

The School District of Philadelphia
Clara Barton Elementary School
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It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation and support for the Young Achievers After School Program. They came to our building 2 years ago and have been very supportive and positive part of our community, serving as our educational partners. My teachers comment to me on the high level of communication they have with the program employees, making sure they are meeting each individual teacher's expectations and goals.

The program not only assist with homework but takes the academic support to another level by incorporating their own reading and math goals that they work on with the students. They brought their own technology into the program so they could interact with the online programs the students were using at their school, giving them more time on task to move through the skills and levels.

Young Achievers also provides may fun and interactive programs for the students which involve projects and play, which we can agree all students need at the end of a long day. I have spent several afternoons hearing the laughter and cheers of students playing in our yard after a long day at school. They understand that balance of academic and social play, they ensure that all needs are being met.

My parents are thrilled with the program, it has grown to almost 50 families here (starting out at just 20). They are reliable, trustworthy (being in my building when we are all gone) and easy to communicate with. Any concern or problem is addressed in a professional, immediate and thoughtful way.

I am thrilled that Young Achievers became a part of the Barton Community and would be happy to talk to you about the program in more detail.

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