



# hephzibah

High Quality, Accessible, Inclusive  
After-School and Summer Care for  
Oak Park Families

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## **Mission-focused**

**Our mission is to help children thrive and families flourish through innovative, community-based programs**

**After-School and Summer Hephzibah is an extension of our mission, working in partnership with District 97 since 1974**



# Programming

**On-site at all 8 elementary schools**

**193 days of school year programming**

- Every day school is in session:  
dismissal – 6 p.m.
- School holidays and in-service days:  
7:30 am – 6 pm

**9 weeks of summer programming:**

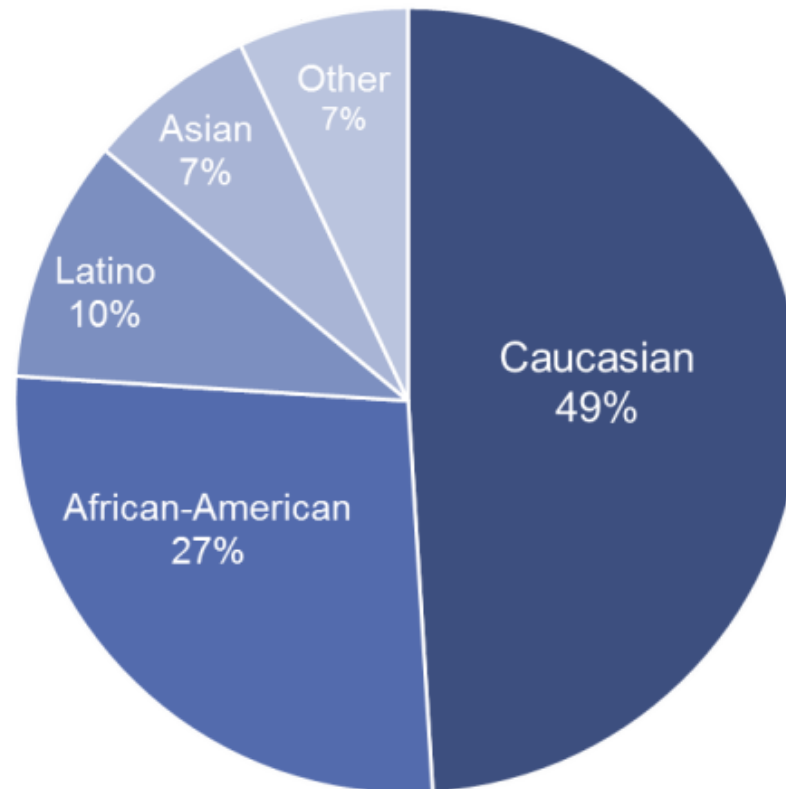
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# Diversity

645 children from 485 families

46% are low to middle income





# Accessibility

Enrollment is open to all D97 children whose parents are working or attending schools/training during the after-school hours.

Sliding Scale Fee based on income

Options to attend 1-5 days per week



# Community Partnerships

Priority enrollment given to families referred by District 97 and local social service agencies.



# Exceptional Service for Families

- “Hephzibah is a fun and enjoyable out-of-school program that provides a welcoming and inclusive environment for children. Members of the staff are positive role models who really seem to bond with the kids through their caring attention and kind nature.”
- “outstanding, feels like a family”
- “...I appreciate that they can participate in Mann power or other after-school activities and then go to Hephzibah.”
- “Great. We transferred in from another after school program and I would do it again in a heartbeat.”
- “The program is essential for the children...they form additional relationships with children that are not in their class.”
- “EXCELLENT!! I highly recommend the program to anyone looking for after school care. I love the structure and discipline for the children. Kids need both!”
- “AWESOME! My kids love the program. They get mad when I pick them up before 6. It is warm and loving and we are just so happy.”

THANK YOU!