

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula (BGCP) Overview

Vision

All youth grow up to lead fulfilling lives fueled by their passions, talents, and a love of learning

Mission

To empower the youth in our community with equitable access to social, academic, and career opportunities to thrive

Context

It can be an incredible time to live in Silicon Valley. Despite the ongoing pandemic, many are enjoying unprecedented levels of growth and wealth. People from all over the world strive to move here to participate in our culture of optimism and prosperity. But too many young people right here in our community are unable to access the many opportunities that make Silicon Valley such a dynamic place to grow up. In the low-income neighborhoods BGCP serves throughout San Mateo County:

- 97% of our students are people of color and 87% are English Language Learners
- 82% of caregivers report they do not have a college degree; navigating educational pathways and school systems is new for many families
- 77% of students are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged
- Caregivers have limited access to affordable childcare after school and during the summer
- Access to programs that promote school success, such as preschool, tutoring, mental health services, and college readiness, are limited
- One in four students meet grade level proficiency in reading
- One in three students meet grade level proficiency in math
- Few families can afford enrichment opportunities like sports leagues or summer camps
- Families have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID pandemic

Our Work

At BGCP, we believe all youth have talents, and we reject the idea that the arbitrary circumstances into which children are born should determine their opportunities in life. We level the playing field so our students' futures can instead depend upon their own actions and hard work. We do this by providing **free, high-quality expanded learning programs**, which drive an 80% increase in learning time over the traditional school year (**830 additional learning hours per year**). These services would otherwise be unaffordable for the families we serve. We strive to run quality programs that every caregiver wants for their child, and that every child deserves.

Students benefit from:

- Academic Support (e.g., literacy and STEM programs, advising, homework support, tutoring)
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Enrichment (e.g., arts, technology, culinary, Makerspace)
- Athletics (e.g., exposure to fundamentals of different sports, competitive leagues, healthy habits and mindsets)

**Students are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged if they qualify for free or reduced-price meals or are considered migrant, foster, or homeless. In a family of four people, a student would qualify if the family makes less than \$51,338 a year. Although the state offers free meals to all students, the qualifications listed above are still used to determine who is considered socioeconomically disadvantaged.*

- Mental Health Services (e.g., group therapy, individual counseling)
- College Access and Readiness support through completion
- Career Pathways (e.g., exposure opportunities, paid summer internships, career advising, skill building)
- Field trips, opportunities to experience new places
- Healthy meals

80% increase in learning time over the traditional school year

These student supports are built on a strong foundation of a sense of safety and belonging, positive relationships with caring role models and close partnerships with schools and caregivers. (See Appendix D for BGCP’s Values and Core Beliefs.)

We are the largest expanded learning provider in San Mateo County, serving students primarily after school and through full-day summer programs. This allows our students’ parents and caregivers to go to work knowing their children are in an enriching environment.

FY22 Active Members

- 2,784

FY23 Member Demographics

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| • 48% Grades K-5 | • 76% Latinx | • 48% Boys |
| • 17% Grades 6-8 | • 4% Black | • 52% Girls |
| • 27% Grades 9-12 | • 9% Asian/Pacific Islander | |
| • 8% College | • 6% Two or More Races | |
| | • 5% Other | |

FY23 Sites (24)

- Clubhouses (4): East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Redwood City, South San Francisco
- School Sites (20):
 - Daly City: Bayshore, Susan B. Anthony, Jefferson High School, Westmoor High School
 - South San Francisco: Sunshine Gardens, South San Francisco High School
 - San Mateo: San Mateo Park
 - Redwood City: Hoover, Kennedy Middle School, Taft, Redwood High School, Sequoia High School, Woodside High School
 - Menlo Park: Garfield, Belle Haven, Menlo-Atherton High School
 - East Palo Alto: Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School, Costaño, Los Robles, East Palo Alto Academy

FY23 Staff, Volunteers, & Budget

- 292 staff
- 1,141 volunteers
- \$27.7 million budget