

# St. Cloud School District Targeted Services Program



## Targeted Services Overview

Targeted Services is a state-funded program that offers additional learning opportunities for academically targeted K-8 students. Targeted Services learning opportunities / programs are purposefully designed to build academic skills, as well as to help students develop better organizational and social/emotional skills. Targeted Services are offered by St. Cloud Area Schools through Extended Day and Summer Programming. Targeted Services are purposeful, with the ultimate goal of giving students the assets, strengths, and proactive factors necessary to be successful in school rather than a homework completion program. Students who meet enrollment criteria and are struggling in core academic areas are eligible for services. Our programs provide smaller group classes with lower student to teacher ratios so that students can receive individualized assistance based on individual student need.

## Criteria for Enrollment

Students who meet the state established criteria and are struggling in core academic areas qualify for services. Teachers, counselors, or other school personnel can complete the identification of students that could benefit from Targeted Services.

The state established criteria are called "Learner At-Risk Qualifying Categories." Students need to meet at least one of these Learner At-Risk Qualifying Categories to qualify for Targeted Services support. If a student fits into more than one area, the most prominent area is chosen for criteria.

## Learner At-Risk Qualifying Categories:

1. Performs substantially below the performance level for pupils of the same age in a locally determined achievement test.
2. Is behind in satisfactorily completing coursework or obtaining credits for graduation
3. Is pregnant or is a parent
4. Has been assessed as chemically dependent
5. Has been excluded or expelled according to Section 121A.40 to 121A.56
6. Has been referred by a school district for enrollment in an eligible program or a program pursuant to section 124D.69
7. Is a victim of physical or sexual abuse
8. Has experienced mental health problems
9. Has experienced homelessness sometime within the last six months before requesting a transfer to an eligible program
10. Speaks English as a second language or has limited English proficiency
11. Has withdrawn from school or has been chronically truant
12. Is being treated in a hospital in the seven-county metropolitan area for cancer or other life threatening illness or is the sibling of an eligible pupil who is being currently treated, and resides with the pupil's family at least 60 miles beyond the outside boundary of the seven-county metropolitan area

## Continual Learning Plan (CLP)

Every student enrolled in a targeted services program must have a continual learning plan (CLP). The CLP is a communication tool to show why the student was recommended and to involve/inform

the parents about the process. A parent/guardian must sign the registration form for the extended day/year program, as well as their child's CLP. The CLP will be stored at the DAO and in the child's cumulative folder on site for progress monitoring and record keeping.

### **School Enrollment Procedures**

Each school providing Targeted Services has appropriate enrollment procedures in place. Program referrals are made by classroom teachers, school counselor, or other identified school staff. Enrollment paperwork is then forwarded to the school secretary for distribution.

### **School Enrollment Paperwork**

Copies of the following paperwork must be sent to Krysta Potter at the DAO for approval prior to the start of a Targeted Services Program:

- Program Information Form
- Budget Proposal
- Program Application
- Program Rubric
- Program Transportation Request
  - (Transportation Department requires 10 days to process and establish transportation route)
- Attach a copy of program calendar

### **Targeted Services Extended Day and Summer Programming Extended Day Program (before and after school)**

Extended Day provides an opportunity for students in grades K-8 to reinforce and further develop the skills taught during the school day. Extended day programs are held at a student's assigned school of attendance outside of the regular school day. The program has three critical components designed to maximize student learning during extended day:

1. Licensed teachers who are familiar with the grade level curriculum they are teaching are hired for the extended day program.
2. Smaller classes that enable more personalized instruction.
3. The curriculum used during extended day reinforces the skills taught during the school year.

### **Extended Day Teaching Staff**

We are committed to hiring high-quality teachers for the Extended Day program. The Extended Day teaching staff consists of licensed teachers who are experienced in teaching the grade level they are teaching in the program. In most Extended Day classrooms, the teacher is a St. Cloud Area School District teacher who is familiar and experienced in teaching the curriculum of that grade level.

### **Extended Year Program (Summer Program)**

Targeted Services Summer Program is an optional K-8 program and is available to students who qualify with one of the Learner At-Risk Qualifying Categories. Students receive Summer Program support with the goal of growing academically and social-emotionally. The Summer Program follows the same school year expectations of strict attendance and strict behavioral policies. Targeted Services Summer Program is a privilege and adhering to these policies will promote an atmosphere that will provide the best educational learning experience for all of our summer program students.