

Colorado 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program

Program Summaries

Cohort VII Subgrantees (FY15-16 through FY19-20)

For a list of contacts for these programs, please visit [CDE's 21st CCLC website](#).

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

Coronado Hills Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Malley Drive Elementary, North Star Elementary, Stukey Elementary, Thornton Elementary

Adams 12 Five Star Schools has utilized federal 21st Century Community Learning Center funds awarded through a highly competitive process to build valuable programs that have served hundreds of students from ten highly impacted schools (over 2,000 in the last five years). PEAK Participants in the current cohort of six schools spend their afterschool time engaged in academic and enriching experiences that have a track record of allowing students to thrive, excel, and be joyful. PEAK aligns with district improvement strategies including; creating multiple pathways for student learning and building strong community partnerships. The PEAK Learning Center offers invited students in grades 2-5 a comprehensive out-of-school time experience for approximately 15 hours each week. Transportation home by district buses is available each program day. The hours at Thornton Elementary School include a morning component and vary after school to accommodate the extended day. PEAK typically operates from 8:00am-12:00pm for 6-8 weeks during the summer months. Each site offers dynamic programming incorporating a mix of STEM activities, enrichment, recreation, and homework help All elementary sites now utilize Engineering is Elementary kits to promote inquiry and hands-on learning. Additional academic program components include; homework support, myON, Imagine Learning, and Learning Together. Community partners such as PeaceJam and Cooking Matters are engaged to enhance the experience for students and empower families.

Adams-Arapahoe 28J (Aurora Public Schools)

Fulton Academy of Excellence, Sable Elementary, Vaughn Elementary

The COMPASS program is a collaborative effort by City of Aurora and Aurora Public Schools that focuses on providing literacy intervention to students referred by teachers to provide additional support, as well as ensure students have access to various enrichment experiences to enhance their education. By utilizing the vast resources available to both entities, the COMPASS program is able to offer unique and specialized programs that may not be available to the students otherwise. COMPASS is committed to improving academic performance for enrolled students, strengthening community collaboration between all stakeholders, and providing an opportunity for children to make new friends, learn new skills, and explore new interests.

Asian Pacific Development Center

Hinkley High School

The Asian Pacific Development Center's Youth Leadership Academy at Hinkley High School provides afterschool and summer programming that promotes critical thinking, cultural awareness, health and wellness, and family engagement activities and workshops. We take care to provide programming that supports students' academic and personal development. Our Youth Leadership Academy partners with like-minded organizations and school clubs for workshops and field trips such as the Art From Ashes, Art Students League of Denver, Aurora Cooking, CityWild, Community Minded Dance, Creative Strategies for Change, Educating Children of Color, Goodwill Industries, Hinkley clubs (Anime, Asian, Creative Careers, Environmental, Finance, HOSA, Leaders Among Leaders, and Student Council), the JEKL Foundation, and SOS Outreach.

Boulder Valley School District

Alicia Sanchez International School

The 21st CCLC program at Alicia Sanchez has a rich offering of classes that includes academic support and interventions; STEM programming, homework help, sports, health and wellness, dance, music, art, social justice and service projects. We also offer parent education classes.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

Cole Arts and Science Academy, Godsman Elementary, Johnson Elementary

At Cole, Godsman, and Johnson Boys and Girls Clubs, we provide comprehensive programming after school. During the day, each site partners closely with the day school to provide school-specific supports to enhance learning, promote attendance, and provide enrichment opportunities to all students in grades 1-5 every day. After school, each site continues to serve between 85 and 100 youth to provide snack, homework help, STEM, Service Learning, and enrichment programming, dinner, and then dismissal. Some examples of programs we offer after school are Science Matters, Yoga, Cooking Class, Dance, Torch (Leadership) Club, Ninja Academy, Multi-Media Illustration, Gardening, Soccer, and more! At the end of the program each night sites also provide dinner for all youth.

Denver Public Schools

Colfax Elementary, Cowell Elementary, Eagleton Elementary, Lake International School/STRIVE Prep Lake

The Neighborhood Centers at Cowell, Colfax, Eagleton, and Lake provide the school community a variety of out-of-school-time opportunities for students and families. We work to provide comprehensive programming that meets the need of the community. This includes activities offered five days a week, licensed after-school programming (Lake's programming is not licensed due to ages served), partnerships with community organizations for diverse enrichment programming, and family and adult programming. Our centers focus on providing high quality, engaging, and fun programs for students that include fitness, health and wellness, STEM, leadership, arts, and other academic enrichments.

Denver Public Schools

Munroe Elementary

Our Neighborhood Center at Munroe Elementary provides the school community a variety of out-of-school-time opportunities for students and families. We work to provide comprehensive programming that meets the need of the community. This includes a five-day-a-week, licensed before and afterschool program, partnerships with community organizations for diverse enrichment programming, and family and adult programming. Munroe focuses on providing high quality, engaging, and fun programs for students that include fitness, health and wellness, STEM, arts, and other academic enrichments.

