



Protect California's Afterschool Programs:

\$112.8 Million Budget Increase Needed to Keep Children Learning and Keep Parents Working

Background: Research proves that afterschool programs help children learn, grow, and avoid risky behaviors. Students get better grades and gain the skills to prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow.

California's After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program

- Serve more than **400,000 students at 4,200 schools** each day.
- Operate in the highest poverty communities to ensure that underserved students get the exposure, skills, and experiences essential for all children's development and future.

The Benefits of Public Afterschool Programs

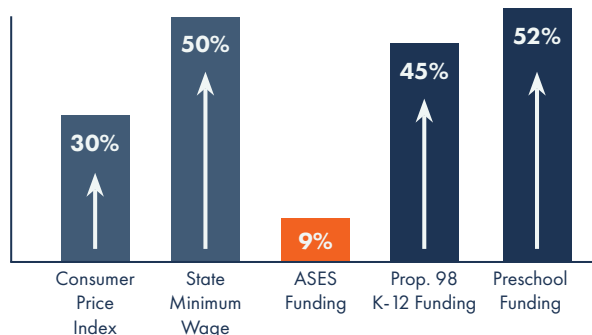
- Improve school attendance and reduce dropout rates.
- Help English Language Learners transition to proficiency.
- Expand STEAM learning and develop workforce skills.
- Build social-emotional skills, health, and nutrition.
- Prevent and reduce youth substance use and abuse.
- Reduce juvenile crime by keeping students engaged during the prime time for crime involving children.
- Allow working parents to keep their jobs by providing critical childcare for children ages 6 to 15.
- **Savings:** Every **\$1** invested in afterschool programs **saves \$2-\$9** by increasing earning potential, improving academic achievement, and reducing juvenile crime.

The Problem: Insufficient funding puts children at risk of losing their afterschool programs

While the costs and responsibilities of ASES programs have consistently increased, the state's investment in afterschool has not kept pace for over a decade. Today, 91,000 children risk losing their afterschool program if we don't act now.

The Solution: Provide the state funding required to keep ASES programs open for children and families across California, especially those struggling to make ends meet.

Percent increase since 2007, when ASES was implemented



Costs to operate programs have risen, and the state minimum wage has **increased 50%**. Comparable educational programs have benefited from significant funding increases, while ASES programs have been left behind.

1. Increase ongoing state funding by \$112.8 million, starting in FY 19-20

This would raise the daily formula to \$9.75 per student, which reflects the state's share of the market cost of quality afterschool programs and would keep pace with the 2019 state minimum wage.

2. Tie future increases to increases in minimum wage and cost of living

To make sure we don't end up in the same position year after year, it is critical to include a funding mechanism to adjust with future state minimum wage increases and rising cost of living.

According to a 2017 survey representing more than 200 school districts, without additional funding **98%** of programs will be negatively impacted:

- **66%** of students in ASES programs will have reduced academic supports like tutoring
- **49%** of programs will serve fewer students
- **22%** of programs are very likely to close their doors by 2020, denying access to about **91,000** students

For additional information visit www.saveafterschool.com

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From \$48.983 billion in 2006-07 to \$71.242 billion in Governor's proposed 2019-20 budget. <https://lao.ca.gov/Education/EdBudget/Details/204>

Preschool funding increase

From \$8,223 full-day in 2006-07 to \$12,070 in the enacted 2018-19 budget. <https://lao.ca.gov/reports/2018/3870/spending-plan-2018.pdf>; https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/technical_reports/2007/RAND_TR538.pdf. The Governor's January budget proposal would increase rates by another 3.46% through a COLA. <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2019-20/pdf/BudgetSummary/K-12Education.pdf>

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