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Afterschool Centers on EducationTM

Success – A Texas State of MindTM

What is ACETM?

Texas Afterschool Centers on EducationTM (ACE), administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), is a structured, safe, and supervised place for learning and social interaction.

ACE provides extended learning opportunities for children and their families and offers innovative, hands-on activities that reinforce and complement students' regular academic programs. These before and afterschool activities are based on research and best practices and include academic enrichment, challenging curriculum, and tutorial services.

ACE strives to increase promotion and graduation rates and helps students prepare for college and the workplace.

***Research shows that when families are involved, students perform better in school...and beyond!**

What are the Goals of ACE?

All ACE programs strive to improve

- Academics
- Attendance
- Behavior
- Promotion rates
- Graduation rates
- College and career readiness

ACE offers a variety of before and afterschool services, programs, and activities that engage students and allow for more learning to take place in the day. Services are also offered to immediate family members of students who participate in the afterschool program.

For Students and Siblings

- Academic support
- Science & technology education
- Enrichment programs
- Character education
- Drug- and violence-prevention
- Community service

For Parents

- English language classes
- Health and fitness
- Computer literacy
- Resume assistance
- Time management training
- Parenting seminars/classes

Activities and programs are customized by each center and may vary accordingly.





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What are the Benefits of ACE?

A main focus of ACE is to prepare students for graduation, college, and the workforce, ultimately becoming engaged contributors of the community.

ACE students are **more likely** to:

- Attend school
- Improve math, reading, science, and social studies skills
- Develop better social skills and learn to handle conflicts
- Build self-esteem and confidence in academic abilities
- Pass core subjects
- Complete high school
- Be prepared for college and the workforce
- Have higher aspirations for the future

How Can I Support My Local ACE?

ACE receives limited funding. As a result, ACE relies heavily on in-kind contributions, partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and volunteers. ACE may also benefit from resources such as supplies, food/beverages, activity speakers, etc. Your local ACE needs your help to create an enduring afterschool community program and all levels of support are welcome. Below are some of the many types of support you can provide your local ACE:

- In-kind contributions
- Tutor, mentor, chaperone
- Activity presenter/coordinator
- Job shadowing opportunities
- Food/beverages
- Educational programs
- Supplies (pens, paper, equipment, etc.)

Please contact your local ACE to volunteer your time and/or provide other needed resources.

How Can the Community Benefit from ACE?

ACE is committed to building strong partnerships with businesses and organizations such as yours to create enduring afterschool community centers. Below are some of the many benefits your business/organization may receive as a proud supporter of ACE:

- Recognition in various forums, such as in community newsletters/newspapers or at ACE special events
- Sticker recognizing your support of ACE, which can be displayed in your business/organization
- Opportunities to foster relationships with other local businesses/organizations that support ACE
- Ability to help
 - Create a stronger, more efficient, workforce
 - Build an enduring afterschool center
 - Create a positive and long-lasting impact on your community
 - Make a significant difference in the lives and futures of children and families in need

To learn more about ACE, visit www.TexasACE21.org

* An-Me Chung and the U.S. Department of Education. After-School Programs: Keeping Children Safe and Smart.
NWREL-After-School Programs: Good for Kids, Good for Communities
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Census Bureau
Urban Institutes Estimate, 2000

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