

Invest in Afterschool!

Afterschool programs in New Mexico offer new learning opportunities that help students realize their full potential.

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:

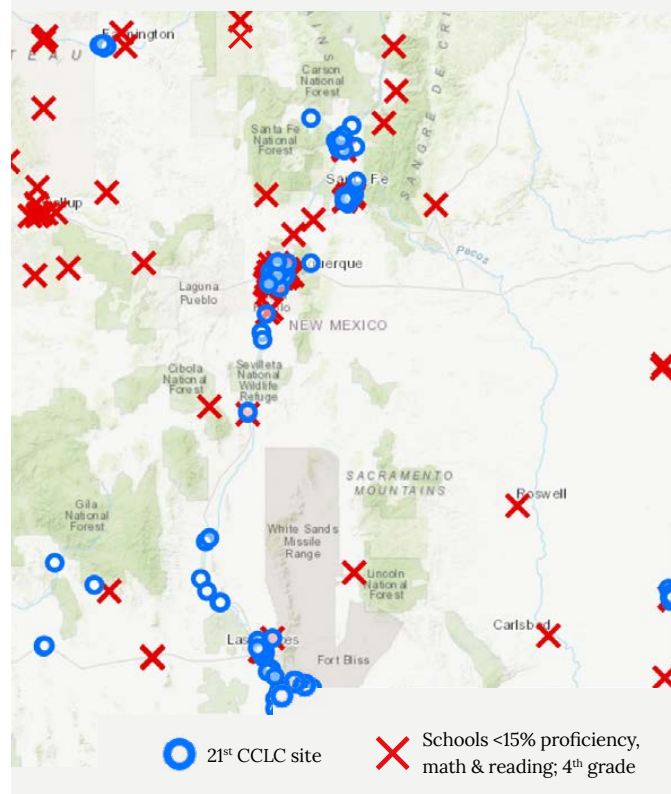
- ▶ Improves academic performance and school-day attendance
- ▶ Reduces dropout rates
- ▶ Reduces the achievement gap for low-income students

We must invest in afterschool!

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

- ▶ Increasing students' earning potential
- ▶ Improving students' performance at school
- ▶ Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

Many New Mexico schools where fewer than 15% of 4th grade students are proficient in math and reading lack state or federally funded afterschool programs.



Visit the map and zoom in to see the circumstances in your local area (census tract).

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

Sites with 21st CCLC Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Funded Programs

Subgrantee	Location(s)
AppleTree Education Center (4 Sites)	Albuquerque; Arrey
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central New Mexico (7 Sites)	Albuquerque
Community for Learning (4 Sites)	Albuquerque
Española Public Schools (10 Sites)	Abiquiu; Chimayo; Espanola; Ohkay Owingeh
Farmington Municipal Schools (6 Sites)	Farmington
NMSU - Gadsden (20 Sites)	Anthony; Chaparral; Mesquite; San Miguel; Santa Teresa; Sunland Park
NMSU - Hatch (5 Sites)	Hatch
NMSU - Hobbs (16 Sites)	Hobbs
NMSU - Las Cruces (14 Sites)	Las Cruces
NMSU - Lordsburg (4 Sites)	Lordsburg
NMSU - Silver City (3 Sites)	Cliff; Silver City
Raíces del Saber Xinachtli (1 Site)	Las Cruces
Rio Grande Education Collaborative (14 Sites)	Albuquerque; Belen; Jarales; Los Lunas; Socorro; Sandia Park
Santa Fe Public Schools (17 Sites)	Santa Fe
South Valley Preparatory School (1 Site)	Albuquerque



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Notes and Sources

- ▶ [Maps from the NM Community Data Collaborative](#)
- ▶ [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](#)