

Summer 2021

Expanded Learning Programs Are A Partner

WV Statewide Afterschool Network

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- Represent ## afterschool and summer programs statewide
- Reach ## K-12 students and their families
- Offer PD, training and resources to ## educators
- Partner with xxxx
- Leverage resources and expertise of 50 state afterschool network

The Opportunity

Summer and afterschool enrichment programs stand ready to partner with schools to support students this summer and fall. We can offer:

- ✓ More time and staff to engage students in learning activities
- ✓ Opportunities for social, emotional and interpersonal connections
- ✓ Access to supports like physical activity, meals, and mental health
- ✓ Strong communications and connections with families
- ✓ Additional spaces and resources from our community partners including libraries, parks, museums, faith-based organizations, businesses, philanthropy

How School Districts Benefit

Partnering with summer and afterschool enrichment programs can help schools **reach more students and provide:**

- ✓ Access to a variety of facilities and new resources to help teachers engage students in hands-on learning
- ✓ Expanded services: SEL supports, mental health services, family engagement
- ✓ Extended day services for students and working families who need full time programming
- ✓ Specialized support for students who have fallen behind and students with special needs

Why summer and afterschool programs?

- ✓ Proven to help kids reach their full potential
- ✓ Offerings that reinforce classroom learning
- ✓ Programs are established in communities statewide and we've innovated to continue serving during the pandemic
- ✓ Cost-effective, flexible partnerships that can be designed to meet the needs of the local community
- ✓ Strongly connected with families—and in high demand

Proven to Help Kids Reach Their Full Potential

Kids who participate in afterschool and summer enrichment programs:

- ✓ Get excited about learning
- ✓ Attend school more often
- ✓ Behave better in the classroom
- ✓ Make gains in reading and math
- ✓ Improve work habits and grades
- ✓ Develop strong social skills
- ✓ Have higher graduation rates

How We Complement Classroom Learning

- Hands-on project-based learning
- STEM, arts and music
- Planning and preparing for college
- Career exploration, internships, mentoring
- Service learning and community projects
- Youth led learning and social activities
- Physical activity

Among participating students, those from families with low-income demonstrate the greatest gains

Our Reach & Response to COVID-19

We have strong reach, relationships, and trust in communities and with families, especially low-income households. During the pandemic, many programs have expanded their hours and services:

- ✓ serving youth remotely
- ✓ offering in-person supports to help students with remote school requirements
- ✓ checking in to ensure youth and families are safe and supported
- ✓ distributing meals to families
- ✓ serving children of essential workers

Cost-Effective, Flexible Programs

Our program models make good use of local buildings and playgrounds, including: community recreation centers, public libraries, community colleges, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs.

Flexible environment that gives teachers and program staff:

- ✓ freedom to be more individualized in how they work with students
- ✓ ability to collaborate on and coordinate support for students' academic progress
- ✓ resources to support students' social, emotional and mental health
- ✓ opportunities for outdoor education and active play
- ✓ extra hands and tools to help communicate with families and caregivers

Bob Burdette Center, Charleston

Provides homework help, tutoring, social emotional learning and engaging activities through a virtual enrichment program

Partnered with Kanawha County Schools and used its Schoology platform to connect with students using the video conference feature

Kanawha County Schools provided access and training for Center staff



Bob Burdette Center, Charleston

This summer, is working to host a Children's Defense Fund Freedom School—a 6-week summer literacy and cultural enrichment program designed to serve kids living in underserved communities

The curriculum engages kids and their families in learning about

- civic engagement and social action
- intergenerational servant leadership development
- nutrition, health, and mental health

