



21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

FACT SHEET

..."We must make sure that every child has a safe and enriching place to go after school...say no to drugs, alcohol and crime, and **Yes** to reading, soccer, computers and a brighter future for themselves."

President Clinton

Historical Background: The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program was established by Congress in 1998 to award grants to rural and inner-city schools to enable them to plan, implement, or expand projects that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural and recreational needs of the community. The legislation states that schools should collaborate with other public and nonpublic agencies and organizations. The program is based on research that indicates most juvenile crime takes place between the hours of 3pm and 8pm. For the year 2001, Congress has allocated over \$1 billion for 21st Century Community Learning Centers throughout the United States.

What is a 21st Century Community Learning Center? 21st Century Community Learning Centers are safe havens for students after school, during the summer and on weekends. The Learning Centers provide opportunities for education (such as tutoring, homework help, computer and Internet classes) and cultural enrichment (such as music, art, theater, sports and field trips).

What are the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Goals?

- Improve the rate at which students meet or exceed state and local standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics.
- Improve the social, recreational, and personal behaviors of students to allow them to sustain academic achievement and avoid drug use and violence.
- Serve as a resource for parents and other community members.
- Increase the ability of schools, parents, students, and community based organizations to plan, collaborate, and sustain after school programs.

Current Status: The program is in 20 elementary schools, 3 K-8 schools, 16 middle schools, and 1 high school:

Cohort 6:

1. Elementary Schools

- Bessie Carmichael
- Bryant
- Cesar Chavez
- Cleveland
- Filipino Education Center
- Francis Scott Key
- Golden Gate
- Gordon J. Lau
- Guadalupe
- Harvey Milk
- Hillcrest
- Jean Parker
- John Yehall Chin
- Malcolm X
- Marshall
- Miraloma
- Monroe
- Sheridan
- Sunnyside
- Ulloa
- Visitacion Valley
- William De Avila

2. K-8 Schools
 - Claire Lilienthal
 - Lawton
 - San Francisco Community

3. Middle Schools

- Aptos
- Luther Burbank
- James Denman
- Francisco
- Ben Franklin
- A.P. Giannini
- James Lick
- Horace Mann
- Marina
- Potrero Hill
- Presidio
- Roosevelt

Cohort 7:

1. Elementary Schools

- El Dorado
- E.R Taylor

2. Middle School

- Visitacion Valley

3. High School

- Balboa

Activities within the SFUSD and SHPD that support 21st Century:

- Student Success Team
- Student Assistance Program
- Student Nutrition
- Community and Business Development
- Gang Risk Intervention Program
- Foster Youth Services
- Healthy Start
- Curriculum Improvement and Professional Development
- Afterschool Learning
- Research, Planning and Development
- Planning, Evaluation and Research
- Peer Resources
- Information Services and Technology

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