Afterschool programming is known to result in higher graduation rates, improved test scores, and decreased grade retention.

**ACADEMIC BENEFITS**

Afterschool participants are less likely to be involved in risky behavior and juvenile crime, and are encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles through nutritious snacks and physical activity.

**BEHAVIORAL BENEFITS**

High-quality afterschool programs in Kansas offer STEM enrichment activities designed to prepare students for tomorrow’s most in-demand careers.

**CAREER BENEFITS**
Did you know?

**ACADEMIC BENEFITS**

Afterschool programming offers youth many direct academic benefits—homework assistance, tutoring, hands-on learning, reading and writing enrichment, and exposure to visual and performing arts.

Learning in afterschool settings is often enhanced by environments that support personal attention from caring adults, a positive peer group, and activities that hold youth interest and build self-esteem.

**BEHAVIORAL BENEFITS**

Each year Kansas spends over $50 million to put youth in prison or place them outside of their home. Investing that same $50 million in afterschool instead would result in savings of

- $42 million in juvenile and adult crime costs
- $7 million in drug and alcohol addition costs
- $18 million in fewer retention cases and higher graduation rates

It costs $91,433 per year to incarcerate one youth in Kansas. High-quality afterschool programming in Kansas rural areas costs just $805 per student.

**CAREER BENEFITS**

The prosperity of Kansas depends on a skilled, dynamic workforce. Because today’s students are tomorrow’s engineers, medical professionals, and programmers, they need the best possible environment for learning how to be productive and self-sufficient.

Afterschool programming helps children gain workforce skills, such as teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking, while boosting academic skills, and decreasing the likelihood of engagement in risky behaviors.

To learn more about afterschool programming in Kansas, visit our website at kansasenrichment.net

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