

BGCG Advance

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF GREENWICH

Fact Sheet

What is Advance?

The mission of Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich is to prepare young people, through enrichment opportunities and supportive relationships, to be responsible, caring, and productive community members. To better meet that mission for its youngest members in this post-pandemic environment, BGCG is excited to announce the launch of its newest program initiative, Advance.

Advance is a high quality, comprehensive after school and summer enrichment program that builds a strong educational foundation for students during grades 1 through 3 and creates measurable outcomes that support their long-term academic success. BGCG developed Advance to provide a new solution to an ongoing need of how to best help students with limited opportunities access customized and engaging experiences that promote robust learning and social emotional growth.

Using a research-based curriculum that complements the Greenwich Public Schools' learning objectives and grade level or above standards, Advance is rooted in exposing students to the essential ingredients necessary to becoming skilled readers, young STEM explorers, and curious and participating members of any classroom. The program will incorporate a variety of educational and wellness activities, field trips, individualized attention, and supportive parental/guardian involvement that will lead to tangible student progress. Starting in late September 2023, Advance will begin working with its first cohort of grade 1 students for this innovative 3-year program.

What are the program goals?

1. Achieve grade level or above standards for all participants.
2. Prevent or reduce summer learning loss.
3. Increase parent/guardian engagement with, and advocacy for, their child's education.

Who can apply to Advance?

- **Students must be entering Grade 1 for the 2023-2024 school year.**
- Students who may be underperforming academically or are below grade level in one or more area. Advance is not intended for students who are significantly below grade level or require intensive educational services.
- Students who can attend regularly and participate fully during the school year and summer.
- Parents/Guardians who can commit to participating in this **3-year** program.
- Student U.S. citizenship is not required.

Where will Advance be held?

The program will be held at BGCG facilities including the main Clubhouse and Camp Simmons locations. Offsite and partner agency locations will be used for field trips or special program activities.

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When will Advance be held?

- Starting on **September 26, 2023**, Advance will run during the school year on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Starting in mid-July 2024, Advance's summer program will run Monday through Friday for 6 weeks.

What is the cost of Advance?

While there is no program fee, participants must become members of the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich (\$75 annual fee). The 6-weeks of the summer program are also free of charge.

Is transportation offered for Advance?

The Greenwich Public School bus will transport members to the Clubhouse, and BGCG vans pick up at designated schools. Parents/guardians may choose to drop off their child at the Clubhouse. Parents/Guardians are required to pick up their child at the end of the program day.

How can Parents/Guardians Apply?

Parents/Guardians interested in applying to Advance or who have any questions can email Gina Lucas, BGCG Advance Consultant, at glucas@bgcg.org. The admissions process description and timeline are attached along with the required application materials.

What is the attendance policy?

Participants are expected to attend the program every day for the entire year. During the Summer Session, participants are expected to attend the entire 6-week program.

Admissions Process Overview

To apply for admission to Advance, families must attend an Information Session, participate in an interview, and submit all admission materials by the *extended deadline* of **August 15, 2023**.

The completed admission process must include:

- Application Form
 - Finance Verification Form
 - Recommendation Form (returned directly to BGCG)
 - Parent attendance at Information Session
 - Parent/Student Interview
 - School Records (2022-2023 Report Cards)
 - BGCG Membership (required upon acceptance)
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Application Deadline

A completed application must be submitted by the extended deadline of **August 15, 2023**.

Families will be notified in August to schedule an interview. Notification decisions will be emailed on August 31. Families are urged to apply as early as possible. Only applicants with completed files will be considered. Space is limited.

For application and admissions questions, please contact Gina Lucas, BGCG Advance Consultant, at glucas@bgcg.org.

Applicant Checklist

- Application Form

Date submitted: _____

- Finance Verification Form

Date submitted: _____

- Recommendation Form

Date sent: _____

- Attendance at information Session

Date attended: _____

- Parent/Student Interviews

Date(s): _____

- School Records

Date requested from current school: _____

- BGCG Membership

Date completed: _____

Application Form

Student Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Gender _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Citizenship _____

Student Race/Ethnicity _____ Grade for 2023-2024 School Year _____

Current School _____

BGCG Member # _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Email Address _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Email Address _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Finance Verification Form

Student Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Parent Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Total Family Income:

- \$0-\$34,400
- \$34,401-\$64,550
- \$64,551-\$77,450
- \$77,451-\$102,600
- \$102,601-\$125,400
- \$125,401 +

Family Size: _____

Please check all that apply:

- SSDI
- SSI
- TANF
- Care 4 Kids
- Food Stamps
- Public Assistance
- Free Lunch
- Reduced Lunch
- Unemployment Compensation
- Foster Child Support
- Public Housing
- Section 8
- None of the Above

Student Recommendation Form

This form is to be completed by someone who has worked with or taught the child.

Recommendation forms are strictly confidential.

*Please return this form by **August 15** directly to Gina Lucas, BGCG Advance Consultant, at glucas@bgcg.org.*

Student Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Current School _____

BGCG Advance is a free Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich initiative that will work with a small group of Greenwich students from grade 1 through grade 3. During the school year and summers students will receive academic enrichment and support in the areas of reading and math to help them achieve grade level performance and success in their schools. Students will also benefit from an array of other activities and programs including camp, tutoring and parent engagement efforts. This program seeks students who could benefit from additional academic support.

How long have you known this child? _____

Student's primary language: _____ Does the child speak other languages? _____

List 6 adjectives that describe this student: _____

Social Emotional Development

Please check:	Not Evident	Emerging	Age Appropriate	Advanced
Demonstrates self-confidence				
Demonstrates resilience				
Works and plays cooperatively				
Forms positive relationships with adults				

The Student as a Learner

Please check:	Not Evident	Emerging	Age Appropriate	Advanced
Shows curiosity				
Shows self-direction				
Persists in solving problems and tries multiple solutions				

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Please share why this student should be considered: _____

Would you recommend this student for admission to BGCG Advance? Yes No With Reservations

Name of Person Recommending Student

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Email Address _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Thank you!