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### **Before and After School Program qualifications**

1. The Tennessee Department of Education made significant budget cuts to the Leaps and 21st Century before/after school programs. These cuts will affect many teachers, support staff, and families.
2. Due to program cuts, many programs and opportunities that we have had in the past will not be available this year. To meet the criteria of the grants, PCSS will use a priority assignment scale to determine student eligibility for participation in LEAPS and 21st Century programs. *Individual student data* will determine which students will receive an invitation/application to attend the programs. The student priorities are:

#### Priority 1 students:

State Custody  
Free/Reduced  
Educationally Disadvantaged  
Failing to make adequate yearly progress school data 25% and below  
Risk of Failing

#### Priority 2 students:

Chronic absenteeism  
Educationally Disadvantaged school data 26th%-40%

#### Priority 3 students:

Siblings of students that meet the criteria for Priority 1 and 2  
Educationally Disadvantaged school data 41%-70%

3. Students meeting the above criteria to participate in LEAPS/21st Century are assigned priority to participate in after-school programs. Other students wishing to attend an after-school program will be placed on a waiting list and given opportunities to participate as space allows.
4. Multiple students who were eligible in the past will no longer receive an invitation to attend. Families need to make adjustments to their childcare plan this school year.
5. An *elementary student* must attend programs three days a week to be eligible to continue in the program.
6. A *middle school student* must attend the Programs twice a week to be eligible to continue.
7. To continue the program, students must follow the *Discipline Policy* in the Parent Handbook.
8. This program is not a homework-help program. After-school programming is to help students with academic deficits and standards deficits.