

Abstract

21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Application

Our school, Sun View Elementary, is a Title I school serving 483 culturally diverse K-5 students (42% Caucasian, 33% Hispanic/Latino, 25% Asian, and 10% other's) the majority of whom are at risk of school failure.

Some of the identified needs/risk factors for students and the school community are:

- **55% of our students have no one at home between the hours of 2pm and 6pm,**
- **4 times higher than average Police service activity exists in our attendance area.**
- **60-65% of 2nd-5th grade students score below the 50th percentile in reading and math, and 35% score below the 25th percentile in reading and math on the statewide SAT-9 standardized tests.**
- **Limited affordable Adult Ed., ESL, technology based vocational education programs, alcohol & drug avoidance programs, family mental health, or parenting programs in our school community area.**

In order to reduce our student "risk factors", and promote student achievement and social success, we are seeking funds to implement our locally developed "**The Learning Zone**" Project. If funded, this grant will allow us to offer our students/community members an extended school day/year "menu" of expanded "learning opportunities" in a safe, drug free environment which will support and encourage their efforts to improve their academic achievement and enhance their physical, mental, and social well being. "**The Learning Zone**" will provide "extended day/year" programs/services daily, after school, on Saturdays, and during the summer.

Some anticipated outcomes of "**The Learning Zone**" Project are:

- **Reduced number of unsupervised children in the afternoons, on weekends and in the summer**
- **Reduced actual and/or potential number of students engaging in drug abuse activities and in juvenile crime, or being victims of crime. Reduced adult crime rate in our school community**
- **Raised academic skill levels and performance by students on standardized tests and consequently the number of students meeting the California State Academic Standards**
- **Increased number of parent and community members receiving physical/mental health, adult education and parenting programs/services**