



## How to Choose a Great After School Care Program

Selecting a quality After School Care Program for your child can make all of the difference in your student's day and overall school year. You want to make sure your student is excited about going to the program and that you are comfortable that your child is in the best care possible. That is why it is important to make sure you choose a quality provider and program that fits your needs.

Ok, so how do you select the perfect program for you? Having been in this industry since 1994, we have seen numerous companies come and go along with a few that have stood the test of time. As such, there are common successful traits that are shared by these mature companies including great staff, superior safety, and quality programming.

To help you find the best program for your child, we have attached a check list with numerous questions to answer that will help you with your search.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 954-748-5977.

Have a wonderful school year and great after school activities!

## After School Care Program Check List

✓	<b>COMPANY INFORMATION</b>
	How long has the company been in business?
	Will they provide you references?
	Do they have any media coverage, i.e. newspaper articles, television interviews, etc.
	Do they have the proper licenses?
	How long have they been in business?
✓	<b>STAFF INFORMATION</b>
	What are the ages of the staff? Are they ALL over 18 years of age?
	Does the company use CIT's ( Counselors in Training) to watch your child?
	Do they background check their staff?
	Is anyone CPR and or First Aid certified that is working with your child?
✓	<b>PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>
	Where is the program? Is it at the school or are the students bussed to an outside location?
	What is the curriculum? It is a structured program or general day care?
	What is your goal for putting your student in an after care program? Is it exercise, academic studies, to learn a skill, to meet other children and be social, etc?
	What are the pick up procedures? For example, can you call and have someone else pick up your student?
	What is the exact fee for the program? Are there any extra fees, i.e. late pick up fees, registration fees, insurance fees? Can you get the fee structure in writing?
	Is there a published schedule of activities?
	Can you watch your student or volunteer to assist?
	How are the students grouped; by age, by grade, etc.?
	What do you need to bring and wear? Are there specific uniforms?
	Is food provided?