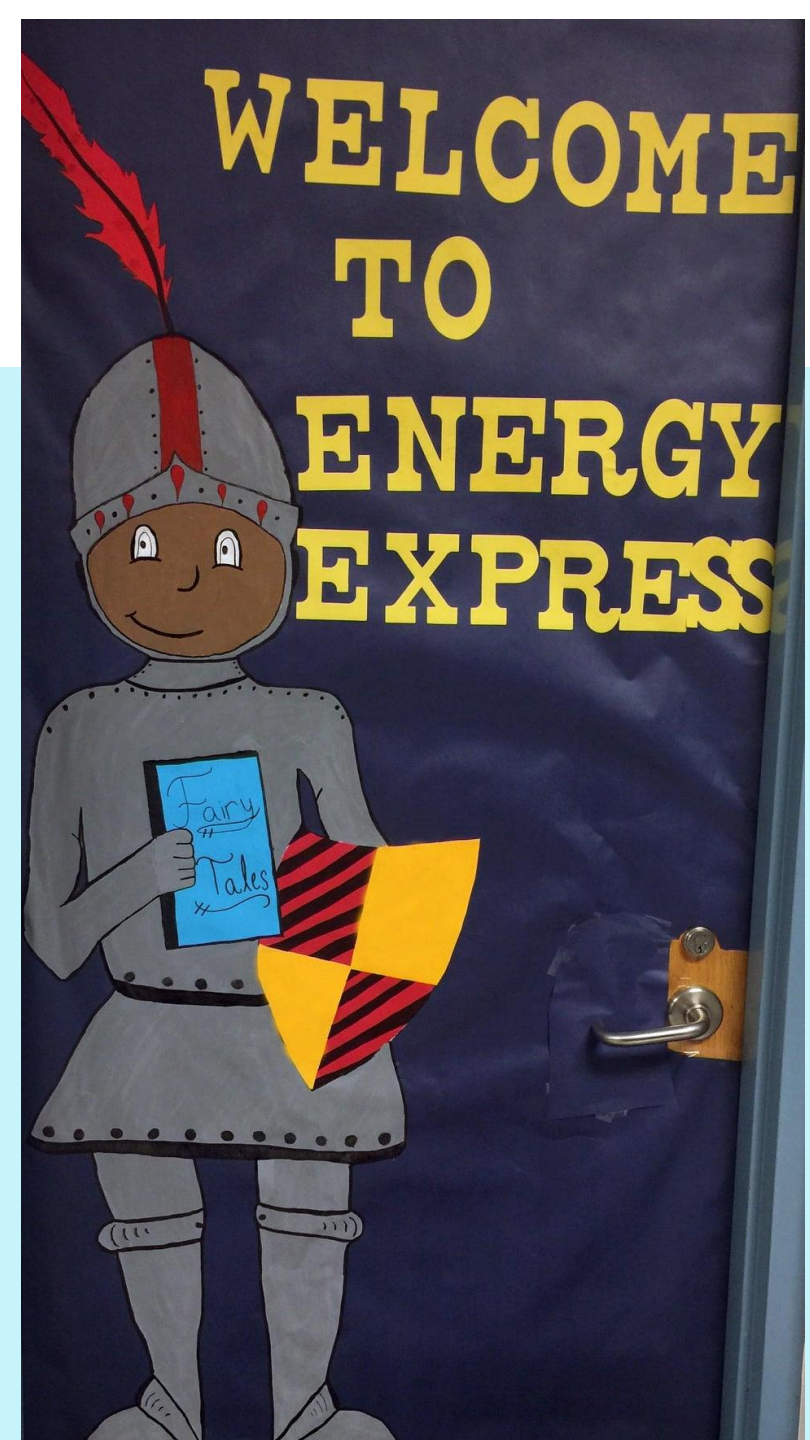


Energy Express

A summer literacy and food security program focused on helping students achieve gains in reading and literacy skills

Active in low-income and rural communities across the state with a program model that:

- engages students in a fun, informal environment
- addresses students' achievement gaps in reading
- is actively involved in the West Virginia Department of Education's Campaign for Grade Level Reading



Energy Express

Unique WVU Extension program that utilizes college students as AmeriCorps members

- Engages students in hands-on, minds-on activities
- Encourages kids to explain their world through their eyes
- Mentors address social and emotional learning through carefully selected readings
- Provides family style meals



KidREACH, Barbour Co.

Works with parents, teachers, volunteers from under-resourced communities to mentor and tutor K-8 students

Focus on hands-on, experiential STEAM learning

Students, parents and teachers develop a personal success plan to guide how students spend 2 hrs/day after school with tutors throughout the academic year

Provides enrichment activities through a federal 21st CCLC grant provided by the U.S. Department of Education



KidREACH, Barbour Co.

During the pandemic, KidREACH provides:

- online homework help with school day teachers
- trainings for families on math and science curriculums and technology, such as Google Classroom
- targeted math and literacy intervention services for students who are struggling
- social-emotional learning activities focused on relieving students' stress, isolation and anxiety



Boys & Girls Club of Parkersburg

Picked up and delivered school meals to families who were without transportation when their school system opened meal distribution sites.

Partnered with the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and neighborhood grocery store to help families get food and hygiene supplies.



Boys & Girls Club of Parkersburg

Using its makerspace and partnering with:

- Ross Foundation
- WVU Parkersburg Entrepreneur Center
- Epicenter in Marietta

the Club created laser-cut face shields and masks for Parkersburg's medical community and first responders



Recruiting Kids & Families For Summer

Together, we can reach and support more students this summer and fall.

Our providers have strong connections and relationships with families. Afterschool and summer enrichment programs are extremely popular among parents.

97% of WV parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program

Parents want these programs for their kids and strongly support public investments in afterschool.

86% of WV parents favor public funding for programs that offer afterschool opportunities

Recruiting Kids & Families For Summer

It's time for kids
to reconnect
and re-engage.

This is Summer Learning
Supporting students' recovery.



What School Districts Can Do

Reach out to local afterschool and summer providers—include them in your planning process for summer

Use ESSER II and other available funds to support students via afterschool and summer enrichment programs

Partner with us to recruit families this summer

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS COST KIDS:

- Learning loss
- Anxiety and stress
- Social isolation

Summer Learning

can change that.



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Possible extra slides?

How can ESSER II Funding Help Ensure Access to Expanded Learning Opportunities?

Ideas for Implementation

- Create or increase access to existing afterschool, summer, or intercession learning opportunities.
- Partner with local community organizations that provide afterschool and summer learning programs to offer youth more opportunities to engage and more access to caring adults.
- Provide on-going, sustainable opportunities for small group programming, including enrichment, tutoring, life-skills development, college and career exposure, and more.
- Increase family engagement and empowerment opportunities.

How can ESSER II Funds Address Learning Loss?

Increase Access for Special Population

- Focus on personalized instruction, family connections and involvement. Any activity allowed under ESEA, IDEA, AEFLA, Perkins, or McKinney-Vento, which all focus on special populations in many ways, are considered allowable expenses.

Support Out-of-School Time Programming

- Increase access to existing afterschool and summer learning programs, encouraging educator participation through stipends, and partnering with local organizations to offer programming.

How can ESSER II Funds Address Learning Loss?

Support Social-Emotional Learning Programming

- Intentionally embed long-term programs to provide mental health and well-being supports that can become part of your school's climate and culture.

Assess Learning Loss and Support

- Incorporate creative enrichment programming that can help students build social-emotional skills, renew interest in learning, and re-engage with school.