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## **New Online Tool Helps Parents Find After-School Programs for Children**

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MeckEd, a non-profit focused on ensuring all young people in Mecklenburg County have access to the resources they will need to lead productive, successful lives, announced today that their Out of School Time (OST) Program will launch an online tool called The Locator. The Locator is designed to assist parents and guardians in finding programs that match interests, focus areas, age and grade level, time, availability, budget, and location. To find a program simply go to **[www.mecked.org](http://www.mecked.org)** (<http://bit.ly/TheLocator>), click "The Locator" and select a School or Summer Program.

MeckEd launched the Charlotte NEXT Out of School Time (OST) Program Locator (The Locator). The Locator's guardians will have time to benefit from it during the summer.

Over 120 program providers submitted information to be included in The Locator. While a majority of the programs are centered on middle school age children. Research shows that young people between the ages of 12 and 18 are actively making decisions about who they are now, who they wish to be, and how they see the future. Nationally, over 15 million students are alone and unsupervised between the ages of 12 and 18, which is associated with high incidents of juvenile crime, and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. For those who attend middle schools in communities with high concentration of poverty, something that is a very challenging part of their day. MeckEd and a dedicated consortium of public and private partners are providing a number of middle school students, particularly in schools with high concentrations of poverty, with access to OST programs.

The Locator was designed by Visual Risk IQ, a Charlotte based IT firm, in partnership with MeckEd, the Fargo Foundation, and the ReEmprise Foundation. **To access The Locator, as well as additional information, visit [www.mecked.org](http://www.mecked.org) (<http://www.mecked.org>)**





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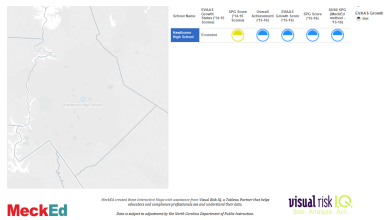
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