

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CLC) Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Community Learning Center (CLC)?

Milwaukee Public Schools' 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CLCs) provide students and their families with quality before- and after-school programs. CLCs contribute to the health, safety, and academic success of the city's youth. Since 1998, the MPS CLCs have helped students receive academic assistance, participate in leadership and youth development-guidance activities, and enjoy the support of caring adults during non-school hours. During the 2010-2011 school year, the MPS CLCs served more than 19,000 youth.

The MPS CLC program involves an extensive collaboration with nine Milwaukee-area community-based organizations (CBOs) to operate 51 MPS CLCs. Each CBO provides fiscal administration for its respective CLC sites, hires and evaluates CLC staff, and assists the day schools in developing extended-day academic, recreational, and parent/family programming.

MPS CLC Lead Agency Partners:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
- COA Youth & Family Centers
- Neu-Life Community Resource Center
- Journey House
- Latino Community Center
- Neighborhood House
- Northcott Neighborhood House
- Our Next Generation, Inc.
- Silver Spring Neighborhood Center

The purpose of Milwaukee Public School's CLC programs, re-authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the No Child Left Behind Act, is to provide expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children identified as being below grade level standards in reading and math. Teacher tutoring and academic enrichment activities are designed to help students meet local and state academic standards in subjects such as reading and math.

The MPS 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) program provides students and their families with an opportunity to continue to learn new skills and discover new abilities after the school day has ended.

What is the purpose of the CLC program?

The purpose of the program is to create Community Learning Centers that provide students with academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional activities designed to complement their regular academic program. Community Learning Centers must also offer the families of these students, literacy and related educational development. CLCs, which can be located in elementary or secondary schools or other similarly accessible facilities, provide a range of high-quality services to support student/family learning and development, including tutoring and homework help, academic enrichment (such as hands-on science or technology programs), community service opportunities, as well as music, arts, sports, and cultural activities. At the same time, centers will help working parents by providing a safe environment for students when school is not in session.

Authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the law's specific purposes are to: (1) provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly those who attend low-performing schools, to meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and mathematics; (2) offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, and recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs, that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and (3) offer families of students served by Community Learning Centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Where do CLC Programs take place?

- Please refer to the MPS Recreation CLC webpage for a complete list of MPS CLC sites and contact information.

What are the dates and times of the 2011 CLC Program?

- Each CLC determines its own dates and hours of operation. Please refer to the MPS Recreation CLC webpage for a complete list of 2011-2012 CLC sites and hours of operation.

What ages/grade level are served?

- Ages served will vary slightly by site. In general, CLCs serve the ages served by the day school. Any child/youth may attend. Youth do not have to attend an MPS school in order to attend. Students from private/parochial school may attend.

What are the times of the program?

- Hours will vary from site to site. Please refer to the CLC webpage sheet for program hours. Contact the CLC Place directly for current program hours.

Will meals/snacks be served to youth in the CLC Program?

- All CLC sites will offer a free snack or dinner afterschool for youth. Please contact the site directly to determine exact snack or meal times. Meals are served Monday – Friday.

What does the CLC cost? Are fees charged?

- CLC programs may charge program fees (i.e., for registration, late drop off/early pick up, or field trips). However, a site cannot refuse to allow any child to participate in the CLC program based on the families' ability to pay program fees.

How do I register my child for the CLC Program?

- Registration is done at the school/site.

Is transportation provided?

- In general, transportation is NOT provided for participants to or from the CLC afterschool program. However, some sites may provide bussing home to students from the CLC afterschool program. Contact the CLC directly for transportation information.

For more information, visit:
www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net