

## Spotlight on the Standards

Afterschool Quality  
Standards



### Evaluating Afterschool: Find Your Best Data Collection Strategy

Afterschool Alliance  
by Nikki Yamashiro

In this *Afterschool Snack* blog post, the Y-USA Achievement Gap Programs Evaluation Team shares some guidance for developing an effective data collection plan that can be used as an essential part of the continuous quality improvement process.

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## Social and Emotional Learning

### Bringing the Benefits of Intergenerational Learning to School

by Sarah Elia

Collaborating with a local senior center in areas across the curriculum can enrich lessons and boost students' social and emotional skills.

- Book clubs
- Light exercise classes
- Collaborative visual displays using photo memories
- Conversations and interviews

Click on the link below for more information on these and other great ideas for rich, rewarding experiences that will benefit both the students in your program and the seniors in your community!

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## Health and Wellness



### Health Fueled by Fun: Wellness Activities for Kids

Check out this website for a wide range of FREE lessons, activities, family resources, and information all centered around keeping kids active and encouraging healthy lifestyles! Lesson plans can be searched by age group, duration, or topic and are linked to national health and physical education standards. Power Charger activities are great for quick brain breaks, allowing bodies and minds to refocus. Family resources include newsletters, health and wellness videos, and recipes for healthy foods kids can help make.

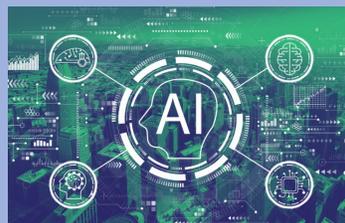
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## STEM ACTIVITIES

### 9 Tips for Using AI for Learning (and Fun!)

by Daniel Leonard



These innovative, AI-driven activities will help you engage students across grade levels and subject areas.

- Bring student drawings to life.
- Use AI-generated images as writing prompts.
- Use AI responses to spur scientific thinking.
- Find the faults in AI-generated historical images.
- Use AI math tools to see all sides of a problem.
- Learn about voice from ChatGPT's imitations of famous authors.
- Chat with historical figures.
- Speak with AI in a foreign language.
- Ask students to grade ChatGPT's writing.

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## Staff Support

### 5 Principles of Effective Mentors

by Juan Francisco Resendez

Great mentors cultivate several core competencies in themselves and their student teachers via a collaborative, supportive relationship.

- Honor the humanity of your mentee.
- Model teacher leadership.
- Practice humility, and be open to new ideas.
- Have the courage to take public risks.
- Nurture your mentee.



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