



MIDDLE SCHOOL DROP IN CENTER

PILOT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

\$1 PER CHILD, PER DAY

7:00-8:15 a.m. | No minimum days | No monthly commitment

Purpose

The STRIDE Middle School Drop In Center is a pilot program designed to give families a safe, supervised option for middle school students during the gap between Elementary drop-off and the Middle School opening at 8:15 a.m. The program also provides students with a productive start to the day through tutoring, homework support, reading, academic reinforcement, and other approved quiet activities. The pilot is intentionally designed to be affordable, flexible, and easy for families to use when an earlier middle school drop-off is needed.

Pilot Structure

Program	Middle School Drop In Center
Students	STRIDE Middle School students
Days	Monday-Friday on regular school days
Hours	7:00-8:15 a.m.
Regular MS Opening	8:15 a.m.
Staffing	One STRIDE paraprofessional
Staff Rate	\$25/hour
Family Fee	\$1 per child, per day attended
Participation	No minimum attendance or monthly commitment
Transportation	No transportation to the Drop In Center; regular school-day transportation remains available

Drop-In Model

Families may use the Drop In Center on any regular school morning when it is helpful. There is no minimum number of mornings, no monthly participation requirement, and no requirement to reserve a set number of days. Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:00 a.m. and will transition to the regular middle school day when the building opens at 8:15 a.m.

Academic Focus

- Homework completion and missing-assignment support



- Tutoring and academic reinforcement
- Independent reading and study
- IXL or other school-approved academic practice
- Organization and preparation for the school day

High Behavioral Standards

Students must follow STRIDE's Code of Conduct and maintain a productive environment. Significant incidents or repeated disruption may result in temporary suspension or removal from the Drop In Center. Removal from the pilot does not create an obligation for STRIDE to provide an alternate early-arrival option.



Paraprofessional Duties

- Open the Drop In Center and be ready to receive students at 7:00 a.m.
- Check students in and maintain an accurate daily attendance count.
- Collect the \$1 per child daily participation fee at drop-off.
- Maintain an accurate daily record of fees collected and students attending.
- Count and reconcile the money collected with the daily attendance count.
- Report the daily attendance count and fee total to Accounts Payable each day.
- Follow STRIDE procedures for turning over collected funds.
- Supervise students and provide tutoring, homework assistance, and academic reinforcement.
- Maintain high behavioral expectations and enforce STRIDE's Code of Conduct.
- Transition students into the regular school day at 8:15 a.m.
- Report behavioral, safety, or operational concerns to Middle School Administration.

Transportation

STRIDE will not provide transportation to the Middle School Drop In Center. Families are responsible for transporting participating students to STRIDE Middle School. Regular STRIDE transportation will continue to be provided for the regular school day.

Cost to STRIDE

Calculation	Amount	Cost
Daily staffing	1.25 hours × \$25	\$31.25
Weekly staffing	5 days × \$31.25	\$156.25
36-week direct wages	225 hours × \$25	\$5,625

The \$1 daily fee is a small family contribution and is not intended to make the pilot self-supporting. STRIDE would subsidize the program during the pilot in order to determine actual family usage and need. Direct wages for a full 36-week implementation are estimated at \$5,625, before employer payroll costs.

Pilot Period and Evaluation

The recommended initial pilot will run through Winter Break. Administration will evaluate average daily attendance, number of students served, fees collected, program cost, student behavior, academic engagement, staffing needs, and impact on middle school operations. Following the pilot, STRIDE may continue, modify, reprice, expand, or discontinue the program.

Administrative Recommendation

Approve a one-semester STRIDE Middle School Drop In Center pilot operating from 7:00-8:15 a.m. on regular school days. The pilot provides families an option during the time between Elementary drop-off and the 8:15 a.m. Middle School opening while providing students with a supervised, academically productive start to the day. Authorize one paraprofessional at \$25 per hour and charge \$1 per child for each day attended, with no



minimum attendance requirement or monthly commitment. The paraprofessional will collect and reconcile daily fees and report attendance and collections to Accounts Payable each day.