

Out-of-School Time STEM Survey

FAQs

What is this survey?

This survey is a collaboration between Oregon Afterschool for Kids and the Afterschool Alliance. It aims to capture data from out-of-school programs that will allow OregonASK to map where science, technology, education, and mathematics (STEM) opportunities for students currently exist, what those opportunities look like, and to pinpoint where the need for out-of-school STEM opportunities is the greatest. The data from this survey will be shared with lawmakers in order to promote legislation and funding that will support out-of-school STEM programs. For more information on the survey and what it will be used for, please see our Information Sheet.

Who should take it?

If you are the program manager, coordinator, or director of an out-of-school time program for school and college-aged students, you should take the survey. (Please see the section below for an explanation of out-of-school programs, and what types of programs should take the survey). Because of the broad range of topics covered by this survey, we think program managers, coordinators, and directors are best suited to answer all the questions. If you feel you do not fit that description, or feel there is someone better equipped to complete the survey, please forward the survey to them and ask them to complete it. Topic areas in the survey include: General Program Information, Youth Participation, Program Design and Delivery, Funding and Costs, Staff and Professional Developments, Partnerships, and Evaluation.

What are out-of-school time programs? How do I know if my program should take the survey?

Out-of-school programs refer to programs for school and college-aged students that take place when the students are not in school. This includes: programs that occur before/after school, on evenings, during weekends, summer, and holidays. This survey targets out-of-school programs; please see directly below for specifics on what programs should take the survey.

Programs that SHOULD take the survey

If your program fits the above description for an out-of-school program, you should take the survey. **All programs for students that take place before/after school, on evenings, during weekends, summer and holidays should take the survey.**

Programs that should NOT take the survey

If you run a program for school or college-aged students that takes place during their normal in-school time, you should **not** take this survey. We acknowledge the great work you do for our students, but this survey is targeted specifically at out-of-school time programs.

How long will it take?

We estimate that the survey will take an average of 20 minutes to complete. We know that is a lot of time and that many of you are busy, so your time in taking the survey is much appreciated. This survey is long because we are trying to capture a complete and comprehensive picture of out-of-school time STEM programming in Oregon, and use that information to communicate with elected officials on behalf of out-of-school STEM programs.

What if I manage a program that has multiple sites? Do I need to fill out a survey for each site?

You do not need to fill out a survey for each site! We only need one survey per program or organization. However, we do want to know how many sites are operated by your program or organization. On the survey, there is a question that asks you to list how many sites are connected with your organization, and how many of those sites offer STEM programming. If you offer STEM programming at multiple sites, you will be asked to list the addresses of each of the sites. Please list this information **completely**. The addresses are our checkpoint to make sure we are not collecting data on the same site twice! Additionally, we will map the data from the survey, and use that map to identify which geographic areas in Oregon have gaps in STEM opportunities for students. We need address information for all programs and all sites for that map to be as accurate as possible.

Additionally, if your program has **multiple** sites, please answer questions with all of your sites in mind (e.g., for the question that asks how many students your program serves, please include all of your sites in your answer).

If you manage multiple program sites that are **not a part of the same organization**, please fill out a survey for each organization that you run sites for.

What if I run a program that does not offer STEM curriculum?

Information on your program is still valuable to us! Please fill out the survey to reflect your program and what it offers.

What if I don't know the exact numbers the survey asks for?

That's fine. Most of the time, the survey asks for general estimates rather than exact numbers. For example, if the survey asks for how many students participate in your program on a daily basis and you don't have the exact numbers, please just make your best estimate.

How do I take it?

If you return to the email this FAQ was attached to, there will be a link to the survey. Clicking that link will take you directly to the survey. We are using Survey Monkey to collect data for the survey.

Alternatively, you may use this web address to go directly to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/oregonstemsurvey>

What will happen if I don't take it?

We will be collecting data from June through November. If we don't hear back from you and you don't take the survey, we will follow up with you to make sure you have the correct link and understand the purpose of the survey. Our goal is to get as many programs as possible to respond!

For additional question and concerns, please contact:

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