requirement of 80 percent attendance.** If a student is not meeting this requirement, the director(s) will make contact with the parent. If attendance does not improve, the student may be removed from the program.