



ORANGE UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**CARES**

Centers for Afterschool Recreation, Enrichment & Safety

## EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

The Centers for Afterschool Recreation, Enrichment & Safety (CARES) provides engaging and attentive before and after-school child care for students who attend elementary school in Orange Unified School District.

Studies have shown that children involved in after-school programs demonstrate enhanced personal and social skills, display significant increases in their self-perceptions and bonding to school, positive social behaviors, increased standardized test scores and work habits, as well as significant reductions in behavior problems.

The CARES program, which is available at 16 school sites and serves more than 2,000 students each year, provides students with the range of activities that support academic enrichment, social development, and physical health.

## CARES AT A GLANCE

**DAILY CHILD CARE**—Before and after-school care is available, Monday through Friday, at 16 school sites. (7:00am-6:00pm)

**OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARES**—CARES Camp is available during the Winter, Spring and Summer breaks at select school sites. (7:00am-6:00pm)

**STUDENT ENRICHMENT AND 21st CENTURY LEARNING**—CARES provides students with a wide range of academic enrichment activities, including STEAM-focused learning and exploration. CARES offers a wide variety of enrichment classes including, but not limited to Art, Life Skills, Dance, Sports, etc.

**COMMUNITY SCIENCE NIGHT**—CARES actively participates in OUSD's annual Community Science Night at Santiago Canyon College, where students are presented with a fun evening of science, engineering, robotic competitions, and more.

## DAILY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ⇒ Homework time
- ⇒ Snacks
- ⇒ Indoor and outdoor organized games
- ⇒ STEAM activities, including robotics
- ⇒ Social and emotional curriculum + other enrichment activities

## ELO-P:

### Expanded Learning Opportunity Program

As a part of the CA State Budget, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) has been established to provide funding for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs for TK through sixth grade students.

The goal is to develop the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of students through hands-on, engaging learning experiences and extracurricular activities. The program is intended to be student-centered, results driven, include community partners, and complement, but not replicate, learning activities in the regular school day and school year.

ELO-P will offer these activities through the CARES program. Families may qualify for free CARES/ELO-P clubs and activities, before school, after school and during intersession and summer school. Look out for our parent and student surveys inquiring about the types of clubs and activities you would like to see on your school site as well as how to enroll for next year.

For more information about the CARES Program, call OUSD Child Development Services office at 714.628.5412 or visit [www.orangeusd.org/cares](http://www.orangeusd.org/cares).