

## Girl Scouts Academic Edge

Using the foundations of our Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), Academic Edge provides:

- experiential learning opportunities aligned with the Pennsylvania state academic standards
- an introduction to the Girl Scout experience
- opportunities for community engagement

### Who- Girls in Grades K-5 and Their Families

Our priority is to educate students who are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and social-emotional awareness to succeed and who will become active, engaged citizens in an ever-changing world.

By leading and learning in an all-girls environment with Girl Scouts, girls have the opportunity to:

- Challenge their fears
- Problem solve
- Work collaboratively

All of this occurs while understanding how to:

- Manage their emotions
- Establish positive relationships
- Gain a sense of belonging



Girl Scouts teaches girls the skills that they will need today and through their entire academic journey - into college and onto a rewarding career.

### Family Engagement

It takes a village! Engaging families in academic edge provides the opportunity for girls' loved ones to be involved which leads to a more sustainable Girl Scout experience. Families will be invited to participate in events such as game nights, field trips, and camp picnics.

### What-Components of the Girl Scouts Academic Edge Program

We provide:

- Girl Scout Staff Facilitator
- All program supplies
- 8-10 week program
- Free Girl Scout membership for participants
- Fun family activities

What the school provides:

- Program space in the building
- Promotion among their network
- Support in identifying a second facilitator
- Invitations to school-organized community activities

## **When-During the School Year**

Our sessions run for about 8-10 weeks in the fall and in the spring, aligning with the school calendar.

## **Where-Targeted Locations**

We are currently in the following school districts:

- Harrisburg City School District
- Central Dauphin School District
- Williamsport School District
- Wayne Highlands School District
- Pocono Mountain School District

With plans for expansion in the future!



## **Why-Girl Power!**

The K-5 curriculum is based on more than just academics. The program teaches girls to be leaders, problem solvers, and to work collaboratively. It is built with room for adaptation based on girls' interests.

It is designed to deliver the 5 outcomes of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience:

- Sense of self
- Positive values
- Challenge seeking
- Healthy relationships
- Community problem solving

As active members of your community and school, girls will be better prepared for life's challenges.

## **A bit more... How Girl Scouts Benefits Girls and Families**

Our goal is for girls learn to think critically about different issues and to solve problems together. We encourage teamwork and collaboration as much as we encourage independence and self-discovery.

Here, a girl learns to believe in herself as well as count on her community for support. She works as part of a team, brings people with varying perspectives together to devise solutions, and respects and appreciates the views of others as much as she does her own.

Do you have more questions about the Girl Scouts Academic Edge program and how we can work together? Email [memberservices@gshpa.org](mailto:memberservices@gshpa.org).