



Nebraska BLAST! Building Lasting Afterschool STEM Teams Frequently Asked Questions

What is Nebraska BLAST!?

Nebraska BLAST! is a unique opportunity for informal educators, classroom teachers, and community partners working with students who attend 21st Century Community Centers (21st CCLC) programs to participate as a team in workshops focused on student-centered learning content. Professional development is delivered by local, regional, or statewide content experts. Implementation during the afterschool program and/or summer is planned by the team and ongoing support is provided.

Who are the Nebraska BLAST! partners?

Current Nebraska BLAST! partners include:

- NASA Nebraska Space Grant
- Nebraska 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Nebraska Department of Education
- Nebraska Game and Parks
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 - Biomedical Engineering
 - College of Engineering
 - Nebraska 4-H Extension
- University of Nebraska-Omaha

Who can be involved in Nebraska BLAST!?

Teams that include 21st CCLC project directors, site coordinators, afterschool staff, certified teachers, and/or community partners are invited to attend ongoing Nebraska BLAST! workshops.

What is expected of those participating in Nebraska BLAST! workshops?

It is expected that those who participate in Nebraska BLAST! workshops will work together to implement the content with students in the afterschool and/or summer 21st CCLC program.

How can I find out about upcoming Nebraska BLAST! workshops?

Upcoming workshop opportunities will be posted on the Nebraska BLAST! website:
<https://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/BLAST.html>.

How can I register for a Nebraska BLAST! workshop?

Registration is online on the Nebraska BLAST! website:

<http://workshop.education.ne.gov/wsTitle.aspx?TeamID=26>

How do I find out more about Nebraska BLAST!?

Workshop information and registration:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/BLAST.html>

Nebraska BLAST! curriculum and resources:

<https://sites.google.com/a/education.ne.gov/nebraska-blast/home>

or contact Kim Larson, kim.larson@nebraska.gov.