

Calumet STARS

21st Century Community Learning Center

In a quiet agricultural community, Calumet STARS (Students That Are Reaching Success) is the focal point for many kids afterschool. Students are on point with activities from homework help to archery; a strong combination for 21st Century skills!

Who?

Calumet Public School district keeps the school doors open from 3:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for 77 enrolled afterschool students. Teachers, teacher's aides and AmeriCorps members stay with the kids after hours to tutor, train and guide students in a host of ways that strengthen ties to each other and the community.



Afterschool archery!

21st Century Learning!



Afterschool Rec Room



Peer tutoring



Fun with magnets

Quote of the Day:

My child is able to get his homework finished and participate in the archery program. ...The archery program offers lifelong skills.

~ Calumet Parent and Teacher

What?

Calumet is a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grantee. The purpose of this important program is to create *community learning centers* which focus on:

- Academic enrichment opportunities for students in high-poverty and low-performing schools
- Meeting State and local student standards in core academic subjects
- Offering students an array of enrichment activities that complement regular academic programs
- Offering literacy and other educational services to the families of the students

How?

Utilizing 21st CCLC funds in creative ways, superintendent and afterschool director Keith Weldon invested in equipment and technology that will keep students on the competitive edge with larger communities. The purchase of SMART technology, art supplies, recreational and archery equipment, engages students in ways that boost their academic, physical and social performance.

Mr. Weldon plays an active role in the program by instructing archery, taking students to regional and state competitions and by energizing community service learning activities with friendly competition and a pizza party!

Dedicated teachers stay with students afterschool; with help from two AmeriCorps Members Jeanette Maness and Chelsea Lukins, they are able to effectively connect the school day with afterschool learning and activities.

Partners

Local churches have partnered with the afterschool program to do cooking classes and art projects with students. Nursing homes have become a service learning partner, a place students can take artwork and learn to care for others in their community.

Win!

In a small town setting, school is often the connecting point for locals. Calumet STARS is able to foster the bonds between the school, community and families in the afterschool hours. The skills and connections built during those hours of the day will continue to propel the community years into the future!



Two students marble paint afterschool.



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City and Afterschool Information

Approx. Population	550
Approx. median household income	\$46,000
Crime rate*	Low
Poverty level	21%
Children currently enrolled in Calumet public schools	300
Students currently enrolled in afterschool	77
Afterschool students who qualify for free/reduced lunch	71%

**Crime rate as compared to US average*

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Hours of operation:
Monday through Friday
3:20 pm to 5:30 pm

Serving grades PreK – 6th