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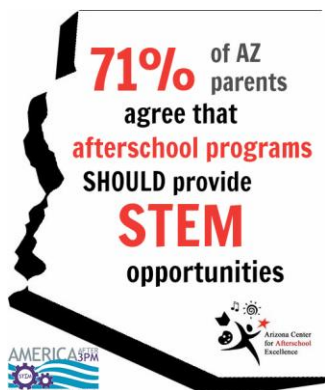
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Check out the Arizona After 3PM STEM Statistics on the [national Afterschool Alliance page](#).

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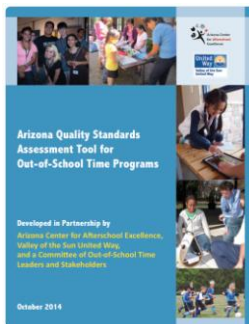
AzCASE
congratulates Tempe
Elementary School
District
for voting

unanimously to adopt
the Arizona Quality

Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs.
Tempe ESD is the third school district to adopt
the Quality Standards for implementation in
their OST programs.



Quality Program Self-Assessment: The key to positive youth outcomes



The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and the Valley of the Sun United Way will formally launch the **Arizona Quality Self-Assessment Tool (AzQSAT)** next week in conjunction with the national Lights On Afterschool celebration. The **AzQSAT** is a new online resource for

out-of-school time programs that directly aligns with the **Arizona Quality Standards for OST Programs**.

Once launched, the AzQSAT will allow programs to create their own accounts **giving them access to use the tool to measure their program's quality** in the same seven focus areas outlined by the Arizona Quality Standards. The new software will also score each program's performance in the seven focus areas and **provide specific resources that a program can then use to**

Count! Arizona Out-of-School Time Conference just keeps getting bigger and better than ever!

We're nearly at capacity for our annual professional development conference!

**SCHOOL'S OUT,
MAKE IT COUNT
10.24.2015**



Registration is limited, so [register now](#) before the cut-off!

Mott & OST Support National Initiative

Every Student, Every Day: A National Initiative to Address and Eliminate Chronic Absenteeism was just launched to support President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative with coordinated community action that addresses chronic absenteeism affecting millions of youth each year. With a diverse coalition of local stakeholders working together to engage and support students who are chronically absent, youth and family outcomes of entire communities can be dramatically improved.

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation will support this new national initiative to prevent chronic absenteeism with up to \$1 million, helping incorporate OST programs as part of the solution.

Research shows that **participation in quality afterschool programs can**

create a continuous quality improvement plan. A proposed quality improvement plan template will also be available online.

More details about how to access this valuable new resource will follow next week's launch.

AzCASE Executive Director Retiring New Executive Director Recruitment Underway



Melanie McClintock, our Executive Director for the past seven years recently announced her retirement effective early next year.

The **Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence** is seeking a visionary, passionate and experienced professional to succeed her.

Knowledge of positive youth development, nonprofit management, fundraising and afterschool/informal learning is required.

The Executive Director must be a results driven, strategic thinker who can support and lead the statewide afterschool network. S/he must be outgoing, willing to travel the state, secure operational and programmatic revenue to grow the organization and make public presentations to diverse audiences statewide.

View the full details about the position on our [Resource](#) page.

American After 3PM STEM Report

At a time when many experts are concerned that U.S. students are not prepared for a changing economy



that relies on STEM, **most parents in AZ say OST programs should provide opportunities to explore and engage in hands-on STEM learning**, according to a household survey commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance.

The Afterschool Alliance released a special report, **Full STEM Ahead: Afterschool Programs Step Up as Key Partners in STEM Education**, which found broad support among AZ parents for providing STEM learning in OST. However,

lead to improved student outcomes, like better grades, active youth engagement, positive social behavior and improved school attendance.

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parents of children in AZ programs said that their children's afterschool programs do not provide all the STEM opportunities they would like.

[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.

[Find Arizona-specific information on our site!](#)

Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

Melanie, Franny, Genevieve & Caitlin
The AzCASE Team

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