



STEM Learning Opportunities Matter

NEW AMERICA AFTER 3 PM DATA SHOWS ARIZONA PARENTS VALUE STEM LEARNING AFTERSCHOOL



A special report released last week, [Full STEM Ahead: Afterschool Programs Step Up as Key Partners in STEM Education](#), finds broad support among Arizona parents for providing STEM learning in afterschool.

However, parents of children in Arizona programs say that their children's afterschool programs do not provide all the STEM opportunities they would like.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT:

- ➔ **71% of Arizona parents think afterschool programs SHOULD provide STEM opportunities**
- ➔ **66% of Arizona parents agree that afterschool programs can help students gain STEM skills**
- ➔ **59% of Arizona parents consider STEM as a factor when selecting their child's afterschool program**
- ➔ **46% of Arizona parents whose children attend afterschool programs say that the program provides STEM activities**
- ➔ **89% of those parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool STEM programming**

Full STEM Ahead offers recommendations to reduce missed opportunities in afterschool STEM education, including:

- engaging & educating parents about the importance of afterschool STEM
- increasing technology and engineering programming
- strengthening & increasing STEM community partnerships
- improving assessment measures; and
- increasing investment in afterschool programs.

Bottom line: STEM opportunities are important to the families you serve. Interested in incorporating STEM activities or ramping up your existing STEM program but not sure where to start? Here are some resources to help you along the way:

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