Best Practices for Starting After-School Programs

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Where do I start?

1. School System Formalities
2. Advertising to students, and in particular recruiting minorities and girls.
3. Organizational structure – typical student officers and elections annually.
4. IT Completer Program
TECHNOLOGY CLUB ACTIVITIES

1. Computer Science Competitions
   - Maryland Cyber Challenge or MDC3 -
     Registration started already, late registration $250 per team of six students. Weekly competitions; Final competition at Baltimore Convention Center on October 8 & 9, 2013.
   - CyberPatriots – Year Long Event -
     http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/default.aspx
TECHNOLOGY CLUB ACTIVITIES (Continued)

2. Internship program – BCPS has a one credit, honors, internship program available for students. I will be piloting it this year.

3. Group projects – peer-mentoring of students needing help with CS classes; new projects such as android applications, etc.
TECHNOLOGY CLUB – Teacher Issues

1. No compensation for time invested in club.

2. Recommendations
   – Propose to administration offsetting time spent against other school duties such as after school events - concerts/sports for time with club.
   - Continuing ed credits – yet to be investigated???????
TECHNOLOGY CLUB –

Group Discussion

Any other ideas or suggestions based on your experiences?