



Program Profile

Lawton High School in the 21st Century!

2012

Lawton High School 21st Century Community Learning Center

Lawton High School is taking it to the afterschool extreme! From traditional tutoring and service learning to producing local public service announcements and illustrating children’s books; this afterschool program is racing into the 21st Century and pulling out all the stops!

Who?

Lawton High School keeps the school doors open for the entire student body. Though regular attendance averages at 120 students, Lawton High can see anywhere between 500 and 600 students afterschool throughout the year! Teachers and community volunteers keep activities exciting, engaging and educational. It is during this time when students practice for an array of regional, state and national competitions, strengthen skills and core knowledge, and develop the lasting bonds and friendships that will propel the students into successful futures.



Media Production



The Imagination Nation



Graphic Novels

21st Century Learning!



Quote of the Day:

This is a really great program to get extra help on things. Coming to the afterschool program helps me further my work in class...

~ Lawton High School Student

What?

Lawton High is a recipient of the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant. 21st CCLC is a federal grant program to create afterschool *community learning centers* which focus on:

- Academic enrichment opportunities for students in high-poverty and/or 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

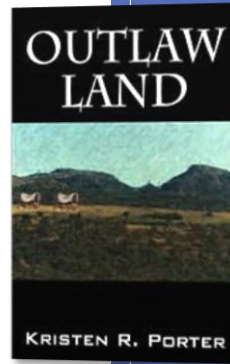
How?

21st CCLC funds have skyrocketed Lawton High School afterschool activities! With cameras, laptops and editors, students do daily school news, keep up the school website and have made public service announcements on issues such as water conservation, anti-bullying and texting and driving which run on a local cable channel. With the purchase of quality art supplies students make art for the Cedar Crest Manor Nursing Home, have worked on illustrations for *Vincent Meets the Creature* with Elena Capuccio and have done illustrations for books such as *Outlaw Land* by Kristin Porter.

This funding also allows teachers to stay afterschool with students to provide science tutoring, labs and Math Matters, which connect the classroom with afterschool. The literature club, "The Imagination Nation," is another rich asset to the afterschool program and holds a slew of contest winners, awards and honorable mentions in such contests as: Poetry Out Loud, Sojourner's Essay Contest, Lions Club Speech Contest, Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum Essay Contest, University of Dallas Shakespeare in Italy Summer Program and Respect Diversity Foundation, among many others!

Win!

Only a breath away from graduation, high school students are developing and putting into practice what they learn during the school day. The afterschool hours empower teens to become leaders in their community, their school and within themselves. In the hours after the bell rings, students' imaginations come alive, their skills are enhanced and their futures begin to take shape as they prepare to take their places in the 21st Century!



Amber Wuergler, an afterschool volunteer, tutors a student in Lawton High's brand new library!



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City and Afterschool Information

Approx. Population	92,000
Approx. median household income	\$45,000
Crime rate as compared to national average*	71.6% higher
Poverty level	11.3%
Students currently enrolled in Lawton High School	1,880
Students who regularly attend afterschool	120
Number of students who qualify for free & reduced lunch	1,035

*Crime rate as compared to the 2010 US average 319.1/100,000

Lawton Public Schools Afterschool Program

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Hours of operation:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
7:15 to 7:40 am
2:30 to 4:40 pm

Serving grades 9th – 12th