

# **21st Century Community Learning Center Evaluation Summary**

## **Exeter R-VI Afterschool Program**

### **Goal 1: Academic Achievement and Efficacy**

The Exeter ASP program provides excellent support for academic growth. The students are engaged in alternative instructional techniques that enhance the regular school day. The students enjoy the curriculum and indicate interest in all subject areas. The curriculum enhances the learning that occurs during the school day. Parents believe the program has helped their children have better academic and social skills

Afterschool programs provide a full range of academic support including homework help, tutoring, academic enrichment, and comprehensive integrated units directly tied to the state standards. They provide activities that complement rather than replicate the school day.

### **Goal 2: Program Quality**

The Exeter ASP provides a safe and supportive program for the youth. Family communication is effective as the parents are aware of the programs provided to their children and for the adults in the community. The staff have been engaged with the program from the initial year and have received training that supports their desire to combine academic content with the expressed interest of the students. Utilizing the regular day teachers as the afterschool teacher provides a strong connection for the students. Administration indicates the afterschool program improves the student's commitment to learning and has become an integral part of the entire student school experience. Parents have a hard time assisting students with new math concepts and they appreciate the assistance the ASP offers. Research shows that high quality afterschool programs help close the achievement gap and reduce the likelihood of

youth participating in risk taking behaviors. The 21st CCLC grant recipients participate in an ongoing quality improvement process that includes the point-of-service experience of youth, school day linkages, family connections, and community involvement.

### **Goal 3: Youth Outcomes**

Exeter Afterschool Program also offer non-academic benefits that support the student's development of college and career readiness skills including positive school behaviors (e.g., regular attendance), personal and social skills (e.g., Time management teamwork, critical thinking), and commitment to learning (e.g., initiative, homework completion, study skills). All data from the youth, parents, and staff of the Exeter ASP reflect a high commitment to learning. Homework is addressed daily and attendance is very good. The students indicate strong study habits and benefits from the program. The program provides opportunities for students to enjoy the learning process with new strategies. They are encouraged to do physical fitness activities and are provided daily snacks. K-12 total enrollment for the ASP is 143 with 110 attending 30 days or more. 86 or 60% of those enrolled attended 60 days or more.

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