

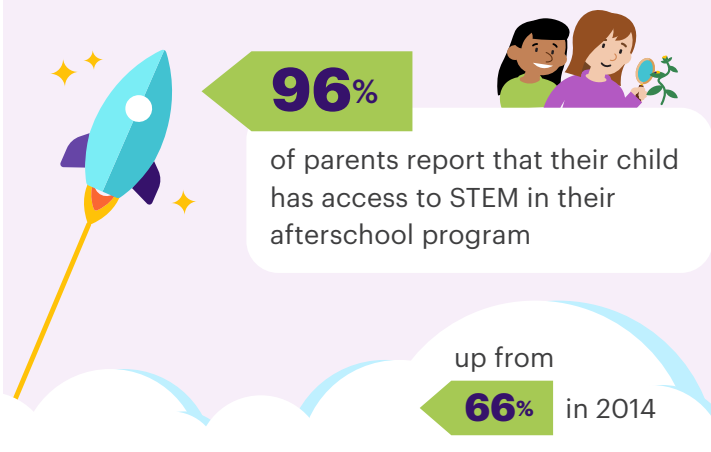
# Afterschool STEM Takes Off

Programs Offer More STEM Than Ever, But Too Many Young People Still Miss Out

Afterschool programs in Virginia have stepped up to engage kids in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

TODAY, MOST YOUNG PEOPLE IN AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM IN VIRGINIA ARE ENGAGING WITH STEM.

VIRGINIA PARENTS WANT AFTERSCHOOL STEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR KIDS.



**APPROXIMATELY 7 in 10** parents say they want STEM in their child's afterschool program

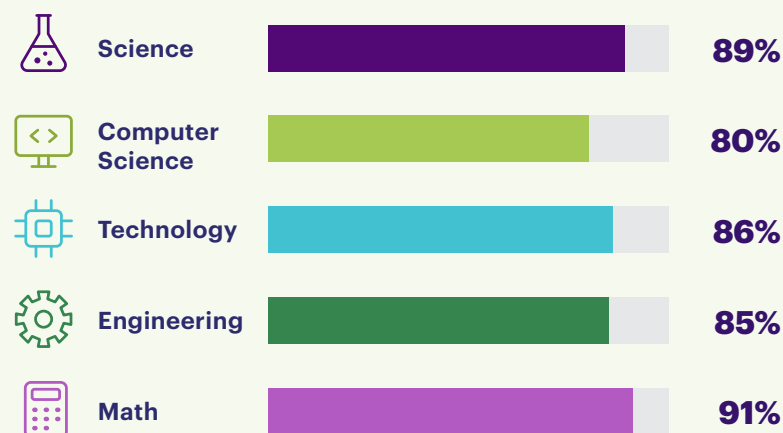
**NEARLY 4 in 5** parents say afterschool programs help children gain STEM interests and skills



AMONG VIRGINIA PARENTS WHOSE CHILD'S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM OFFERS STEM, **60%** SAY THEIR CHILD ENGAGES IN STEM AT LEAST **TWICE A WEEK**.

CHILDREN IN VIRGINIA HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH A RANGE OF STEM SUBJECTS IN THEIR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM.

Percentage of parents reporting their child's afterschool programs offers the following topics:



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN VIRGINIA OFFER STEM IN A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS.

Top 5 locations:

- 1 Public or charter school
- 2 Private school
- 3 Boys & Girls Club
- 4 City or town facility
- 5 Childcare center



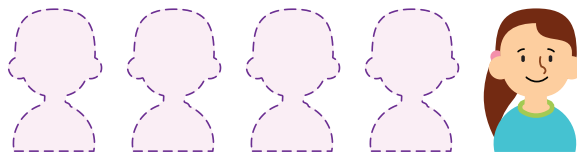
### VIRGINIA PARENTS VALUE SUMMER STEM.

When selecting a summer program, 60% of parents in Virginia report that STEM learning opportunities are important.

But, only 17% of parents with a child in a summer program report that their child participated in a summer STEM camp.

### AND ACCESS TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IS STILL A CHALLENGE FOR MANY FAMILIES IN VIRGINIA.

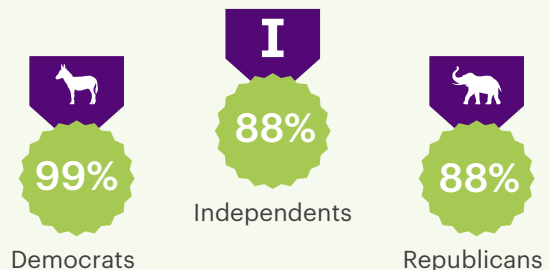
**4 in 5** Virginia children are missing out on afterschool.



Parents of **745,577** children want afterschool programs—but **600,092** don't have access.

### VIRGINIA PARENTS SUPPORT ACCESS AND FUNDING.

More than 5 in 6 Virginia parents (86%) agree that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs and about 9 in 10 (91%) are in favor of public funding for afterschool opportunities. Across political affiliations, support for public funding is high.



### What You Can Do

Learn more and see recommendations for action at [aa3pm.co](https://aa3pm.co)

### About the Survey

*America After 3PM* is a national online survey of parents or guardians of school-aged children, with supplemental interviews conducted by telephone. Data were collected by Edge Research on behalf of the Afterschool Alliance. In Virginia, 662 households and 1,057 children were screened for this study. Child-level statewide projections are based on total school enrollment numbers for the 2021-2022 school year from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.

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