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 38 out-of-school programs in Adams, Boise, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington. Ada and Canyon Counties are not included in this fact sheet.

There is a need for more programs in Idaho’s rural counties.

Most out-of-school programs in Region 3 are provided by schools, libraries, and 4-H.

Out-of-School Programs in Region 3 by County

- Adams: 2
- Boise: 2
- Elmore: 3
- Gem: 6
- Owyhee: 8
- Payette: 5
- Valley: 10
- Washington: 3

Age Groups Served by Region 3 Out-of-School Programs

- 46% of programs serve youth ages 5-11
- 36% of programs serve youth ages 12-14
- 44% of programs serve youth ages 15-18

Just 9 programs in this region serve all youth ages 5 to 18, creating barriers for families with multiple children of different ages.

32% of Region 3 programs maintain a wait list.
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