



Program Profile

Tahlequah Middle School Boys & Girls Club in the 21st Century!

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Tahlequah Middle School Boys & Girls Club

21st Century Community Learning Center

It takes a village to raise a child and in Tahlequah, afterschool is a team effort. Teachers, mentors, peers and partners guide these future community leaders to take hold of their 21st Century destinies!

Who?

Teachers, school staff and even a retired teacher coordinate and teach afterschool classes. Students from the high school volunteer as aides and older students are paired up with younger ones as Peer Pals, a reading buddies program with Nooks. The Tahlequah Boys & Girls Club brings in Youth Leaders, NSU students who serve as mentors. The school provides the building and safe transportation home in the evenings. With this group effort, school doors are able to stay open every day from 6:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. to benefit the students!



21st Century Learning!



Quote of the Day:

I feel so appreciated because [the students] are so thankful!

~ Teensie Eckert,
Mentor Coordinator

What?

Tahlequah Middle School Boys & Girls Club is a recipient of the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant. 21st CCLC is a 5-year federal grant program for creating 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?

The afterschool day begins in a hustle to get to *Power Hour* for study time and homework help. Younger students pair up with older *Peer Pals* for reading on Kindles. When students are finished with *Power Hour*, they can choose to participate in Science Lab, Wii Connect games, Photo Story, writing book trailers, mentoring and programs provided by Youth Leaders such as Smart Moves and Money Matters. Great Expectations is a running theme through all Tahlequah Middle School Boys & Girls Club activities, giving students encouragement to reach for excellence and success!

Tahlequah Middle School Boys & Girls Club has utilized 21st CCLC funds to build a fitness trail to encourage physical activity among their afterschool students. Bikes, exercise equipment and Frisbee golf goals have all been purchased in an effort to put students in motion!

Partners

Students and the community benefit mutually from afterschool programs. After hours and on the weekends, the fitness trail opens up to the public, allowing Tahlequah citizens a place to exercise and benefit from the afterschool resources. After school, students have time to participate in service-learning projects like canned food drives and *Penny Wars* for The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. At the end of the day, the school partners up to provide safe transportation home for those who stay afterschool!

Win!

Afterschool programming has given a retired teacher purpose again, college students experience, citizens a trail to enjoy, charities support, and most importantly, it's given students friends, courage and confidence!



Fitness trail and Frisbee golf!



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City and Afterschool Information

Approx. Population	17,000
Approx. median household income	\$25,000
Crime rate*	251.7
District low-income level	72.97%
Students currently enrolled in Tahlequah Middle School	881
Students currently enrolled in the afterschool program	310
Number of students who qualify for free & reduced lunch	635
21 st CCLC Year Tahlequah Middle School Boys & Girls Club is in	5 th out of 5

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

Tahlequah Middle School Boys & Girls Club, 21st CCLC

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Monday through Friday
6:45 am – 8:15 am
3:15 pm – 5:45 pm

Serving grades 5th – 8th