Quick Look at Afterschool Programs in NH

Elementary & middle school students in NH gave us their top three reasons for attending an afterschool program:

1. **Home-work help**

   More than half of students who regularly attended an academically focused afterschool program in NH improved their overall academic performance.

2. **Spend time with friends**

   A sense of belonging has been linked to student success. Afterschool programs provide a space for youth to connect with peers and form friendships.

3. **Be in a safe place**

   Youth are more likely to be the victim of violent crime between 3 and 6pm. It is also the time when kids are most likely to experiment with drugs and alcohol.

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Parents in NH gave us their top three reasons for sending their child to an afterschool program:

1. Homework help
   NH teachers reported that students showed major improvement in homework completion & accuracy after attending an afterschool program.

2. High-quality staff
   Many NH afterschool programs employ staff with a bachelor’s degree or higher & turnover rates are low which helps build trust between staff & students.

3. Safe environment
   NH has over 500 licensed before & afterschool sites around the state. Licensed programs must follow strictly enforced health and safety guidelines.

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