

ACES Mission

The mission of ACES is to close the academic achievement gap of at-risk inner-city students in grades 4-8.

ACES in 129 Words

ACES provides after-school tutoring and mentoring for fourth through eighth graders in lower-income inner-city schools. Full-time staff, part-time staff, and volunteers offer students a 1:4 adult:student ratio. ACES unique approach of family involvement, contributions from community volunteers and organizations, and a sharp academic focus help ACES students achieve positive year-to-year academic and personal growth.

ACES earned the 2009 “Fans Helping Fans” community service award from ESPN, the NFL, and Dick’s Sporting Goods. Over the past few years, ACES has been recognized as a model after-school program for Minneapolis Public Schools, as an Outstanding Mentoring Programs by Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota, and as an Outstanding Community Partner by the University of Minnesota. In addition, ACES achieved Order of the North Star volunteer recognition by Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie.