

SAINT PAUL
URBAN TENNIS
LAUNCHING LEADERS

Celebrating 26 Years of Service
St. Paul Urban Tennis Facts

- SPUT is the official tennis program provider for the city of St. Paul and an “Approved Community Partner” of the Saint Paul Public School System.
- For 25 years, SPUT has served more than 49,000 kids from every racial, ethnic, gender, abilities and economic background in every neighborhood in St. Paul.
- SPUT works with kids K-12 on tennis courts, in schools, and at public recreation sites, apartment complex parking lots and cul-de-sacs in neighborhoods throughout St. Paul.
- SPUT delivers a nationally-acclaimed Tennis/SPIRIT Life Skills curriculum, providing year- round Tennis/SPIRIT activities to 3,000 kids ages 5-18.
- SPUT SPIRIT Life Skills foster the development of essential social and emotional skills required to support youth as they pursue academic, career and service goals.
- SPUT delivers tennis lessons to youth and adults with disabilities and special needs.
- SPUT mitigates summer reading loss in kids ages 5-8 by providing reading and physical literacy activities during daily tennis lessons.
- SPUT prepares and trains its future tennis coaches through the SPUT Warrior Leadership Academy for teens from financially-challenged families. Students receive weekly tennis drills, academic support and quarterly workshops on career and personal development.
- Each year, SPUT hires 70 seasonal workers, more than half of whom were previous players in the SPUT program pathway. Many are Warrior Leadership Academy students.
- Through scheduling and location choices, SPUT ensures ease of program access to all children. SPUT supplies equipment and shoes so that all kids can participate. No child is turned away due to their family’s inability to pay. Each year, SPUT provides close to \$200,000 in financial assistance to youth from economically challenged households.
- On the court, SPUT kids win many awards in local, regional and national tournaments.
- SPUT recently moved to Eastview Rec Center to provide tennis programs, Open Gym hours, and summer meals for eastside youth and families.