

## How can the community benefit from and support ACE?

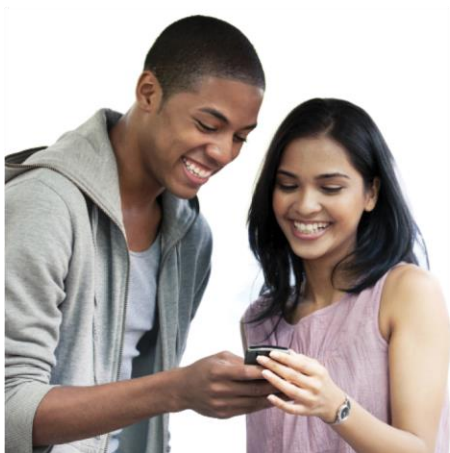
ACE is committed to building strong partnerships with businesses and organizations to create enduring afterschool community centers.

Community partnerships create a shared ability to help:

- create a stronger, more efficient workforce
- build an enduring center to provide a safe place for children before school, after school, and during the summer
- create a positive and long-lasting impact on the local community
- make a significant difference in the lives and futures of children and families in need

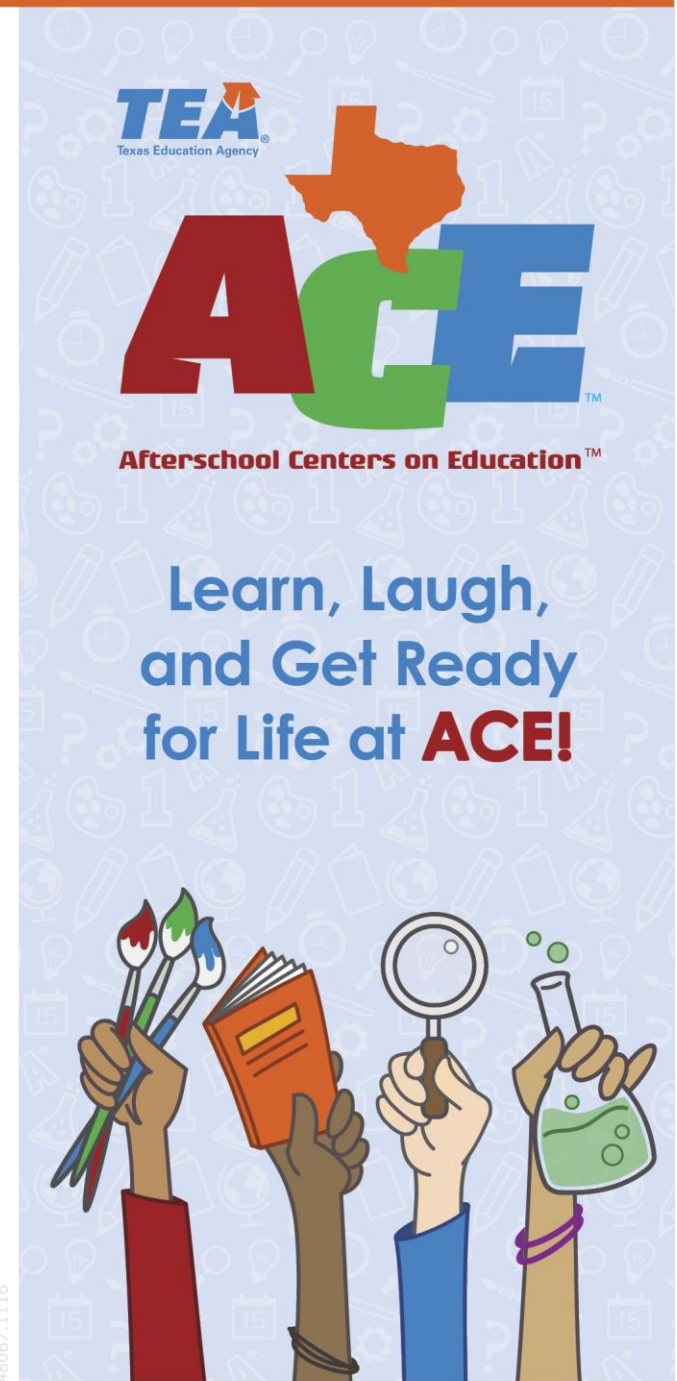
The program's funding is limited to 3-5 years. As a result, ACE relies heavily on in-kind contributions, partnerships with local businesses, community-based organizations, and volunteers. ACE may also benefit from resources such as supplies, food/beverages, activity speakers, etc. YES PREP ACE needs your help to create an enduring afterschool community-based program, and all levels of support are welcome. Below are some of the many types of support you can provide or roles you can fill:

- In-kind contributions
- Tutor, mentor, chaperone
- Activity presenter/coordinator
- Job shadowing opportunities
- Food/beverages
- Educational programs
- Supplies (pens, paper, equipment, backpacks, etc.)



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## What is ACE?

Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE), administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), offer structured, safe, and supervised places for learning and social interaction.

ACE provides expanded learning opportunities for children and their families and offers innovative, hands-on activities that reinforce and complement students' regular academic programs. These before- and afterschool activities are based on research and best practices and include academic enrichment, challenging curriculum, and tutorial services.

ACE strives to increase promotion and graduation rates and to help prepare students for college and the workplace.

## What are the goals of ACE?

All ACE programs strive to improve

- Academic performance
- Schoolday attendance
- Positive behavior
- Grade promotion rates
- Graduation rates
- College and career readiness

ACE offers a variety of before- and afterschool services, programs, and activities that engage students and allow for more learning to take place during the school day. Services are also offered to immediate family members of students who participate in the afterschool program.

### For students and siblings

- Karate
- Dance
- Homework Help
- Sports
- Art
- Music

### For parents

- ESL
- Financial Literacy
- Computer Literacy
- Library Skills
- Crime Stoppers
- Zumba

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ACE by visiting  
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## What are the benefits of ACE?

A main focus of ACE is preparing students for graduation, college, and the workforce so that they ultimately become engaged contributors to the community.



Students who regularly participate in ACE benefit from:

- a free, safe, and engaging place to spend time before school, after school, and during the summer
- opportunities to participate in innovative enrichment activities such as
- needs-based academic assistance aligned with the school day
- targeted activities to promote college and career readiness such as
- caring relationships with adults
- increased likelihood of attending school, developing better social/emotional skills, and advancing to the next grade level

