



Program Overview

The purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program is to establish and/or expand programs that operate during out-of-school hours and provide students with academic enrichment with other activities designed to complement the students' regular academic program.

The primary goals of the Massachusetts 21st CCLC program are as follows:

- Provide creative and innovative out-of-school time programs that support and contribute to academic achievement and youth development for all students.
- Integrate school day and out-of-school time programs so as to promote shared learning goals, teaching and support strategies, and staff recruitment and training activities.
- Provide programs that explicitly address appropriate grade-level state and local learning standards and support students' academic performance.
- Contribute to student performance goals outlined in school improvement plans.
- Support efforts to strengthen the coordination between the instruction that occurs during the school day and the enrichments and supports that take place during the out-of-school hours.
- Create and maintain a school and community-based infrastructure that establishes procedures to improve outcomes for children and youth through successful program implementation and oversight.
- Establish procedures to evaluate program effectiveness through the collection and analysis of data.
- Promote efficient use of public resources and facilities through effective partnerships between schools, community-based agencies, and other public and private entities.
- Address the multiple needs of children, youth, and their families through increased supervision, safety, and access to support services.

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