



AFTERSCHOOL IN RICHMOND FEATURING NEXTUP RVA

TRANSPORTATION: A COMMON NEED

Like so many OST providers, a major need at NextUp is transportation for youth that participate in programs. Not all parents are able to come to pick up their child/children after school, so having reliable transportation makes it easier for families to have access to quality programs after school. We know that this requires a combination of funding and hiring qualified staff to transport youth. Having transportation can eliminate a barrier of entry for youth wanting to participate in OST programs.



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“NextUp is a wonderful program. I had the opportunity to meet a lot of his instructors and you could tell they all loved their jobs. They are really passionate about helping their students. - NextUp parent”

A Coordinated Network of Providers

NextUp RVA has a unique model of coordinated, expanded learning services. Beginning in 2014 at Henderson Middle School, NextUp started with its partners at Richmond Public Schools (RPS), Higher Achievement, and Communities in Schools-Richmond. They then expanded to four additional middle schools and grew into a network of more than 60 community-based enrichment providers! Program offerings include five main categories Arts & Humanity, Leadership & Mentoring, Career Readiness, Sports & Health and STEM.

A recent graduate, Chaunté, participated in programs coordinated through NextUp as a middle schooler. Chaunté said NextUp helped her recognize her passion for business and entrepreneurship. After completing a year at James Madison University, Chaunté decided to pursue her passion for hair care and is in process of opening a business in Richmond. She credits NextUp for exposing her to the foundational information and skills necessary to become an entrepreneur.

