21st Century Community Learning Centers Fact Sheet

(21st CCLC)

What is a 21st CCLC program?

- The purpose of this program is to create community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high poverty and low-performing schools to:
  - meet state and local standards in core academic subjects,
  - offer students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs, and
  - offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.
- This program federally funded for before/after school programs.
- Regulations are covered under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) – Title IV-B.

What is a 21st CCLC Center?

A community learning center offers **academic and youth development** opportunities to students and their families when school is not in session (before school, after school, or during holidays or summer recess).

What is funded through the 21st CCLC grant?

Programs are funded that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children **OUTSIDE** of the regular school day.

Who qualifies to receive the grant funds?

- The grant will primarily serve students who attend schools eligible for Title I Schoolwide programs.
- Title I Schoolwide designation typically means that at least 40% of the students qualify for free or reduced-cost meals.

How long are the grants funded?

Grants are funded on a yearly basis for a period up to five years.

When will Kansas hold a new grant competition?

- Decision to fund a new competition is made in late January depending on available federal dollars.
- Updated information can be found at ksde.org or the Kansas Enrichment Network website (Kansasenrichment.net).

Who should be contacted with questions?

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