

Racine Afterschool

Out of school time programs can provide children and teens the opportunities to learn and grow with positive, measurable results.



Out-of-school time is defined as all the hours before school, after school, weekends, school holidays, and summer. Out of school time opportunities generally refer to safe, structured programs which offer school-age children a range of activities that are designed to enhance learning and help social, academic, and physical development.

Did you know...?

Racine has major concerns for its youth including a graduation rate of about 71 percent, the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the state, and incidence of juvenile crime with more than 5,000 apprehensions each year.

Risky behavior

- 18-25% of students in grade 7-12 report gambling, shoplifting, drinking, using drugs or being sexually active.
- 47% of students say they like to do exciting things even though they know they are dangerous.

Out of school time activity

- 54% of the students spend three or more hours per week in sports, clubs or programs at school and/or in community organizations.
- 20% spend three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater or other arts.
- 54% of students say they spend three or more evenings per week out with friends with “nothing special to do.”

The older the student, the less likely they are to participate in afterschool activities. Fewer males than females participate in out of school activities, (except for sports), and Hispanic students participate less than any other racial/ethnic group.

Vision of Success

Every child in the Greater Racine Area should have opportunities to participate in safe, high quality after school, weekend and summer programs that are conveniently located and easily accessible with age-appropriate content that meets their needs and interests.

Community Challenge

Engage additional students (those not currently participating in afterschool activities) in programming three or more hours per week, and we will see a myriad of positive results. These include improved school performance and decreases in risky behaviors that would result in a significant increase in the Racine Unified School District high school graduation rate.



Throughout the Greater Racine Area, there are more than 600 programs offered to elementary, middle and high school students. The programs take place in schools, churches, child care center, nonprofit organizations, community centers and local businesses covering a wide range of activities including homework assistance, academic skill development, fine arts experiences, and recreation.

Most programs are not “filled to capacity” in terms of number of participants and most report being able to adjust to handle more if the demand is there. More than half of local students say they are not participating in any type of afterschool program, from sports to the arts to homework assistance.

In response to the need for easily accessible afterschool program information by the public (students, parents, educators or social service professionals), a new resource Web site has been established:

<http://racineafterschool.unitedwayracine.org>

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