

Before and After Care (BAC)

Guiding Principles

BAC sites are provided at your child's elementary school so that your child can enjoy a safe and fun environment before and after their school day. The program provides academic study, physical activity and free time built into their day.

Activities

Everyday activities vary in the **BAC** sites. Physical activity is a large component of the **BAC** daily schedule. All of our **BAC** sites have access to the playground at our ZCS schools, and most **BAC** sites have regular access to the school gymnasium throughout the winter.

Participants in the **BAC** program will be provided snack after school at 3:30 PM each day. One of the most family friendly features of **BAC** is that each day, immediately following snack time in the afternoon, children are given the opportunity to work on their homework. For approximately 20 - 30 minutes, **BAC** site Leads and Assistants work to ensure a quiet and respectful environment in which students can fully concentrate on their studies. Students also have a short reading time in the morning to prepare them for transition to their school day.

Staff

Our site Leads are experienced leaders. They manage a staff of moms, retirees, college students or other loving adults. They provide a safe and enriching environment for preschool through elementary students. The staff to student ratio averages 1:15, but in many cases it is even less.

Communication

All of our site Leads have a ZCS email address and each site has a smart phone that can receive calls, texts, emails and voicemail. Please contact the site Lead if your child will be absent.

Safety

Our BAC sites operate out of a ZCS school. We follow all of the safety guidelines set by ZCS and the state of Indiana. Students participate in fire, tornado, lock down, etc. drills mandated by the state. Our BAC Director is a certified School Safety Specialist. The site doors remain locked and entry is by parents who have been given the unique code. Parents check in and check out their children by using a tablet. This allows for a time stamp of the exact drop off and pick up of the child.