

California After School & Rural After School At a Glance

California's Rural Students

- California's public school students rank as the 10th largest absolute rural school enrollment in the U.S.
- More than half of the state's rural students are minorities, and more than one in four is an English Language Learner.
- 85.8% of rural students in California live in poverty. This is over 20% above the National average. Only four states in the nation have higher rural student poverty rates than California. (MS, SC, AL, NM)

After School Program Funding in California

California leads the nation in state after school funding with its After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program. ASES programs in combination with Federally funded, state administered 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) programs, are able to offer publicly funded after school programs to the following number of sites:

<u>Total Number of Publicly Funded After School Program Sites in California</u>

Elementary and Middle School Sites: 4,517 High School Sites: 345

Students Potentially Served by California After School Programs

Funding is available to serve *over 400,000 Students per day*

State Funding per student per day

\$7.50 (Elementary and Middle School)

Funding includes safe supervision, academic enrichment, recreation, and physical activity, as well as a nutritious snack.

After School Program Participation in California

Top Providers

In California, the public schools are the largest provider of after school programs. YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, religious organizations and the city or town round out the top five providers of after school programs in the state.

Statewide Participation

19% (1,284,233) of California's K-12 children participate in after school programs. On average, after school participants spend 9 hours per week in after school programs. Participation averages 3 days per week.

Public Support

91% of adults surveyed in California agree that there should be "some type of organized activity or place for children and teens to go after school every day that provides opportunities to learn"

86% support public funding for after school programs.

^{*} Source: Why Rural Matters - 2009

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