

21st Century Community Learning Centers

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The purpose of the Syracuse City School District (SCSD), 21st Century Community Learning

Centers (CCLC) is to expand learning opportunities for youth and their families outside of regular school hours. These programs offers strong before and after-school activities, which involve both the schools and the community, joining together to help students at Ed Smith, Huntington and Roberts achieve life-long success. All 21st CCLC out of school time activities and services align to regular school day initiatives, the Next Generation Learning Standards along with current youth development standards. The 21st CCLC will provide out-of-school time learning through academics and enrichments for K-8 students focused on Core Academics. The program provides students with an additional 100 hours for ELA and math instruction and compliments that 100 hours of authentic enrichment experiences in the areas of health and fitness, visual and performance arts, Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM), leadership skills, and youth development infused with the District's social/emotion learning and 21st CCLC learning skills. Our 21st CCLC sites also engage and involve families to have a voice and choice in the program by serving on the Advisory Boards, attending the quarterly stakeholders' meetings and providing survey and focus group feedback. The 21st CCLC staff, in collaboration with our students and families, create a mutually welcoming environment for all. We support and encourage students and families to join us and our Community-Based Organizations in active partnership to allow for shared ownership of the 21st CCLC programs and services.

Our mission is to:

- Support through quality out-of-school services the goals and objectives of 21st CCLC program and the Syracuse City School District's (SCSD) Strategic Plan.
- To build, support, and sustain school communities that provide all students with a high quality education that prepares them to graduate as responsible, active citizens ready for success in college and careers and equipped to compete in a global economy.
- Serve students and families in a culturally responsive and open setting.
- Provide engaging academic, cultural, enrichment and recreational activities, as well as limited homework assistance.
- Create social and emotional learning opportunities in a positive and safe environment.
- Empower students to achieve: socially, emotionally and academically.
- Provide Family Literacy sessions that address the needs of and are relevant to the adults in our 21st Century Learning Community.



- Coordinate with SCSD Parent University, SCSD Office of Family Engagement and Adult Education, Onondaga Literacy Coalition and other community service organizations to enroll adults in the education and advocacy services offered to families in the 21st CCLC sites.
- Provide all families with opportunities to break the academic, economic, health and social barriers through high quality literacy courses.
- Provide pathways to success through non-traditional connections to business and community mentors.
- Promote knowledge, understanding, effective communication and critical thinking.
- Provide engaging experiential, enrichments that encourage thought, and promote college and career goals.
- Promote understanding, effective communication and critical thinking skills to support students and families to succeed.