

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Office of Innovative Support

28. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To amend the NCLB Consolidated State Application to revise the methodology for awarding competitive grants for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV, Part B, Subpart 2) Program

Purpose: The purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program is to create community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools, to meet State and local student standards in core academic subjects, to offer students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs, and to offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. Funding for the 21st CCLC is contingent upon availability and notification of congressional appropriations.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant awards were initially funded for three years with an additional two years of funding possible if appropriate gains in student achievement were made. The new methodology, developed by the Advisory Council for Federal Programs, outlines the grant award funding criteria and academic criteria for grants by defining what is considered appropriate gains in student achievement. Based upon the new methodology, grantees may be considered eligible for an additional two years.

Grant Award Funding Criteria for Grants:

- Year 1 – 100% funding from MDE
- Year 2 – 100% funding from MDE
- Year 3 – 80% funding from MDE, in addition to grantee demonstrating local, state, private or in-kind match of 20%
- Year 4 – 60% funding from MDE, in addition to grantee demonstrating local, state, private or in-kind match of 40%
- Year 5 – 40% funding from MDE in addition to grantee demonstrating local, state, private or in-kind match of 60%

Grant Award Academic Criteria for Grants:

- Successful completion of annual continuation application
- Successful completion of Year-end 21st CCLC Performance Report

- Sufficient gains in participating student academic achievement, as evidenced in:
 - State assessments for accountability;
 - End-of-year report card grades;
 - Student classroom portfolio;
 - Student classroom participation;
 - Student after school attendance;
 - Student conduct reports;
 - Family involvement and/or participation;
 - Community collaborations and/or involvement; and
 - Participation in enrichment activities.
- Verification of 21st CCLC program sustainability

Effective Date: New methodology will be implemented beginning with the 2006-2007 school year for current and future grantees.

Recommendation: Approval