

Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) provides federal funding for the establishment of community learning centers that provide academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools, to meet state and local standards in core academic subjects such as reading, math, and science.

This program is also intended to offer students an array of activities and to include families and the community in the educational process.

The 21st CCLC program is authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015.



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**Pennsylvania Nita M. Lowey
21st Century Community
Learning Centers Program**



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Program Goals

Assist youth in meeting state standards for core academic subjects by providing students with academic enrichment opportunities before school, after school, and during holidays or summer recess.

Offer participants a broad array of other services and programs, such as art, music, recreation activities, character education, career and technical training, drug and violence prevention programming, and technology education.

Provide educational services for families of participating students, such as literacy instruction, computer training and/or cultural enrichment.

Ensure that both youth and their families have decision-making roles in the creation, operation, and evaluation of every 21st CCLC in Pennsylvania.

Mobilize school, community, and private sector social and health services support and resources in order to remove barriers that impede students' learning.

Apply for a 21st CCLC Grant

Applicants must be a school district or a community-based organization, and/or another public or private organization partnering with one or more school districts.

These opportunities must occur during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session. Opportunities must help students attending high-poverty and low-performing schools meet state and local standards in core academic subjects.

Centers must also offer students an array of activities that can complement their regular academic programs, literacy, and other educational services to their families.

Visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education's 21st CCLC grant webpage at <https://bit.ly/PA-21CCLC> or scan QR code for more information, how to apply, and answers to the most frequently asked questions.



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