

Invest in Afterschool!

Afterschool programs in New Mexico help students learn and grow.

Afterschool and summer learning programs are locally designed school and community solutions that help students learn and grow, keep children and teenagers safe, and support parents in balancing work and family. Students in programs participate in hands-on learning, discover new interests, receive nutritious snacks and meals, and have the chance to be physically active.

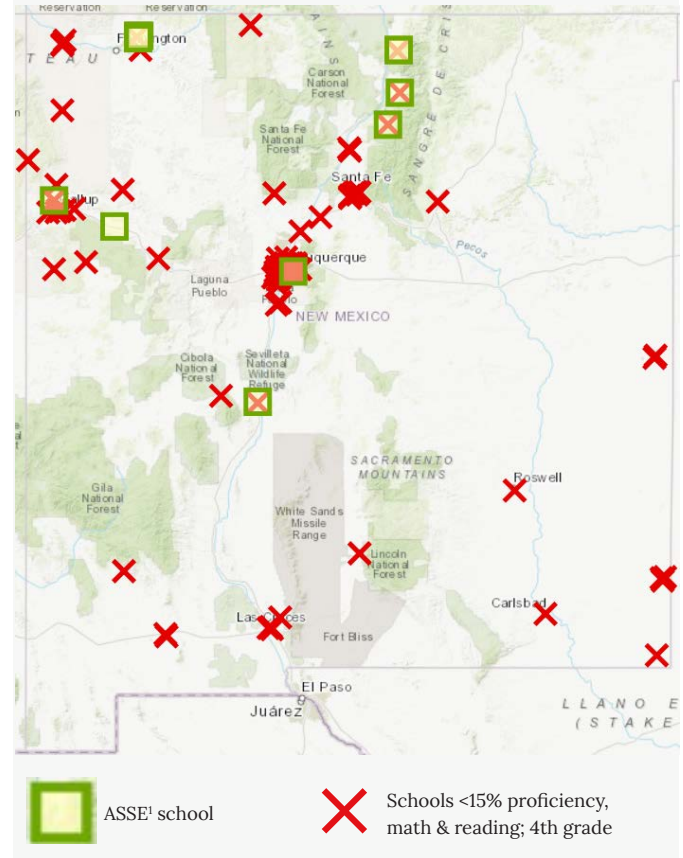
Programs offer a broad array of enriching activities—from learning about electricity and how to build circuits to growing vegetables and preparing healthy meals—that help students build their communications skills, learn how to work collaboratively, and foster confidence in themselves. These are foundational skills and competencies that students need as they move through school and toward adulthood.

A study following close to 3,000 low-income elementary and middle school students across eight states, representing both urban centers and rural communities, found that students who regularly participated in high-quality afterschool programs improved their classroom work habits and task persistence.

Research shows that regular attendance in afterschool:

- ▶ Improves academic performance and school-day attendance
- ▶ Reduces dropout rates
- ▶ Reduces the achievement gap for low-income students

Of the 93 schools with fewer than 15% of fourth-grade students proficient in both math and reading, only three are state-funded ASSE¹ schools.



We must invest in afterschool!

Every **\$1** invested in afterschool programs saves **\$3** by:

- ▶ Increasing students' earning potential
- ▶ Improving students' academic achievement
- ▶ Reducing juvenile crime and delinquency

New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network

The New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network brings together diverse stakeholders interested in ensuring positive youth development opportunities and outcomes through afterschool programs. Our vision is:

- ▶ Increased access to quality out-of-school time programs for children and youth, regardless of income
- ▶ Equitable funding for out-of-school time programs across the state
- ▶ Every child can name one caring adult

1. After School and Summer Enrichment – funded by legislative earmarked PED funds

Schools with Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Funded Programs

School	District
Hayes Middle School	Albuquerque Public Schools
McCoy Avenue Elementary	Aztec Municipal School District
Lydia Rippley Elementary	Aztec Municipal School District
Park Avenue Elementary	Aztec Municipal School District
Peñasco Elementary	Peñasco Independent School District
Questa Jr./Sr. High School	Questa Independent School District
Parkview Elementary	Socorro Consolidated Schools
Enos Garcia Elementary	Taos Municipal School District
Thoreau Elementary	Gallup/McKinley County Schools
Chee Dodge Elementary	Gallup/McKinley County Schools



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Notes and Sources

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- ▶ [The Costs and Benefits of After School Programs: The Estimated Effects of the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002](#)
- ▶ [After-School Worries: Tough On Parents, Bad For Business](#)
- ▶ [Afterschool Programs: Making a Difference](#)
- ▶ [America After 3pm](#)
- ▶ [How can afterschool programs support employability through social and emotional learning?](#)
- ▶ [Afterschool in Communities of Concentrated Poverty](#)