What are out-of-school programs?

Out-of-school programs include all opportunities and programs available to school-age youth outside of the school day including before school, after school, evening, during school breaks, on weekends, or during the summer. Programs can include one-time opportunities or programming offered on a consistent basis.

The Idaho Out-of-School Network and University of Idaho conducted a survey of 437 out-of-school programs across the state. This fact sheet represents 34 out-of-school programs in Canyon County.

Most out-of-school programs in Canyon County are provided by schools, libraries, and 4-H.

Age Groups Served by Canyon County Out-of-School Programs

- 93% of programs serve youth ages 5-11 (Elementary)
- 43% of programs serve youth ages 12-14 (Middle School)
- 36% of programs serve youth ages 15-18 (High School)

Just 1 program in this county serves all youth ages 5 to 18, creating barriers for families with multiple children of different ages.

47% of Canyon County programs maintain a wait list.

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Out-of-school programs help Idaho children and communities thrive by:

1. Improving work habits and school grades
2. Increasing school attendance
3. Increasing likelihood of high school graduation
4. Decreasing participation in risky behaviors and crime
5. Increasing job retention
6. Increasing learning engagement and positive social behavior

Sources: Goldschmidt, Huang, & Chinen, 2007; Huang, Gribbons, Kim, Lee, & Baker, 2000; Huang, Leon, Harven, La Torre, & Mostafavi, 2009; Huang, Leon, & La Torre, 2011; Huang, Leon, La Torre, & Mostafavi, 2008; Afterschool Alliance, 2019