

AfterSchool Programs:

A Vision for Middle Level Students in Blaine County

Wood River Middle School,
Blaine County Recreation District,
and St. Luke's YAK!

2010 Developmental Assets Survey in Blaine County

Average number of Assets	20
National Average	18.6

Overall, a community of students with strong academic achievement and social support network.

Above national averages in many of the 40 Asset categories.

From 2010 Developmental Assets Survey

Wood River Middle School

675 students

	<u>6th</u>	<u>8th</u>
Spends 2 hours or more alone at home during each school day * represents approximately 230 students per day at WRMS	27%	41%
Involved in creative activities (3+ hours/week)	20%	22%
Involved in youth programs (3+ hours/week) * National average: 57% for Grades 6-12	64%	65%
Not involved in youth programs * represents approximately 236 students	36%	35%
Used alcohol once or more in the last 30 days	13%	23%
Used marijuana once or more in the past 12 months	5%	25%
Shoplifted once or more in the last 12 months	12%	33%
Has had sexual intercourse one or more times	5%	20%

Benefits of Afterschool Programs

...afterschool programs...were consistently successful in producing multiple benefits for youth, including **improvements in children's personal, social and academic skills**, as well as their self-esteem. (The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, 2007)

...participation in high-quality afterschool programs is linked to **significant gains in standardized test scores and work habits**. (University of California at Irvine, 2007)

The hours between **3 p.m. and 6 p.m. are the peak hours** for juvenile crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and sex. (Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, 2002)

Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are nearly **three times more likely to skip classes** than teens who do participate...

They are also **three times more likely to use marijuana or other drugs**, and are more likely to drink, smoke and engage in sexual activity. (YMCA of the USA, March 2001)

Current Programs at WRMS

<u>Program</u>	<u>Average Daily</u>
<u>Participation</u>	
Athletics - WRMS * Not all school athletic teams are available to 6th graders	Varies
Afterschool Club (Academic Support, Tuesday/Thursday) - WRMS * 18-24 6th graders; 5-10 7th/8th graders	30
BCTAC2 (Mondays) - St. Luke's YAK! program	30
United Hispanic Leadership (Mondays) - La Alianza	10
Art Classes (Mondays, 6 weeks in fall/spring) - SV Center for the Arts	12
ID Drug Free Youth (Wednesdays) - Blaine County Community Drug Coalition	12
Dungeons and Dragons (Wednesdays) - Tod Gunter	12
Y-on-Wheels (Wednesdays) - Wood River YMCA	10

Our Vision

Create a platform for integrating existing programs and developing additional programs.

Include academic support, recreation, and enrichment activities.

Provide a safe and simple afterschool program for students and parents, especially working parents.

Utilize existing resources in a more effective manner by building partnerships and increasing student participation.

Extend computer and Internet access to WRMS students who lack access and/or support at home.

Summary of Proposal

- * Program held at Community Campus
- * 3:30-5:45pm, Monday - Thursday
- * 40 students per day with potential for future growth
- * High school students hired as tutors
- * Recreation and fitness programs provided by BCRD
- * Enrichment programs and clubs provided by community organizations
- * Volunteers as additional adult supervisors and mentors
- * Managed by St. Luke's YAK! Youth Outreach Coordinator and part-time staff