

CLUBS

Clubs are programs of regularly scheduled activities that bring children together with the objective of exploring a specific topic during a set period of time that are:

- Led or facilitated by an educator and/or a parent/caregiver, a volunteer with experience or expertise, or by children willing to share particular skills or interests.
- Planned to support the children's engagement in exploring specific skills, topics, experiences of interest to them.

Clubs may involve the completion of a project or projects shared with others.

Steps to Planning Clubs

- 1. Determine who will participate**
Their ages, development, interests, group size.
- 2. Determine the topic and clearly defined objective of the club**
What interests, topics, games, or activities most engage the children?
- 3. Determine who will lead**
Educators, parents, experts or volunteers from the community, older students, or children with specific skills.
- 4. Plan the schedule**
Locations, duration of the club, sign-up sheets, and information as to what to wear or bring.
- 5. Plan the club activities**
Tasks and responsibilities, materials and equipment, set up, clean up, storage of projects.

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Educators

- Take the primary responsibility for planning the club activities and coordinating with any volunteering parents, caregivers, community partners, or lead children.
- Keep the participating children and their families informed.
- Observe, reflect, and problem-solve collaboratively with the children to ensure the inclusion of all interested children.

