

## BRING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO YOUR SCHOOL!

After-school programs can be a great resource for students. They can help build social and emotional skills and can help kids with their grades and behavior during the school day. They can also give parents a safe place for their kids to go while they are still at work. They help provide a safe, fun space to keep kids active and learning!<sup>1</sup>

### Want to bring an after-school program to your school?

Here are some steps to [help get you started](#):

1. Talk to other educators and parents at your school. They may want to find an afterschool program too.
2. Meet with your principal or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to talk about why an after school program would be good for the students and the school.
3. Work together to find a program that is best for your school. Try talking to other schools in your community that have afterschool programs. They may be able to connect you to different types of programs.
  - Use the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) [resource portal](#)
  - Find and apply for free after school programs on the [NYC COMPASS](#) website
4. Spread the word about after-school programs! This can help you get support from educators and families at your school and in the community. You can even plan a [Lights On Afterschool](#) event.
5. Find other resources from organizations like Alliance for a Healthier Generation or Campaign for Children on how to bring an afterschool program to your school. Afterschool Alliance has [resources](#) on how to start an afterschool program in your own school!

### How can my school get free or low cost afterschool programs?

1. "Title 1" schools (schools with a high number of low-income families) can get funding for after-school programs.<sup>2</sup> This would mean there is little to no cost for a family to have a child in after-school.
2. Money to pay for after-school programs can also come through **grants**. Your school can apply for different types of grants.
  - You can find grant opportunities for after school programs online and show them to your principal or other school staff
  - Visit the Afterschool Alliance for a list of after-school grants available: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/fundingData.cfm>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/afterschool-programs/benefits-youth-families-and-communities>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html>