

Are You Ready?

Questions to Consider as You Develop an After-school Program at Your School

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Is there a need for the program?

Have you surveyed parents and teachers? Are there other after-school programs in your community to which you might refer parents and students? Do you have an after-school advisory committee? (Committee members could be drawn from your site-based management team, interested parents and teachers.)

What are your objectives for the program?

To provide after-school care for working parents? To offer additional enrichment activities, such as arts and music? To broaden students' learning opportunities and improve academic achievement?

Whom will your program serve?

All students? Students in need of extra assistance? Children of working parents? Families and community members?

How will you structure your program?

Will you partner with a community-based organization or hire your own staff? What activities will you offer?

Where will you house your program?

Where will these activities occur? Will you provide office space for a coordinator and other necessary staff?

How will you pay for your program?

What will it cost? Will you charge families a fee? Will you apply for grants or use district funds? How are you sustain your program over time?

How are you evaluate the program's effectiveness?

How are you integrate your program into your school's vision and mission?

How will you "sell" it to your staff? To students? To parents and community members? To your district?