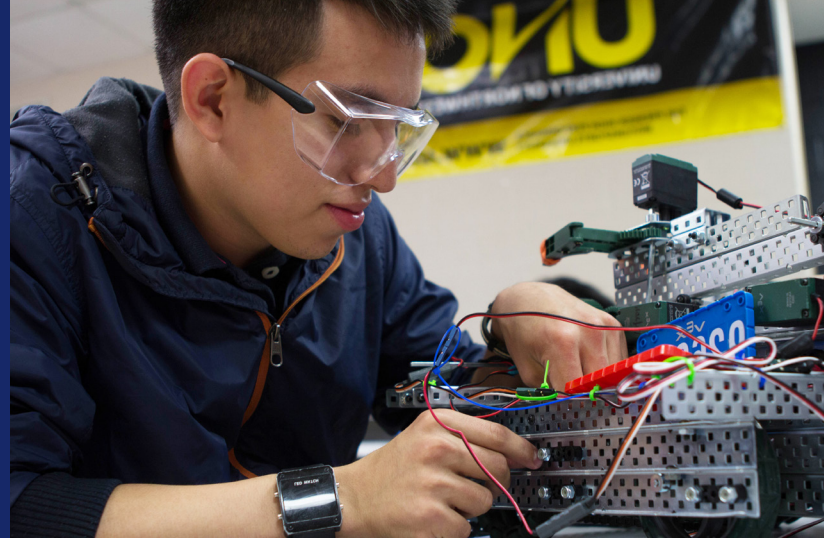


Spotlight on Comprehensive Out-of-School Time Programs



Comprehensive out-of-school time (OST) providers offer free and low-cost programming to Colorado youth, every day after school and for most of the summer. Tens of thousands of Colorado youth participate in these programs while their parents are at work.

Comprehensive OST programs operate at the nexus of schools, families, and communities to expand learning opportunities for youth. They provide time for deeper learning and enrichment, creative spaces for exploring careers, and caring mentors who are trained to help youth build healthy relationships and develop leadership and workforce skills. OST programs build on what elementary and middle school students learn in school.

Value of Comprehensive OST Programs

OST programs use evidence-based practices to support the needs of youth, families, and communities. Decades of data show comprehensive programs:

-  Support kids' social and emotional development
-  Accelerate learning gains and improve reading & math skills
-  Prevent youth violence
-  Boost on-time graduation



Colorado comprehensive OST programs help working parents keep their jobs.

What Does Comprehensive Out-of-School Time Look Like?

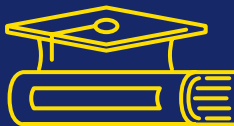
Hands-on, project-based learning



STEM, arts, and music



Planning and preparing for college



Youth-led learning and social activities



Physical activity and healthy food



Wrap-around and emergency supports for families



Academic enrichment and support



Trusted, responsive community resource



Culturally relevant



Career awareness, exploration, and preparation



Service learning and community projects