



## Los Angeles After 3PM

In a state where instability has become the norm, Los Angeles stands out as a solid provider of afterschool programs for kids. Thanks in large part to California’s After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, a result of the 2002 voter approved initiative, Proposition 49, the percentage of kids in afterschool programs in the city is high. The ASES Program funds local afterschool education and enrichment programs throughout California, including Los Angeles. These programs, provide tutoring and additional learning opportunities for students in kindergarten through ninth grade, are created through partnerships between California’s schools and local community resources. Funding for the program is designed to provide afterschool programs to all elementary, middle and junior high schools throughout California. The current funding level for the ASES Program is \$550 million.

	National %	California %	Los Angeles %	Estimated Number of Kids*
<b>Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>175,485</b>
<b>Percentage of Kids in Self Care</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>129,989</b>
<b>Percentage of Kids in Sibling Care</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>116,990</b>
<b>Percentage of Kids in Summer Learning Programs</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>220,981</b>
<b>Percentage of Parents that Support Public Funding for Afterschool Programs</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86</b>	
<b>Percentage of Parents that Agree that There Should be Some Type of Place For Kids to Go After School Every Day That Provides Opportunities for Them to Learn</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	
<b>Percentage of Parents that Support Public Funding for Summer Learning Programs</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	

The success of the ASES program in increasing afterschool participation in Los Angeles may be attributed in part to the high degree of support for afterschool programs in the city, with more than four in five parents (86%) supporting public funding for afterschool programs and more than nine in ten parents (91%) agreeing that there should be some type of place for kids to go after school every day that provides opportunities for them to learn. Additionally, nearly nine in ten parents (88%) support public funding for summer learning programs. This support for summer learning and afterschool programs is also evident in the number of children participating in these types of expanded learning opportunities. More than 175,000 children (27%) participate in afterschool programs and more than 220,000 children (34%) participate in summer learning programs in Los Angeles.

Even with these encouraging numbers, nearly 130,000 children in Los Angeles (20%) go home to an empty house each day with no enrichment opportunities after school. Though the percentage of children in self care in Los Angeles is lower than the national average, it is imperative that more of these children have access to the great afterschool programs that Los Angeles has to offer. Programs including LA’s Best, Beyond the Bell, After-School All-Stars, Woodcraft Rangers and numerous community based organizations and public schools, are offering quality afterschool experiences for Los Angeles’ children; providing kids with a secure and nurturing environment after school where they can learn and grow.

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is committed to ensuring that all students within LAUSD have access to high quality, safe and supervised educational, enrichment and recreational programs that engage and inspire learning and achievement beyond the regular school day. Beyond the Bell practices that commitment by connecting students and youth to their home, school and community. They offer a variety of programs that are provided and operated by the school district and its partner agencies before, after school and on weekends. Beyond the Bell is currently funded at \$3 million, which complements the federal and state funding available for afterschool in the elementary and middle schools throughout the district. With this combination of funding, all schools deemed as 'in need of improvement' have an educational support and enrichment program that operates after school. In addition to financially supporting programs, LAUSD also demonstrates their commitment to afterschool by supporting a core level of leadership and management for programs at district headquarters. Los Angeles has made it a priority to have strong programs in 30 high schools. All of this equates to enhanced learning opportunities for Los Angeles' children.

LA's BEST provides a safe and supervised after school education, enrichment and recreation program for elementary school children ages 5 to 12 in Los Angeles. The core activities at LA's BEST include: help with homework, a learning activity that boosts core academic skills, something entertaining and a nutritious snack. Despite unprecedented fiscal challenges in Los Angeles, the Mayor of Los Angeles and his budget committee deemed the work of LA's BEST significant enough to include in the General City Purposes Budget for FY2010, reflecting a cut of only 10% from the previous fiscal year. In addition, Los Angeles continues to include LA's BEST in its consolidated community planning, advocating for afterschool funding through the Community Development Block Grant.

While there is much more to be done to ensure that all those who need quality afterschool programs have access to them in Los Angeles, there is reason for hope. Aided by LA's BEST's symbiotic relationship with city government, Beyond the Bell's close ties to the LA Unified School District and strong support from parents and voters, an array afterschool programs across the city are working together to provide enriching afterschool environments for children throughout Los Angeles.

*In Los Angeles, 232 households were surveyed for this study. Among those households, 45 percent qualified for free or reduced price lunch, 34 percent were Hispanic and 12 percent were African-American. \*According to U.S. Census data from 2008, the total school-age population in Los Angeles is 649,945, which is the foundation for all citywide projections in Los Angeles. The margin of error for Los Angeles is +/- 3.5 percent. America After 3PM was designed to be national in scope; therefore, while the data are reliable at the city level, it is important to note that the demographics of the Los Angeles sample may not be reflective of the overall population of Los Angeles city proper.*