



**Idaho  
Out-of-School  
Network**

# Partnering with Afterschool to Accelerate Students' Learning and Recovery



## The Opportunity

The American Rescue Plan provides Idaho school districts nearly \$440,000,000 to remedy student unfinished learning and provide additional support to help young people thrive, both in and out of the classroom. Nationwide and across our state, schools are using those funds to team up with afterschool and summer program providers.

The [Idaho Out-of-School Network](#) and local programs in your district are ready to partner and serve.

## Impact of Afterschool

Afterschool and summer enrichment programs reinforce what students learn in school and provide extra support to students who are struggling or have special needs. Programs provide more time for deeper learning, creative spaces for hands-on projects, and opportunities for students of all ages to explore careers.

Decades of research proves students who regularly participate in quality afterschool:



Gain self-control, confidence, and social skills



Improve school attendance, work habits, and grades



Make gains in reading and math



Have higher graduation rates



Explore career paths and gain workforce skills



Build healthy relationships with their peers and adults

## How can we save you time and money?

Idaho has a strong network of expanded learning providers. These include before school, afterschool, summer enrichment, and other out-of-school time learning programs like the Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, 4-H, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and community-based organizations that collaborate with libraries, museums, colleges, faith-based centers, and local recreation and parks sites.

**We have the relationships and expertise to help schools build robust community partnerships that accelerate students' academic and social-emotional learning. We offer:**



- Flexible, shovel-ready programs
- Staff who can help kids build social-emotional skills
- Deep reach in underserved communities
- Strong connections with kids and families
- Expertise leveraging community partners and volunteers
- Professional development and training opportunities for educators

# This is Comprehensive Afterschool

Hands-on, project-based learning



STEM, arts, and music



Youth-led learning and social activities



Wrap-around and emergency supports for families



Academic enrichment and support



Planning and preparing for college



Physical activity and healthy food



Trusted, responsive community resource



Culturally-relevant



Career awareness, exploration, and preparation



Service learning and community projects



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

↑ Kids' earning potential

↑ Kids' performance at school

↓ Crime and juvenile delinquency

Source: Rose Institute of Claremont-McKenna College

## Let's Do This!

Afterschool is an underutilized resource that can help schools in every community. These programs operate at the nexus of families, schools, and communities and are uniquely positioned to help schools accelerate students' learning and recovery.

### Reach out to your local afterschool programs to:

- Provide space for their programming during the school year and/or over the summer
- Offer to include advertisements for their programs in your emails and newsletters to schools

### Engage your state afterschool network to:

- Provide data on programs across the state
- Identify programs serving under-resourced communities
- Provide trainings and quality supports for programs that receive funds



## Program Spotlight: BEST

The BEST Program in Weiser School District in Weiser, Idaho, is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) that serves around 100 students in grades 2 through 8. The majority of BEST students—50% who identify as Latino and 50% as Caucasian—come from working class families in Weiser, where the poverty rate is 17.7% and the median household income is \$30,000. Many of the students' parents work full-time in the agriculture and onion-packing industry. BEST is the only afterschool program serving Weiser's community of 5,500 people.

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