

Afterschool Programs: Partnering to Achieve Our DPS Goals

1 GREAT SCHOOLS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD



Students who attend afterschool programs have better day school attendance rates, resulting in increased academic growth. Through the Community Partnership System, the Denver Afterschool Alliance maps the availability of programs and identifies gaps in service. Whether school-based or nearby in the community, we know that access to afterschool programs influence the school families choose for their children.

Programs available in every neighborhood

2 A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL



The Denver Afterschool Alliance focuses its work predominantly on elementary school programs, in direct alignment with building a foundation for success in school. Many afterschool and summer programs have a strong focus on early literacy as they work with schools to provide students with tutoring, foster a love of learning, and connect parents as partners for their student's early literacy. Partnerships between DPS and community based organizations allow for greater dosage, maximized resources and increased impact to stop the summer slide and boost early literacy.

Extra supports for early literacy

3 READY FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER



Students engaged in high-quality afterschool programs outpace their peers in academic growth, have better school attendance, and have better behavior in school – exactly the factors outlined as early indicators of a student's likelihood to graduate. By supporting afterschool providers in understanding student data, the Denver Afterschool Alliance is increasing providers' capacity to support students to remain on track to graduate.

Higher academic growth/Better attendance

4 SUPPORT FOR THE WHOLE CHILD



Afterschool programs provide critical access to arts, health and wellness programs, and other enriching activities that many children otherwise wouldn't have access to. Local Denver data shows that afterschool programs positively impact a child's ability to solve problems, avoid risky behaviors and develop positive leadership skills. Participants also exhibit greater confidence as a learner, which leads to academic competence and performance. The Denver Afterschool Alliance supports a quality framework that aligns closely to the DPS Whole Child tenets.

Healthy, Engaged, Challenged, Socially & Emotionally Intelligent

5 CLOSE THE OPPORTUNITY GAP



While we know afterschool programs are of great benefit to all students, many of our providers work diligently to ensure they are serving our students most in need. All of the Denver Afterschool Alliance Demonstration Project sites are in schools that are 77% free and reduced lunch or higher, or serve students from these same communities. Afterschool programs regularly recruit staff from the community. Program staff serve as role models, helping students understand they can achieve their dreams.

Access for all DPS students

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