



Bring Self-Led, Home-Based Learning to Your Community this Summer!

Cahoots is a self-led educational program for youth to sharpen academic skills, foster independence, and promote self-reflection. You can easily support academic growth, district goals and gain additional revenue with Cahoots.

The Cahoots workbook, created by St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS), is the heart of the program. Youth conspire with Cahoots buddies to complete weekly math and language arts lessons. They are encouraged to creatively solve problems, track their own progress and reflect on their learning.

Lessons conclude with reflection questions that are sent to pen pals who respond with feedback, encouragement and motivation throughout the program

Cahoots Program Details:

- Cahoots is available for kids entering grades K-6 in the fall
- The Cahoots workbook features eight (grades 1-6) or six (kindergarten) weekly lessons that review math and language arts concepts from the prior year
- Cahoots characters encourage youth to complete one lesson per week, check their answers online, and complete a reflection sheet at the end of each lesson
- Reflections are mailed to a reflection buddy (staff member) each week and buddies write back feedback and encouragement. This correspondence makes learning fun by relationships and self-reflection.

Implementing Cahoots:

How it works:

You administer the program:

2023 contract rate: \$8 per set, includes book and mailing envelope

In your public registration, charge participants no more than 15% above or 15% below what SPPS-CE charges through our system

2022 SPPS-CE Customer cost =

\$36 for Entering Kindergarten

\$47 for Entering 1-6th

What you receive:

- Fully developed Cahoots program
- Electronic answer sheets
- Curriculum book & mailing envelope
- Communications templates including: sample cover sheet, lesson envelope template, principal advertisement letter, jpeg ads, coloring sheets, character images.

What to do to successfully run the program:

- Advertise and collect registrations
- Determine completion incentive (if you wish)
- Complete and print cover letter—with specifics for your program
- Complete and print reflection mailing envelopes
- Prep packets, label and mail
- Hire, train, pay and oversee reflection buddies
- Conduct evaluations

Annual Deadlines:

- 1) March 1 - Communicate intent to partner
- 2) May 1 - Contract completed
- 3) May 15 - Final orders due for Package 1

Cahoots was designed to be a reflection based, financially accessible, program. Organizations contracting with St. Paul Public Schools Community Education for use of Cahoots in any of the above scenarios must agree to:

1. Provide at least a 15% discount for youth who qualify for free/reduced price lunch
2. Order slightly above your registered participation to manage participants who may lose and request new materials.

Visit: <https://www.spps.org/cahoots> or contact commed@spps.org or 651-767-8179 to learn more about implementing Cahoots.