

AFTERSCHOOL WORKS FOR TENNESSEE

*Tennessee
Afterschool
Network*

Afterschool programs help Tennessee's kids learn and grow, keep them safe, and give parents peace of mind.

AFTERSCHOOL EQUIPS STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

Afterschool and summer learning programs offer enriching activities that spark kids' interest in school and learning. Teachers say students in afterschool programs show more interest in class, behave better and are more likely to complete their homework assignments. Research shows that students participating in high-quality afterschool programs:

- ◆ earn higher grades and do better on standardized tests.
- ◆ attend school more often.
- ◆ have opportunities for physical activity and healthy snacks.
- ◆ are less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol.
- ◆ are more likely to advance to the next grade and graduate from high school.



AFTERSCHOOL PREPARES YOUNG PEOPLE FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER

Through hands-on learning, afterschool and summer learning programs give students new opportunities to explore possible careers, connect with local businesses, and gain employability skills.

Among Tennessee parents:

74% say afterschool helps young people gain workforce skills, including teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking.

59% report their afterschool program offers learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math. STEM jobs are among the fastest-growing and highest-paying jobs in America.

AFTERSCHOOL HELPS PARENTS WORK AND KEEPS COMMUNITIES SAFE

The gap between families' work and school schedules can be up to 25 hours per week. Afterschool is a safe haven that helps kids avoid risky behaviors--online and offline--from 3 to 6 p.m., which is when juvenile crime and victimization peaks. Afterschool programs give parents peace of mind, allow them to work a full schedule and be more productive on the job.

In Tennessee:

78% of parents say afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs.

78% of parents believe afterschool reduces the likelihood that kids will engage in risky behaviors.



TENNESSEE NEEDS MORE AFTERSCHOOL

For every **Tennessee student** in afterschool, **2 more** would participate if a program were available.



ENROLLED:
179,897 students



WAITING:
263,754 students

AFTERSCHOOL PROVIDES A SOLID RETURN ON INVESTMENT



Research shows that every **\$1** invested in afterschool programs saves at least **\$3** by:

- ◆ Increasing kids' earning potential
- ◆ Improving kids' performance at school
- ◆ Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

ABOUT THE TENNESSEE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

The Tennessee Afterschool Network supports children, youth, families and communities by advocating and building capacity with a unified voice for sustainable investments in safe, healthy and nurturing afterschool experiences.

www.tnafterschool.org

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