



MEDIA ALERT for August 26, 2026

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**New Study Exploring Access to STEM Learning After School
To Be Released Wednesday, August 26**

***‘Afterschool STEM Takes Off’ Will Provide State-Level & National Data
On Growth and Gaps for STEM in Afterschool Programs***

Do students have access to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning after the school day ends? How many parents of afterschool students report their children engage in STEM learning, and how often? Has that changed over time? Does access to afterschool STEM differ by family income and community type? Which STEM disciplines do parents prioritize when choosing afterschool programs? Who is most likely to miss out?

The Afterschool Alliance will help answer these and other questions when it releases *Afterschool STEM Takes Off*, a new study of STEM learning in afterschool programs, on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Washington, D.C. The study is based on a survey of 30,515 U.S. parents of school-age children who live in their households. It will be released at:

**11 AM on Wednesday, August 26, 2026
American Association for the Advancement of Science
1200 New York Ave NW, Washington, D.C.**

WITH

Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance

Emma Banay, Senior Portfolio Manager, Future Readiness, Overdeck Family Foundation

Cindy Martin, Founder & CEO, Better than School Enterprises, Newton’s Thinkers 21st Century Community Learning Center program, Prince George’s County, Maryland

Anita Krishnamurthi, Senior VP, STEM and Youth Civic Engagement, Afterschool Alliance

Stephanie Rodriguez, Director, STEMM Opportunity Alliance, AAAS

Hilary Lozar, STEM Program Coordinator, Boys & Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation and Lake County, Montana

The briefing is open to the media and will also be live-streamed. Register for the livestream [here](#) and *please be sure to check the box noting you are with the media, so we can prioritize your questions.*

An EMBARGOED copy of the study is available to media beginning on Monday, August 24. Request a copy from lisa@prsolutionsdc.com or magen@prsolutionsdc.com.

Edge Research collected and analyzed the data for *Afterschool STEM Takes Off*, which is part of the *America After 3PM* series of household surveys dating back to 2004. The STEM findings are based on research funded by Overdeck Family Foundation.

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.