21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) are authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The Nebraska Department of Education administers this federally funded, competitive grant program to establish and support quality expanded learning opportunities when students are not in school (afterschool, summer, and days when school is not in session).

*Quality expanded learning principles include the following:

» School-community partnerships and resource sharing
» Engaged learning
» Family engagement
» Intentional programming aligned with the school day program
» Diverse, prepared staff including certificated educators
» Participation and access
» Safety, health, and wellness
» Ongoing assessment and improvement

*Excerpt from the Policy for Expanded Learning Opportunities adopted by the Nebraska State Board of Education on September 6, 2013.

The three overarching goals of the 21st CCLC program are:

1. **Improve Student Learning Performance in One or More Academic Areas.**
2. **Increase Student Social Benefits and Behavioral Changes.**
3. **Increase Family and Community Engagement in Supporting Students’ Education.**

**What We Do**

Improve the quality of a broad array of services and activities to meet students’ developmental and academic needs including: alignment to the school day, homework help and tutoring, physical activity, the arts, community service, choices for hands-on learning activities, positive youth development, and leadership.

For more information, please visit: [www.education.ne.gov/21stCCLC](http://www.education.ne.gov/21stCCLC)