

# East Side Neighborhood Services

## Out-of-School Time Youth Programs - Info and Statistics

We offer programs for youth in Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis at two community-based sites: Mulberry Junction and Luxton Learners.

**Our Vision is that youth shape our shared future, through self-determination, family connection, and community stewardship.**

### What is Out-of-School Time?

East Side Neighborhood Services offers after school and summer programs in Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis, serving approximately 100 young people per year. Our programs provide academic enrichment with licensed teachers and college mentors, student-centered projects, fun physical activity and outdoor play, healthy snacks and meals, and social emotional development. Long-term positive relationships with young people and their families provide a strong foundation for our programs, where youth have opportunities to try new things, make healthy choices, and develop skills as leaders in their school and community.

### Building Connection:

Our programs aim to build positive long-term connections between staff, young people, and families through meaningful shared experiences. We engage youth and families year-round through after school and summer activities, and family events. Participants play a key role in program design and inform our continuous improvement process through surveys and focus groups. Of 171 youth surveyed in 2022, 99% indicated they enjoy coming to their program and feel cared for by the staff that work there.

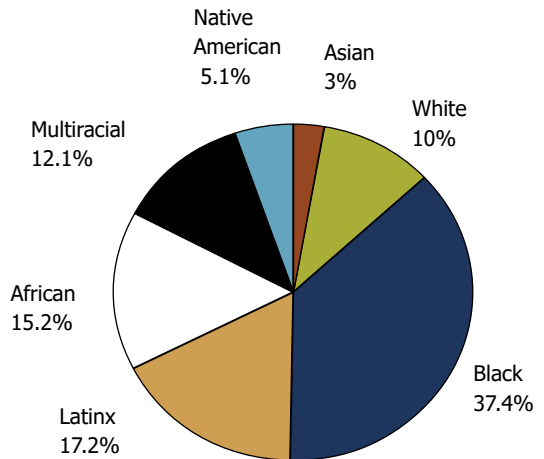
### Who We Serve:

Young people ages 5-18 who are most negatively impacted by disparities education, employment and other systems. Of the 473 young people served during the 2022-23 program year:

- 94% Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible
- 90% Students of Color

### Outcomes:

- 96% of parents say our programs support their child's academic development
- 80% of youth say our programs help them make new friends and build relationship skills.
- 473 youth served across 5 program areas in 2022-23. Unfortunately three school-based programs closed in fall 2023 due to funding cuts.



## Our Programs:

### Mulberry Junction:

Mulberry Junction is a free, community-based after school program located in Northeast Minneapolis, serving students in Kindergarten through 5th grade from local elementary schools. At the center of our program is community and relationship building. We offer fun and unique opportunities for young people during out-of-school time, such as engagement through the arts, cooking, sports, as well as opportunities to receive one-on-one academic support. There is one manager and many volunteers, mentors and interns supporting this program.

Location: ESNS Campus | 1700 2nd St NE

Program Manager:

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### Luxton Learners:

Luxton Learners is a free, community-based after school program located in Southeast Minneapolis, just minutes from the University of MN campus. We primarily serve K-5 students from Glendale Townhomes, a low-income public housing complex immediately adjacent to Luxton. Through our program we foster personal agency and interdependence, as well as academic and emotional support. You might find us enjoying Luxton's beautiful campus over bonfires, sledding, gardening, or general gleeful mayhem. We are cooks and artists, with our own time honored recipes and rituals. There is one manager and many volunteers, mentors and interns supporting this program.

Location: Luxton Park Rec Ctr | 112 Williams Ave SE

Program Manager:

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