

# Afterschool programs make a difference in student achievement.

- » At an elementary school in Marshalltown, students raised their reading proficiency 39% over four years of participation in a high-quality summer learning program. By 2015, these students' reading proficiency of **83% exceeded the district's reading proficiency by 21%.**

*Source: Mid-Iowa Community Action Agency, Marshalltown*

- » According to the Iowa Department of Education, principals and teachers report that when at-risk children participate in a high-quality afterschool program, there are fewer office referrals and behavior at school improves.
  - » At Morris Elementary School in Des Moines, **93% of students** participating in a high-quality afterschool program raised their reading proficiency from non-proficient to proficient.
- Source: Iowa Department of Education*
- » Holmes Jr. High School in Cedar Falls attributes its high reading and math scores partly to its commitment to providing youth in-school and out-of-school enrichment opportunities.



LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN OR START AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM? THE IOWA AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE CAN HELP!

## What the IAA can offer

- » Resources on our website at [www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org](http://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org)
- » Connections to other afterschool programs across the state through our Afterschool Opportunities Directory accessible at [www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/afterschool-programs](http://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/afterschool-programs)
- » Important news and resources on afterschool and summer learning through a monthly newsletter. Sign up to receive our newsletter at [bit.ly/iowaafterschoolnews](http://bit.ly/iowaafterschoolnews)
- » News alerts and recent happenings from across the state via our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/iowaafterschoolalliance](http://www.facebook.com/iowaafterschoolalliance)
- » On-demand technical assistance by contacting IAA staff at [mrich@sppg.com](mailto:mrich@sppg.com) or 515-237-0328



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