

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) provide high quality after school programming that responds to identified needs of students and families. We focus on academic enrichment through small classes, tutoring, homework help, recreation, and engaging cultural experiences within a safe environment. Our goals:

- 1 Increase academic performance through academic enrichment & tutorial services.
- 2 Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, & activities to reinforce & compliment the regular school day.
- 3 Offer families of 21st CCLC students opportunities for literacy & related educational development.

WCSD is very proud to call **Communities in Schools (CIS)** our grant co-applicant. The Mission of CIS is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. The nationwide network of nonprofit organizations focuses on improving student & school success by providing needed support and services to students and schools. This partnership is a natural fit. 21st CCLC and CIS work hand-in-hand to help Walton County students be successful in school.



THE VALUE OF VOICES CONFIRMS A STRONG AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

"The teachers help me with my homework and studying for my finals. We did this point thing and we went through this study guide. I liked how they did it in after school and how it teaches us. They explain more. I like going outside, too. We have soccer, basketball and football, but it's only 2-hand touch." – **7th grade boy**

"We play musical instruments. We play outside on swings and run. There's monkey bars, too. Sometimes we go to the gym. And, go to music." – **group of K students**

"I need this. I'm short 1 credit for graduation. I'm almost done. I'm going to walk if I can pass this class." – **12th grade girl**

"I think it's fun. You get a lot of activities. Going to clubs. I like making stuff with legos. I like movies. My favorite part of the day is to go outside and play. We run around to get some energy. They help us with projects like cut-out and glue. It's fun. The teachers help us." – **group of 3rd grade girls**

"Without this, I'd have a headache. I count on it. It's been a lifesaver. I have a son with Autism and ADHD and they get it done here. I am a single mom. My son's teachers actually help him afterschool. Without this program, I'd be lost. I have happy kids and this works for us. Prior to my son's diagnosis, he was a handful. The Site Coordinator handled it well and we've done this together!" – **Parent**

"I love it. Very engaging and fun. Activities involve critical thinking and I'm a math nerd. Great storytelling, too. It's also extra time at school. We wouldn't have a regular way to get together on Mondays and Tuesday. This club includes strategies and math skills. This is an awesome club. We do a lot of talking. I wish we could do it every day." – **10th and 11th grade group**

"A great help to the students with homework!"
– **Afterschool Enrichment Teacher**

21st Century Community Learning Centers

WALTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Soaring Beyond Expectations

21st Century Community Learning Centers

- Atha Road Elementary
- Monroe Elementary
- Harmony Elementary
- Walker Park Elementary
- Bay Creek Church Elementary
- Walnut Grove Elementary
- Carver Middle
- Youth Middle
- Loganville Middle
- Walnut Grove High School
- Monroe Area High School

2017-2018

21st CCLC The National Profile

- 11,533 school-based and community centers
- 1,685,036 children / youth served
- 183,461 adult family members served
- 9 out of 10 centers are located in schools
- 12-14 hours of operation per week
- 30-33 weeks of operation per year
- Average of 182 attendees per site
- Average of 1 in 2 improve their math and language arts grades
- Average of 2 in 3 improve their homework completion and class participation
- Average of 3 in 5 improved their behavior in class
- Average of 8 in 10 parents say after school helps them keep their jobs



How does Walton County continue to "Make It Work?"

Walton County has been an active 21st CCLC - funded Georgia sub-grantee for over a decade and has demonstrated continuous growth through the years. Starting with only 2 schools, Walton County now serves over 1300 students (elementary, middle, and high) throughout 11 schools with quality 21st CCLC programs. Multi-year partners include Communities in Schools Walton County, FISH, The Partnership for Families, Children and Youth, Athens Technical College, along with numerous faith-based, civic, and business community organizations. Deeper commitment levels within the community are a vital part of Walton County's success within 21st CCLC. For example, initiating the Backpack Buddies program through FISH & CIS fills in the gap to ensure students have food during the weekend when they are not in school. 21st CCLC Staff connect with day-time teachers and counselors regularly. By doing so, the 21st CCLC Staff know first hand what to focus on for individual students. We enhance and support the regular school day while offering activities that cannot be offered during the regular school day. The centers also provide opportunities for literacy or educational services to families of children participating in the program. Connections between day & after school time, along with strong community collaboration are crucial to the success of this initiative.



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