

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH OF DULUTH  
STUDY BALL PROGRAM

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Youth of Duluth

Within a short time, the Youth of Duluth organization has become a pillar in the community. YOD has received the support from the Duluth Public School District, parents and the community. YOD programs are integrated - uniquely engaging children, parents and community members from different social economic and ethnic backgrounds. Using basketball as a platform, YOD has emphasized character development and the need for respecting the cultures of others. Participants of YOD programs experience a healthy, supportive environment. They feel safe, as they are all included – free from the effects of segregation and racism.

Project Overview

The Youth of Duluth Study Ball program emphasizes the importance of studying. Along with being a “homework hotspot”, participants will be given an hour of instructional basketball. YOD recognizes that one reason students are primarily at-risk is that they have failed to develop healthy study habits. YOD will actively tutor and support all students. The program will target 50 boys and girls aged 6-16 from West Duluth and Hillside communities. Program duration will be 17 weeks, starting September 12, 2011 until December 16, 2011. The hours will be Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6pm. One hour will be devoted to the development of study skills and the completion of homework and the other hour will be devoted to character development and basketball skills. The YOD Study Ball program will be housed at the Old Central High School gymnasium. Integration Specialists will be assisting with the program and recommending students who are in need of improving their study habits.

Program Objectives

The Youth of Duluth organization understands the importance of collaborating with the district in an effort to assist the district with achieving their goals. The Study Ball program’s goals are in alignment with two of the three aims of the district: High Achievement For All and A Safe, Welcoming Environment For Everyone In Our Schools.

Goals

- A. Increase parental involvement at school
- B. Increase academic performance at school
- C. Increase appreciation and respect of cultures
- D. Increase healthy study habits
- E. Increase test performance- reducing the achievement gap
- F. Identify at risk students and provide support

G. Increase positive, acceptable behavior at school and within the community

Program Evaluation

The YOD Study Ball program will use several tools to evaluate program success. They include:

1. Pre and post surveys from parents and teachers
2. Attendance
3. Report cards and progress reports from students
4. Standardized test scores
5. Daily reports from teachers

**Program Expenditures**

Director.....	\$7,650
Program assistant.....	\$2,550
Program assistant.....	\$1,700
Program assistant.....	\$1,700
Management- Operational	
T-Shirts .....	\$1000
Shoes .....	\$2000
Snacks.....	\$1000
TOTAL.....	\$17,600