SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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The Cool School Zone

# Welcome to PrimeTime Extended Day Program!

PrimeTime Extended Day Program, (formerly known as the "6 to 6" Program) provides elementary and middle

school students with a fun and engaging learning environment during the hours that most parents/guardians are working. Parents/guardians can feel comfortable knowing their children are not only receiving professional academic support, but are also interacting with peers in a physically and emotionally safe environment. Students can "get in the Zone" in the *PrimeTime* environment by participating in structured

activities with their friends. Art,

music, athletics, and cooperative team-building games, are just a few of the invigorating activities children will participate in during the prime part of the day. *PrimeTime* is offered at 132 schools citywide serving more than 20,000 students per year.

"PrimeTime offers us help with our homework and we get to hang out with our friends. It really is a cool place!"

> – Friends, Katie and Tara Stanley Middle

The student to staff ratio at all PrimeTime sites is 15 to 1 at the elementary level and 20 to 1 at the middle level.



## **ZONE 1:** PrimeTime Team - Who Provides PrimeTime?

In addition to the PrimeTime staff at the San Diego Unified School District's Extended Learning Opportunities

Department, the PrimeTime team is a collaboration among many departments, programs and individuals who work together to make the program the best it can be. District departments including Food Services, School Police, Nursing and Wellness, as well as site principals, teachers and parents, together with our community partners, Bayview Charities, Center for Community Solutions, Harmonium, San Diego State University

Research Foundation, Social Advocates for Youth, Union of Pan Asian Communities, and YMCA of San Diego — make up the team which offers a full service, enriched and fun learning environment for all students at each site.

# **ZONE 2:** Let's Get Started – Why PrimeTime?

PrimeTime is designed by experts in child development, education and youth leadership. PrimeTime creates a physically and emotionally safe environment conducive to learning while improving reading, writing, verbal, math, science, social and communication skills. At most schools, programs are funded to serve approximately 85-100 students per school day at the elementary level and 100-300 students per school day at the middle school level. PrimeTime adds a strong youth development focus, including life skills, positive communication, conflict resolution, goal setting and decision making.

PrimeTime program leaders and staff have experience and/or receive training in the areas of child development and youth programs. Our PrimeTime team is comprised of a diverse team of talented individuals, many are college students or graduates in the teaching field who enjoy making a positive impact on today's youth.



# **ZONE 3:** Get Into The Zone – Eligibility and Enrollment

Families with children enrolled in San Diego Unified School District schools are eligible to apply if their school of attendance is offering a PrimeTime program. PrimeTime is free to all participating families. At many program sites, demand exceeds capacity; therefore, enrollment is based on need and compliance to the attendance policy. Families will be contacted when they have been selected for an available opening. Children who apply but are not enrolled will be placed on a wait list.

To be considered for enrollment, you must complete a PrimeTime Extended Day Program Application, available at each school offering a program or at www.sandi.net. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized based on a rating system.



## **ZONE 49** Open for Fun and Learning – Hours of Operation

PrimeTime operates every regular school day. Parents/guardians may choose to have their child(ren) attend the before school and/or after school program.

### **Before School Zone**

PrimeTime is available before school hours at most, but not all schools, and start times vary among schools. Before school programs operate for a minimum of 90 minutes. Students are expected to attend everyday for the full range of program hours.

### After School Zone

PrimeTime begins operating after school is dismissed and remains open until at least 6 p.m. each day for a minimum of 15 hours per week. Students are expected to attend everyday for the full range of program hours.

PrimeTime services are available at no cost to participating families through the After School Education and Safety (ASES) state grant funds.

## Time To Learn and Have Fun – PrimeTime Design

## The Learning Zone

PrimeTime offers 60-90 minutes of academic support to promote enthusiasm for learning and building skills in the areas of reading, math, writing, speech and science. School principals work closely with community partners and program leaders to identify credentialed teachers and to ensure that activities complement the regular school day curriculum. This is the key to providing a comprehensive learning experience for every student.

### The Fun Zone

Students may participate in a variety of fun activities with their friends and peers including arts and crafts, learning how to play musical instruments, dance, writing and performing plays, athletics and educational games.

> PrimeTime provides a safe place on school campuses where students can strengthen academic skills and participate in age-appropriate activities while improving social skills.



"Our PrimeTime program is a key element to the success of our students both academically and socially."

- Mary Estill, Principal Florence Elementary



# **ZONE 6:** Parents/Guardians Zoning In

To keep you informed, monthly newsletters and a calendar of activities and events are distributed and posted on the PrimeTime parent/guardian information board.

As a parent/guardian of a child enrolled in PrimeTime, we value your involvement. Any contribution of your ideas, time, talents and/or materials are not required, but greatly appreciated.

## **PrimeTime Needs You!**

If you are an upbeat, high-energy, and enthusiastic individual who is interested in making a positive impact on the youth of San Diego, PrimeTime wants to invite you to the team. Program Leaders and Activity Leaders implement quality curriculum and structured after

school activities for elementary and middle schools. The PrimeTime team focuses on providing leaders with all the necessary tools to create an engaging, exhilarating, mentally stimulating and a physically and emotionally safe

environment where children can thrive and grow. PrimeTime leaders are trained to be after school professionals who motivate youth.

If you are interested in learning more about PrimeTime opportunities, please email PrimeTime@sandi.net.

San Diego Unified School District is pleased to announce that beginning in January 2007 the District became the sole administrator of San Diego's "6 to 6" Extended School Day Program. To reflect this change, the District sponsored a contest to rename our "6 to 6" Program.

More than 500 entries were received from students, teachers, parents, community partners and District employees.

# What's Next for PrimeTime?

The PrimeTime Team is excited and dedicated to expanding opportunities and enriching the lives of our youth through quality programs. In partnership with San Diego County Office of Education and The Children's Initiative, we are committed to

identifying additional resources and funding in an effort to offer PrimeTime to all elementary and middle schools throughout the district. Our goal is that every student who

qualifies will have the opportunity to participate

in the "Zone".

"PrimeTime provides children an opportunity to participate in homework assistance as well as experiment with their creative side through the arts. This allows me, as a parent, to feel comfortable about working because I know my child is being supervised by quality people in a safe environment."

- Parent, Vista Grande Elementary

#### **FUN ZONE:**

- Athletics
- Arts & Crafts
- Educational Games
- Performing Arts
- Time with Friends





For more information:

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