



The Kindergarten Enrichment & Enhancement Program of District 39 (KEEP39) is an optional, fee-based, half-day kindergarten enrichment program that offers programming which complements the district's traditional, half-day kindergarten class. KEEP39 provides students with a wide variety of play-based, high-quality, afternoon enrichment opportunities that extend through the end of the elementary school day.



## WHY KEEP39?



- ▶ Enhanced experiences designed and led by certified D39 kindergarten teachers and specialists.
- ▶ Expanded exploration in math, science and social studies.
- ▶ Increased familiarity with school buildings for kindergarten students.
- ▶ Full-day programming in your neighborhood school, with start and end times that align with the school day for students in grades 1-4.

- ▶ Enhanced literacy in beginning reading and writing, phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.
- ▶ Nature-based experiences with access to the outdoor classroom.
- ▶ Increased opportunities for socialization, play and social-emotional exploration.



Fees collected for the KEEP39 program help offset the operational costs of the program, including personnel costs and consumable materials for all the fun activities, as well as the direct construction cost associated with the infrastructure improvements needed to offer kindergarten enrichment within each of our four elementary schools.

For more information on the [KEEP39 program](#) and use of fees, please review the [February 2023 Board of Education Committee meeting](#) on this topic. The presentation on KEEP39 begins at 35:45 in the video.