

The Impact of World-Class Afterschool Programs

Executive Summary

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A growing body of research highlights significant positive impact on children who participate in quality afterschool programs. These same benefits extend to school district performance and counteract substantial risks associated with lack of supervision after 3pm. Yet working parent demand far exceeds available programming, and many existing programs just babysit, missing a critical opportunity to provide meaningful enrichment that yields long-term rewards.

Without dipping into scarce resources and even generating alternative revenue, districts who partner with a high quality afterschool provider can become part of an essential multi-pronged solution – for children, parents, and their own district mission and bottom line.

Here’s what research says and how one internationally distinguished provider excels in meaningful afterschool enrichment while providing a turnkey solution for districts:

What the research says...	How Right At School excels in the out-of-school-time arena to benefit children, parents, and schools...
<p>BENEFITS to CHILDREN of high quality afterschool programming are significant and long-lasting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better grades, test scores, and graduation rates; up to 42% increase in math and reading performance; improved overall academic performance for 50%+ attendees• 65% have improved homework completion and class participation• Improved behavior for nearly 60% of participants	<p>Children enrolled in RIGHT CLUB are safe, engaged, and seeing positive outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the <i>Developmental Assets Profile</i>, a well-established and highly utilized social emotional learning assessment tool by Search Institute, data showed Right Club students were "thriving" in their school environment and had substantial gains over the school year in the following SEL areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Positive values (+64%)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better attendance, decreased truancy and suspensions • Improved classroom participation and homework completion • Greater social-emotional skills (self-management, decision-making, self-awareness, peer social skills) • Higher self-concept, confidence, and sense of belonging • Increased positive attitude towards school and confidence about academic advancement • Better cognitive performance (concentration, task motivation, frustration tolerance, cognitive flexibility) • Elevated fitness and nutrition, lower obesity rates (12% less) • Decreased achievement gap, summer learning loss, and grade retention with summer learning (grade retention reduced by 54%; 2/3ds of achievement gap attributed to lack of summer learning) • Improved safety, fewer risks associated with lack of supervision (20% less likely to drop out; reduced truancy; 30% less likely to commit juvenile crime; decreased violence, delinquency, substance use, and pregnancy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feeling empowered (+35%) - Social skills (+20%) - Commitment to learning (+20%) - Understanding boundaries and expectations (+19%) - Positive identity (+ 14%) • In a study examining report card data for Canadian students in a first year Right Club program, initial data showed that, compared to non-Right Club students, Right Club students performed slightly better in literacy (reading comprehension) and engagement (personal & intellectual engagement in learning in school). • Right At School’s innovative, proprietary blended training model was recommended by the President of the National AfterSchool Association to serve as a model for an industry-wide apprenticeship in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor. • Dynamic proprietary curriculum written by educational experts features rich thematic units, such as <i>Inventors’ Workshop</i>, <i>Myth Busters</i>, <i>Step into the Story</i>, and <i>Astro Explorers</i>. Kids are so busy having fun with inquiry, experimentation, teamwork, fitness, engineering, and more, they don’t even notice they’re falling in love with learning. • Activities appeal to all types of learners through multi-sensory, multi-intelligence, and multi-cultural engagement in math, science, reading, writing, nature, outdoor learning, creative and performing arts, composition, design, history, commerce, fitness, community service learning, and global diversity. • Leadership opportunities and role experimentation are provided through the Junior Educator program, multi-age peer collaboration, public performances, and child-inspired project-based learning. • Caring, committed, highly trained educators lead a tightly knit afterschool family where they spark critical thinking, teamwork, personal responsibility, and positive identity.
<p>More children and working families need access to affordable afterschool programming.</p>	<p>Right At School’s AVAILABILITY and AFFORDABILITY seek to close the access gap and serve all children.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19.4M U.S. children who need high quality afterschool care currently lack access. • Most heavily affected are low income and minority children, which only perpetuates the achievement gap. • With threats to federal afterschool funding, the need for stable, parent-paid programming is expected to rise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right At School has been rapidly growing to meet parent demand and now serves 30K+ children across North America. • Right At School helps parents access programming by providing affordable tuition, accepting state subsidized assistance, offering numerous scholarships and discounts (free and reduced lunch, military, siblings, school staff), and giving parents highly flexible enrollment options.
<p>Working parents’ careers are positively impacted by quality afterschool care through...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased job attendance, stability, number of hours worked, and advancement (60% parents say afterschool care helps them attend work, keep their job, and work more hours; parents without care miss 8+ days per year related to lack of care) • Decreased worry and elevated workplace productivity (parental worry about afterschool care costs businesses up to \$300B per year in lost productivity) 	<p>Right At School exceeds parents’ needs for FLEXIBILITY and QUALITY.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable, high quality care conveniently located right at their child’s school • Significant flexibility in scheduling and changing schedules as needed • Programming on non-school days, as well as and spring/winter/summer breaks • High commitment to program quality and safety with a low staff to student ratio • Highly trained staff meet or exceed state childcare licensing requirements
<p>Schools SAVE TIME, PERFORM BETTER, and even EARN REVENUE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased focus on academic function, reduced administrative output related to self-operation • Program alignment to district strategic priorities (e.g. STEM, literacy, SEL) • Reinforcement of learning standards and homework completion • Improved academic and behavioral outcomes • Potential for elevated income from revenue share of parent-paid tuition Enhanced support for working families and at-risk students 	<p>Right At School takes afterschool of districts’ plates at NO COST TO THE DISTRICT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All hiring, administrative, supervision, and programming tasks taken off schools, including registration, billing, marketing • Increased alternative revenue generation through a revenue share • Extended support for working parents in the community • Daily homework assistance and curriculum that support standards in English Language Arts, Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Social-Emotional Learning, Fine Arts, and Physical Fitness

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