21st CCLC Overview

Background and Purpose of 21st CCLC

It's purpose is to support the creation and expansion of community learning centers that:

- ✓ provide a wide range of high-quality enrichment opportunities,
- ✓ complement the regular academic program of participating students,
- ✓ serve students attending high poverty, low performing schools,
- ✓ offer during those times when school is not in session.

Specifically,

- ✓ Academic enrichment activities that can help students meet state and local achievement standards.
- ✓ A broad array of additional services designed t reinforce and complement regular academic program, such as: drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music and recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs.
- ✓ Literacy and related educational development services to the families of children who are served in the program.

21st CCLC are:

- Intentional
- High quality
- Student driven
- Attended regularly
- Comprehensive and connected

They are not:

- A series of stand along programs
- Drop in centers
- Adult focused
- Skill and drill
- "more school" afterschool

21st CCLC Program Goals in Minnesota

Goal 1: Increase participant's opportunities to develop and apply 21st Century Skills (critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, responsible citizenship, job/career/post-secondary exploration, etc)

Goal 2: Increase school and community connectedness of participants.

Goal 3: Increase academic performance of participating students who are low performing/failing or at high risk of failure in core academic areas.

Our aims:

Serve 600 at-risk youth

- 150 students at Nettleton
- 125 students at Lowell
- 75 students at Stowe
- 100 students at Piedmont
- 100 students at Laura MacArthur
- 50 students at Lincoln Park Middle School

We must offer 420 hours of program/year.

Key features of our program model include; Snack, Physical Recreation, Brain Time (ie EXCEL), Clubs (Service Learning, STEM, Creative Arts, Health and Wellness), Family Nights, Career Exploration, and Academic Mentoring, Family Liaisons- connect families to schools through the Out-of-School time program. (see program brochure).

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