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# Milwaukee Recreation Update

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# *Five Priorities for Success*



# Strategic Plan Driving Our Mission



## Strategic Plan Driving Our Mission:

MPS is a diverse district that welcomes all students and prepares them for success in higher education, post-education opportunities, work, and citizenship.

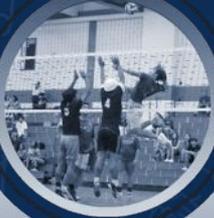
# Programs & services for City of Milwaukee residents



**After School  
Programs**



**Citywide  
Programs**



**Elementary,  
Middle & High  
School Sports**



**Playgrounds &  
Community  
Centers**



**Recreation  
Operations**

**97**

full-time staff

**1,600+**

part-time staff

**MKEREC**  
A department of MPS

# Mission & Vision



## MISSION

To enrich and strengthen the community through memorable recreational and educational experiences for people of all ages and abilities.



## VISION

To be the leading provider of high quality and affordable recreation and community services in Milwaukee.



# Values



The following are the **core values** that **drive the work and interactions with the team and customers:**



## **EQUITY**

Ensuring access to recreation services for all.



## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Taking individual and collective responsibility.



## **MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES**

Creating special, distinctive recreation experiences.



## **PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

Employing staff who possess the core competencies of the department.



## **QUALITY SERVICE DELIVERY**

Exceeding customer expectations through responsive and respectful service delivery.



## **SENSE OF COMMUNITY**

Providing services that encourage personal connections and relationships.



## **COLLABORATION + PARTNERSHIPS**

Fostering and maintaining partnerships with individuals and organizations that benefit the community.

# Active Older Adults

## Enrichment based programs for adults age 50+

- Fitness
- Art
- Spanish and ESL
- Pickleball
- Fitness



# OASIS COMMUNITY CENTER

## Community Events

- Sparkle and Shine,
- Bring in Spring Breakfast,
- Ice Cream Social
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration



# Adult Sports

Offer 7 different sports league opportunities throughout Milwaukee

- **1,300 Fall Participants:** Football, Softball, Basketball, Kickball, Golf
- **515 Winter Participants:** Basketball, Volleyball, Futsal, Cornhole
- **2,200 Spring/Summer Participants:** Softball, 3:3 basketball, Golf, Soccer, Futsal, Tennis



# Adaptive Athletics and Special Olympics

## Adaptive Athletics (School Based)

- **6 Adaptive Sports Seasons:** Bowling, Bocce, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Soccer
- Served approximately **1,000 Special Education Students** in 2022-23
- **49 schools serviced** – 24 middle/high schools and 25 Elementary

## Special Olympics

- **8 Sports:** Basketball, Bowling, Bocce, Football, Softball, Volleyball, Cornhole, Soccer
- **400 participants**



# Therapeutic Recreation

## Enrichment Class Offerings and Special Events

- Ages 3 and up
- Life skills, leisure activities, community outings

## Club Rec

- 5/6 week summer camp (M-F 8am – 4pm)
- Community and ESY students attend
- Morning sessions: Education focus - calendar, daily living skills, reading, math
- Afternoon Session: Recreation focus with swimming, gym, art, music, cooking, field trips

Approximately 450 participants served annually.



# Therapeutic Rec

## Urban Stables Partnership

- Equine assisted services
- 30 participants since inception



# Aquatics

## 12 pools offering a variety of programs

- Learn to Swim – Levels 1- 7
- Aqua Fitness, Triathlon Training, Lap/Open Swim
- Youth Competitive Swim/Masters Swim
- Certification Trainings
- 6,000 served

## Day School Swim (2017 – 2023)

- 36 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms
- 150 students annually



# Community Events

## Special Events

- Halloween Glen – 950 participants
- Winter Wonder Woods – 1300 participants



# Outdoor Education

## Programming

- **Outdoor Education Field Trips**
- **Oak Ridge Farm – K5 Learning Journey**
- **Survive Alive House – All MPS 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**
- **Enrichment Classes – 1,400 served annually**



# Driver Education

## MPS Drive

- Driver Education for MPS Students 15 to 17 ½ (\$35.00)
- Served 3,200 students in 2022-23 school year
- 16 locations (in person locations, hybrid format and online)
- 2023-24 school year can serve up to 4,000

## Community Based

- Open to any students 15 to 17 ½
- Three in-person locations; hybrid and online



# Milwaukee Recreation Fall Highlights





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**Thank  
You!**