



What is **CCLC**?

- **Cardinal Community Learning Centers**
 - Out of School Time (OST) program open to all K-12 students in the Crete area
 - Each Crete Public Schools campus hosts a CCLC site program
 - *CCLC - Elementary*
 - *CCLC - Intermediate*
 - *CCLC - Middle School*
 - *CCLC - High School*
 - Registration required for K-5; automatic enrollment for 6-12
 - Priority enrollment for underserved populations
 - All programming is provided free of charge

Vision

- To contribute to the closing of achievement gaps by facilitating a diverse and multipurpose enrichment learning environment that strives to ensure students are supervised, safe, and fed.

Mission

- To accelerate student academic success by providing high-quality enrichment learning opportunities, increased social interactions modeling positive behavior, and active and meaningful family and community engagements.

Goals

- Create an afterschool environment focused on:
 1. Improving overall student academic success
 2. Increasing positive behavior and social interactions, and
 3. Increasing active and meaningful family and community engagement.

Uniqueness (Nebraska)

- Of 41 districts awarded 21st Century funds, only five offer K-12 programming.
 - Crete Public Schools, Santee Community Schools, Walthill Public Schools, Lincoln Public Schools, and Omaha Public Schools.
- Of 149 site programs awarded 21st Century funds, only five offer a 9-12 location.
 - Crete High School, Lincoln High School, Lincoln North Star High School, Lincoln Northeast High School, and Omaha Burke High School.

CCLC Results (School Year 2020-2021)

- Students
 - 950 served
 - 510 "regular attenders"
 - 299 average daily attendance
 - 104 enrolled in *CCLC Summer 2021*
- Staff
 - 105 PTE
 - 64 university scholars
 - 22 high school students
 - 11 CPS Classified Staff
 - 8 community members
 - 5 FTE
 - 4 site coordinators
 - 1 director
- Programming
 - 144 unique clubs
 - 55 special events, including 8 Family Engagement Events
 - 26 newsletters
 - 7 field trips (beyond city limits)
- Nutrition
 - National School Lunch Program Afterschool Snack Service
 - 42,159 snacks
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) / At-Risk Afterschool Meals
 - 13,199 dinners
 - 1,544 UCC backpacks
- Sustainability
 - 58 partnerships
 - 'Community Partners' pledge matching funds for continuation grants
 - \$3,775,561 secured in new grant funding
 - 2 continuation grants (five-year term grants requiring matching funds)
 - 10 supplemental grants, including an Expanded Learning Opportunity
 - \$1,111,924 combined annual budget
 - CCLC pays staff, rent for school spaces, supplies, etc.
- Childcare Savings for Local Families
 - \$1,647,114.50 Total = \$746,557.75 Elementary + \$900,556.75 Intermediate
 - \$12.05 was the average per hour childcare cost in Nebraska

GPA: Greenhouse Prairie Arboretum

- Mission
 - A project emphasizing environmental education by restoring the onsite greenhouse, prairie and arboretum as means of modernizing learning opportunities for all students and the community.
- Goals
 - Foster a 'sense of place' for Crete Public School students
 - Support the overall wellness of rural environments
 - Expand learning for all by providing high-quality nature-based education
 - Encourage environmental stewardship, sustainable living and community wellness
 - Promote inclusion through teamwork in diverse experiential learning
- Green-Collar Internship Program
 - Paid high school interns (7 students)
 - Basic horticulture tasks.
 - Daily and seasonal maintenance for each learning site/facility.
 - Daily and seasonal care for the plants and wildlife.
 - Supervisors (4 university scholars)
 - Train and tutor student interns in basic horticulture practices.
 - Facilitate trainings as interns' skills develop and become apparent.
 - Focus on the interns' safety, teamwork, and growth as professionals.
- Programming
 - 20+ K-8 lessons instructed by...
 - University of Nebraska Extension
 - Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
 - Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo
 - Beyond School Bells' BioBlitz
 - 'Art in the Great Outdoors' family event (planted four saplings)
 - Intermediate & Middle School Afterschool Garden Clubs
 - Crete FFA & AgEd
- As a result, the learning spaces now...
 - Lead and model a digital-first approach to public garden engagement.
 - Are cataloged in the Morton Register of Arboreta, accredited by ArbNet, enrolled as an institutional member of the American Public Gardens Association, recognized as a landscape steward site by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, and registered as a Certified Schoolyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

Milestones (School Year 2020-2021)

- Became the first Out of School Time (OST) program in Nebraska to track student attendance through the use of a web-based afterschool management software, which improved student safety, staff accountability, and data accuracy.
- Due to the pandemic, creatively designed a collaborative video promoting K-12 reading and adult literacy. Site coordinators, along with Crete Public Library staff, read their favorite children's books. The video debuted on YouTube.
- Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) from Doane University led *NFL Play 60*.
- A matinee is streamed live from the Lied Center for Performing Arts entitled *A Kids Play About Racism*.
- More than doubled previous year's enrollment for summer programming, as 104 students enrolled in *CCLC Summer 2021*.

Hiring

- Applicants
 - 37 didn't return after May 13, 2021
 - 10 = chose not to return due to securing new jobs
 - 21 = graduated from university or proceeded to student teaching
 - 6 = graduated from high school and are now residing elsewhere
 - 38 new applicants since June 1, 2021
 - 36 = hired
- Postings
 - <https://crete.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?jobID=345>
 - The posting appears on the following:
 - Crete Public Schools
 - The Crete News
 - Facebook
 - Doane University
 - Work-Study
 - ApplicantPro
 - Handshake
 - Doane University - all campuses
 - University of Nebraska - Lincoln
 - University of Nebraska - Omaha
 - University of Nebraska - Kearney
 - Concordia University - Seward
 - Union College - Lincoln
 - Nebraska Community Colleges Jobs Consortium

- Southeast Community College
 - Central Community College
 - Mid-Plains Community College
 - Western Nebraska Community College
- *School Year 2021-2022, CCLC is serving more students due to 'automatic enrollment' at the MS, along with reduced staff availability and processing delays.
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Connect

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How CCLC is Funded

Simplified Version



Americans are required by law to pay federal taxes, such as individual income taxes, payroll taxes, and corporate income taxes, as well as excise taxes, estate tax, and other taxes & fees.

The United States Congress allocates tax dollars. Included is funds to the United States Department of Education for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.

The United States Department of Education divides the program funds between the states. The funds are then sent to each state's department of education.

In each state, Out of School Time site programs compete for funds through grant competitions. Funds are awarded based upon which site programs demonstrate the greatest need, and achieve the most success.

To remain eligible, site programs must adhere to the regulations set forth by federal and state law. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html>

