

Guiding Principles for 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs in Wisconsin

21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) programs across Wisconsin are dynamic and complex environments that require innovative approaches to achieving the most impact for youth. There are many ways for programs to achieve excellence. The principles listed below have been developed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to help guide programs in that work.



Vision, Mission, and Goals

Program has clear youth-centered vision, mission, and goals developed in partnership with important stakeholders.



Leadership and Staff

Program has strong leadership and a team of qualified staff in place.



Financial Management and Sustainability

Program manages funding sources appropriately and plans for sustainability.



Program Improvement

Program gathers and reviews high-quality data for decision making and continuous quality improvement.



Diversity of Programming

Program offers a broad array of programming and employs multiple methods of instruction.



Academic Enrichment

Academic enrichment activities complement, but do not replicate, the school day.



Social and Emotional Learning

Social and emotional learning is integrated across all areas of the program.



Voice, Choice, and Leadership

Youth have a voice in programming and have genuine opportunities for choice and leadership.



Program Environment

Program ensures youth feel safe, supported, and welcomed.



Community Collaboration

Program engages and collaborates with community stakeholders.



Partnership with School

Partnership between program and school is characterized by active collaboration and communication.



Family Engagement

Families are treated as essential partners in program's efforts to support youth.

