

Afterschool Alliance Post-Election Poll

Data are based on an online survey conducted by Lake Research Partners between November 9-14, 2022. The survey reached a total of 1,000 registered voters, with additional samples of 100 Black registered voters, 100 Latinx registered voters, 100 Asian American and Pacific Islander registered voters, and 100 Indigenous registered voters. The margin of error is +/-3.1%.¹

All Survey Respondents:

Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of afterschool programs?

Very or somewhat favorable overall	82%
Very favorable	35%
Somewhat favorable	46%
Somewhat or very unfavorable overall	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%
Very unfavorable	1%
No opinion	11%
Never heard	1%

Number of respondents: 1,400

Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of summer programs?

Very or somewhat favorable overall	78%
Very favorable	33%
Somewhat favorable	46%
Somewhat or very unfavorable overall	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	5%
Very unfavorable	1%
No opinion	11%
Never heard	4%

Number of respondents: 1,400

¹ Totals within questions may be different due to rounding.



Do you want your newly elected federal, state and local leaders to provide MORE funding for afterschool programs?

Yes overall	80%
Yes - strongly	56%
Yes - not so strongly	24%
No overall	12%
No - not so strongly	7%
No - strongly	4%
Not sure	8%

Number of respondents: 1,400

If yes, do you want your newly elected federal, state, and local leaders to provide MORE funding for after school programs even if it means you would pay more in taxes?

Yes, even if I paid more in taxes	67%
No, not if I paid more in taxes	22%
Not sure	11%

Number of respondents: 1,115

Thinking about children and the hours after school, would you say that afterschool programs are an absolute necessity for your community?

Yes overall	79%
Yes - strongly	52%
Yes - not so strongly	27%
No overall	14%
No - not so strongly	10%
No - strongly	3%
Not sure	8%

Number of respondents: 697

Thinking about children and the hours after school, would you say that afterschool and summer programs are an absolute necessity for your community?

Yes overall	83%
Yes - strongly	54%
Yes - not so strongly	29%
No overall	12%
No - not so strongly	9%
No - strongly	3%
Not sure	5%

Number of respondents: 703

As you may know, cities and communities received federal COVID relief funding during the pandemic. Do you agree or disagree that local governments should invest some of the money they received from COVID relief funds into afterschool and summer programs?

Strongly or somewhat agree overall	78%
Strongly agree	46%
Somewhat agree	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%
Somewhat or strongly disagree overall	6%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	3%
Not sure	3%

Number of respondents: 1,400

As you may know, schools received COVID relief funding during the pandemic. Do you agree or disagree that schools should invest some of the money they received from COVID relief funds into afterschool and summer programs?

Strongly or somewhat agree overall	76%
Strongly agree	44%
Somewhat agree	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%
Somewhat or strongly disagree overall	4%

Somewhat disagree	2%
Strongly disagree	3%
Not sure	3%

Number of respondents: 697

As you may know, schools received COVID relief funding during the pandemic. Do you agree or disagree that schools should invest some of the money they received from COVID relief funds into partnerships with community organizations to expand access to afterschool and summer programs?

Strongly or somewhat agree overall	79%
Strongly agree	42%
Somewhat agree	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%
Somewhat or strongly disagree overall	5%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	2%
Not sure	3%

Number of respondents: 703

A new federal education initiative called “Engage Every Student” urges school districts work with community partners to create new or expand existing afterschool programs so that all kids who want a program can attend. Do you agree or disagree that expanding access to afterschool and summer programs should be an important priority?

Strongly or somewhat agree overall	78%
Strongly agree	46%
Somewhat agree	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%
Somewhat or strongly disagree overall	5%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	2%
Not sure	3%

Number of respondents: 1,400

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means you strongly disagree and 10 means you strongly agree.

	Strongly agree (9-10)	Agree overall (6-10)
Afterschool programs provide parents peace of mind knowing that their children are safe and supervised*	58%	87%
Afterschool programs help young people gain foundational skills, like teamwork and communication, that prepare them for the jobs of the future*	53%	86%
Afterschool programs help young people catch up academically and socially from the impacts of the pandemic*	53%	84%
Afterschool programs keep young people safe from crime and violence, as well as help them avoid drug and alcohol use and abuse*	52%	83%
Afterschool programs provide more opportunities for learning for students in underserved communities*	54%	87%
We need more afterschool programs so that students in need of the most help get additional support*	55%	85%
We need afterschool programs more than ever because they inspire children to learn by giving children engaging hands-on and fun projects, opportunities to express themselves creatively, and connecting them with caring adults*	51%	87%
Since the pandemic, we need afterschool programs more than ever because they help young people reach their full potential by providing fun, hands-on learning, and opportunities to build social connections and life skills*	52%	83%
Afterschool programs support young people's social and emotional well-being by helping them develop confidence, communicate and build connections with others, and work in a team*	51%	84%
Afterschool programs are a place where young people can develop a sense of agency, believe in themselves, and gain skills to solve problems they see around them*	53%	85%
High school students would benefit from afterschool programs that help them apply their learning and act to solve real world problems*	50%	81%

Number of respondents: Split sampled questions either have 697 or 703 responses. Split sample questions are denoted by an asterisk.

How important to you is it that schools ensure children have access to afterschool programs that provide them with hands-on activities that complement lessons from the school day, time to communicate and collaborate with their peers, and give them the freedom to explore topics that interest them?

Extremely or very important overall	69%
Extremely important	38%
Very important	31%
Moderately important	20%
A little or not at all important overall	8%
A little important	5%
Not important at all	3%
Not sure	3%

Number of respondents: 1,400