Greeley 6

Centennial Elementary, Northridge High School, Prairie Heights Middle School

Key features of Greeley's 21st Century programming include: (1) project-based learning where students and teachers design projects aligned with the school day/Colorado Academic Standards that include STEM, health and wellness, Next Generation Learning Environment Characteristics and Student Competencies, and Service Learning; (2) parent development opportunities to increase skills and involvement in their child's education; (3) Creatorspaces in each school where creators connect to work on real and personally meaningful projects; (4) a health and wellness component based on the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education State Standards; (5) strategies to improve attendance rates of students in 21st Century; and (6) high quality staff development and mentoring. Numerous community resource partners provide services to students participating in the program including the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) Office of Engagement, UNC College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, and UNC Hispanic Studies ESL Program; the City of Greeley Rodarte Center; High Plains Library District; the Poudre Learning Center; the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado; and the OtterCares Foundation.

Jefferson County Public Schools

Brady Exploration School

The 21st CCLC program at Brady Exploratory High School has provided the following programs: Tutoring, Brady Community High School (for adult family members of current students and former Brady students), Karate, Cooking, Woodshop, STEM, Sports, and Zumba. We also continue building our mentoring program. In addition, we continue collaborating with JCMH for addiction counseling and we will collaborate with Families First to offer parenting classes. We are also able to implement an exciting new program that we will call Brady Bridge. This program will focus on re-engaging Brady dropouts, thereby reducing the dropout rate, increasing the attendance rate, and increasing SAT scores.

Jefferson County Public Schools

Jefferson Jr/Sr High School, Lumberg Elementary, Stevens Elementary

Through the resources provided by 21st CCLC the Jefferson Consortium was able to partner with a variety of vendors who provide many services for our students and families. We have partnered with Mad Science, Sticky Fingers, OWL, JSEL, Dance 2 Live, Sarah's Spanish School, Soccer for Success, American Sign Language, Abrakadoodle, Jeffco Adult ESL, and CSU 4H extension. These services allowed for our students to be engaged in a variety of STEM, Arts, Next Gen, Academic enrichment, and Health and Wellness activities. We were also able to create a Makerspace at both of our Elementary Schools. This Makerspace allows for a place for students to create hands on learning projects and engage in problem-based learning, which is a highly effective learning strategy. These Makerspace rooms were the first of their kind in the Jefferson County School district, and can be utilized for a long period of time even after the duration of Grant. In addition to providing the materials, our partnership with CSU extension allows for the Makerspace room to be utilized after school for many years at little to no cost. The JCP Consortium offers programming year round at no cost to their participants and serves an average of 200 kids per day between the three sites. We have seen trends around program participants with data showing growth in math and language arts, and increased graduation rates.

Jefferson County Public Schools

Pennington Elementary (Peak Expeditionary School)

Pennington ELT opportunities include: daily breakfast and morning assembly, intervention extension blocks in math and literacy, daily collaboration time (PLCs) for teachers, student academic intensives focused on STEM, tech, communication, civic and global engagement, project-based learning, daily enrichments for all students based on choice and interest, monthly intense intensive days focused on an academic intensive, field experiences such as visiting the Dumb Friends League, monthly assemblies with guest speakers, and two snacks a day.

Lake County School District

Lake County Intermediate/Lake County High School

The Lake County Afterschool Program provides academic and enrichment activities for 5th through 12th graders from Monday through Thursday (3:35pm to 6pm) each week of the school year. The summer portion of the program, Rockies Rock, provides natural science study and recreational activities for youth Monday through Thursday (8 hours each day) for 8 weeks. With collaboration from Get Outside Leadville!, we provide outdoor recreational activities to our participants, as well as academic supports (tutoring and academic interventions) provided by day school teachers, program staff, and community members. The Afterschool Program works very closely with day school teachers to maintain open lines of communication, referrals, and consistent behavioral expectations during the entire school day.

Mapleton School District

Meadow Community School

The Meadow Community School 21st Century Community Learning Center encompasses multiple partnerships working together to provide meaningful enrichment opportunities for the students and families of Meadow. Offerings are focused on unique experiences like math, science, cooking, yoga, junior coaching, music, theater, and visual arts, to name a few. Programming is offered throughout the school year and also includes a summer school session.

Summer Scholars (Scholars Unlimited)

Columbine Elementary, International Academy of Denver at Harrington, John Amesse Elementary, Oakland Elementary

Scholars Unlimited's mission is to support low-income, academically struggling young learners by providing rigorous academic instruction and enrichment programming to help students achieve measurable academic gains, and to inspire life-long learning. Positive youth development practices and supports are woven into all aspects of programming to support students' social-emotional learning. Scholars Unlimited provides comprehensive afterschool and summer learning programs to students considered at-risk. Programs are provided at Metro Denver elementary schools located in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

YMCA Metro Denver

Wyatt Academy

The YMCA at Wyatt Academy implements nine components in afterschool, aligned with the Y-USA Signature Afterschool model, including unique enrichment programming to scholars and families through 21st CCLC. We offer tutoring and academic enrichment using STRIDE. Scholars participate in arts and music enrichment with Cathexis. In our Y-club's, scholars participate in character development activities, leadership development, college and career readiness activities and global learning and service learning. Scholars also engage in STEM learning with Open World Learning. Our middle school scholars participate in radio and social justice programming with High Above Everything.
