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21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants Support Academic Achievement and Equity

RICHMOND, Va. — The Virginia Department of Education is awarding 28 grants to fund new 21st Century Community Learning Centers in 19 school divisions. The grants range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and promote equitable educational opportunities for students by supporting tutoring and enrichment activities that complement regular academic programs.

Community learning centers operate before and after school, during school breaks, Saturdays, and during summer vacation. The centers also provide educational services for families of participating children.

Applicants for the grants — including school divisions and community-based organizations — were encouraged to consult with parents, non-profits, businesses, arts and cultural organizations, and youth development agencies to develop their applications and programs.

“Well-designed community programs support the efforts of teachers and schools to improve outcomes for students and engage families in the learning process,” Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane said. “I thank all of the applicants — school divisions and community-based partners — for promoting equity by providing these additional learning opportunities for our students and their families.”

The grant recipients and schools hosting new 21st Century Learning Centers in 2019-2020 are as follows:

- Alexandria Public Schools — Ferdinand T. Day Elementary
- Alexandria Public Schools — Francis C. Hammond Middle
- Alexandria Public Schools — George Mason Elementary, Mt. Vernon Elementary, George Washington Middle and T.C. Williams High
- Alexandria Public Schools — Jefferson-Houston K-8
- Alternatives, Inc. — Hunter B. Andrews PK-8 (Hampton)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia — Eastern Montgomery Elementary (Montgomery County)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area — Woodrow Wilson Intermediate (Danville)
- Buckingham County Public Schools — Buckingham County Elementary
- Charlotte County Public Schools — Central Middle
- Colonial Beach Public Schools — Colonial Beach Elementary
- Cornerstones, Inc. — Herndon High (Fairfax County)
- Greenville County Public Schools — E. W. Wyatt Middle
- Hampton City Public Schools — Christopher C. Kraft Elementary

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- Henrico Education Foundation — Harold Macon Ratcliffe Elementary (Henrico County)
- Henrico Education Foundation — L. Douglas Wilder Middle (Henrico County)
- Lynchburg Public Schools — Sandusky Middle
- Norfolk Public Schools — Norview Middle
- Portsmouth Public Schools — Brighton Elementary
- Portsmouth Public Schools — Westhaven Elementary
- Rockbridge County Public Schools — Maury River Middle
- Russell County Public Schools — Castlewood Elementary and Cooper Creek Elementary
- Russell County Public Schools — Honaker Elementary
- Russell County Public Schools — Lebanon Elementary and Lebanon Middle
- Russell County Public Schools — Swords Creek Elementary and Belfast Elementary
- Smyth County Public Schools — Saltville Elementary
- Stafford County Public Schools — Edward E. Drew Middle
- The Bridge Center, Gretna Inc. — Gretna Middle (Pittsylvania County)
- Windy Hill Foundation — W.G. Coleman Elementary, Claude Thompson Elementary and Marshall Middle (Fauquier County)

The department is also continuing funding of 87 programs that received initial grants in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

Additional information about the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is available on the [VDOE website](#). Details about applying for the next grant competition will be announced in February 2020.

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