

Fast Facts

What CSCMC Knows About Out-of-School Time (OST) Programs

- Children who are unsupervised after school are:
 - In danger of becoming victims of crimes or accidents.
 - more likely to engage in risky behaviors.
 - at risk of falling behind academically, socially, and emotionally.
 - at a higher risk of engaging in substance abuse, gangs, and dropping out of school.
- Parents of children who participate in OST programs report that kids develop social skills, make better decisions, have improved behavior at school, are excited about learning, gain skills in STEM, and have higher graduation rates.
- Youth access to enrichment activities is highly dependent on family income.
- OST programs provide youth with safety and supervision.
- OST programs can support student academic achievement and may play a role in reducing health disparities.
- OST programs that follow evidence-based practices aimed at improving personal/social skills in youth are linked with positive social behaviors.
- Research shows that high quality OST programs positively impact: social and emotional skills, school grades, standardized test scores, school attendance, and on-time grade promotion.

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What CSCMC Knows About School-to-Work and Job Connection Programs

- School-to-Work Programs are beneficial to both students and businesses.
 - Students benefit from learning about careers and gain a better understanding of the workforce experience.
 - Businesses benefit from receiving newer skills and higher productivity from the students.
- Students learn most effectively if they are taught skills in the context in which they will use those skills.
- Students are being taught skills which enable them to make a decent living upon graduation and gives meaning to their high school careers. Thus, it is likely the dropout rate and discipline problems are reduced.
- The emphasis is moved from short-lived, rote memory exercises toward applied learning. Students gain actual work experience in school, while developing potential contacts that may broaden employment options.
- Students are given a chance to explore the careers they are interested in before attending college. This saves students both time and money in preparing for their career.
- School-to-Work programs integrate a system of youth education, job training, and labor market information to provide a faster and more successful transition from school to stable employment.