

# BENEFITS OF AFTERSCHOOL

## FOR STUDENTS

Expanded Learning programs that operate Afterschool and Summer promote academic success, higher graduation rates, positive behavior and safety, and good citizenship (After School Alliance, 2014)

By the time they reach 5th grade children who are economically disadvantaged who do not participate in summer programs average 3 years behind their middle-income peers who do participate (Rand,2015)

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## FOR FAMILIES

Parents need flexible, affordable options after the school bell rings, and to know their kids are safe. Afterschool programs give parents peace of mind because they know their kids are safe, learning, and having fun.

According to a national survey, four in five parents say afterschool helps them keep their jobs and gives them peace of mind when they are at work.

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## FOR EMPLOYERS

Parents who utilize quality out of school time care have fewer absences and earn more. A Brandeis University study finds that parental concerns about afterschool results in lost productivity at work, costing U.S. businesses up to \$300 billion a year

Quality child care and after school programs have long term effects on graduation and eventual career success (Parks, 2000).

Afterschool programs open a new world of opportunities to help young people prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. They help young people gain hands-on experience and learn to communicate, collaborate, and lead (Afterschool Alliance, 2017).



## INSPIRING STUDENT DREAMS

Programs spark interest so students have a greater chance to realize their full potential, attend school more often, and are more likely to graduate college or career ready.

## EXPANDING LEARNING TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Afterschool programs are shaped by community need and provide opportunities to help all students thrive in school and in life. Students in afterschool programs show more interest in learning, behave better, complete their homework assignments and help them build the skills employers need.

## HELPING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THRIVE

Afterschool programs help build safer, stronger, and smarter communities, keeping youth safe and helping families balance work and life.

## SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Effective programs involve community partners to support locally-driven solutions, get students ready for college or career, and strengthen relationships with local industry.



**From Afterschool**



**to Engineer**

**This is afterschool.  
Where kids gain STEM skills.**