

# BLOCStar Guidelines

BLOCStar is an initiative of BLOCS, a partnership of Louisville education, government, and community impact organizations striving to improve opportunities for youth. BLOCS specifically focuses on the quality, availability, access, and continuous improvement of out-of-school time (OST) programs. These BLOCStar guidelines are intended to incite provider participation and motivate provider excellence in program performance - because the correlation between quality OST and youth success is undeniable. By adhering to the best practices outlined below, OST programs will be identified and promoted as an official BLOCS program partner.

	CASCADE	YPQI	SEL MEASUREMENT
<b>LEVEL 1</b> <i>Rolling Application Period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization agrees to utilize CASCADE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization agrees to utilize YPQI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization agrees to measure social-emotional learning (SEL)</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 2</b> <i>3 Month Period (Aug-Oct)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization logs in a minimum of once per week to input daily attendance of program participants</li> <li>Update program roster with new participants at least once per month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of "YPQI Basics" training</li> <li>Completion of YPQA Self-Assessment (once per year)</li> <li>Completion of YPQA External Assessments (twice per year)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Member designated as SEL Measurement Administrator</li> <li>Completion of in-person and online training for Staff Rating of Youth Behavior (SRYB) tool (September)</li> <li>Completion of SRYB fall assessments*</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 3</b> <i>6 Month Period (Nov-Apr)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization logs in a minimum of once per week to input daily attendance of program participants</li> <li>Update program roster with new participants at least once per month</li> <li>Organization conducts a roster "cleaning" to remove participants who are not regular program attendees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Planning with Data Training</li> <li>Completed Program Improvement Plan (PIP) uploaded into Scores Reporter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of online SAYO training (March)</li> <li>Completion of SRYB spring assessments* or SAYO-Y spring survey</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 4</b> <i>6 Month Period (May-Oct)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Program Improvement Plan (PIP) Progress in Scores Reporter</li> </ul>	

BLOCS program partners must identify as Youth Development organizations that provide programming for young people during out-of-school time hours. BLOCS defines Youth Development as activities intentionally designed to include a learning objective and to transfer social emotional learning (SEL) skills to young people. The tools described above are designed for OST programs that are either currently practicing or have a desire to move towards Youth Development programming. In some instances, YPQA and/or SAYO-Y may not be an appropriate tool for certain programs due to the program structure or target audience. These exceptional circumstances do not preclude OST programs from participating in BLOCStar.

\*SRYB assessment information:

- Programs serving 25 youth or less must complete the SEL tool on 100% of youth
- Programs serving 26-75 youth must complete the tool on 75% of youth
- Programs serving 76 youth or more must complete the tool on 50% of youth

# BLOCStar Agreement

Our organization \_\_\_\_\_ (name of organization) commits to participating in *BLOCStar: A Quality Initiative*.

In doing so, we will participate in the following best practices described in the BLOCStar Best Practice Guidelines on page one:

- ✓ Active participation in all stages of the Youth Program Quality Intervention (YPQI)
- ✓ Completion of SEL measurement tool annually (SAYO or SRYB)
- ✓ Maintaining current participant rosters and youth attendance records in CASCADE

## Program Information

List the name(s) of the specific out-of-school time (OST) program(s) at your organization participating in BLOCStar and the grades of youth each serves (circle all that apply).

_____	Grades 1-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
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## Site Level Information

Complete the following chart to specify which program site(s)/locations are participating in the various components of BLOCStar.

Program Site/Location	Site Address	Lead Staff	Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title