

Trailside Academy 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program

2025–2026 End-of-Year Evaluation Summary

The Trailside Academy 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program continues to provide high-quality academic support, enrichment opportunities, and family engagement that extend learning beyond the traditional school day. Our mission is to provide students with a safe, engaging, and supportive environment where they can strengthen academic skills, discover new interests, build positive relationships, and develop confidence that carries into the classroom and beyond.

A Proven and Growing Program

Trailside Academy's 21st CCLC program continues to exceed the performance goals established by the grant, demonstrating strong implementation and positive outcomes for students and families.

Originally awarded a **three-year federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant**, Trailside Academy was eligible to apply for an additional two years based on successful program implementation and performance. Following a successful review, our program was recently **awarded the additional two-year continuation**, reflecting the quality of our programming and our commitment to continuous improvement.

The grant is designed to serve a minimum of **115 students annually**. During the 2025–2026 school year, **231 students participated in the Trailside after-school program in some capacity**, allowing significantly more students to benefit from academic support and enrichment opportunities than the grant requires.

Positive Academic Outcomes

Academic growth remains a central goal of the Trailside 21st CCLC program. Student performance data indicate encouraging progress among participating students.

During the 2025–2026 school year:

- **48 students demonstrated the targeted growth in mathematics.**
- **23 students achieved the targeted growth in reading.**
- **14 students met the full academic performance criteria established by the grant.**

In addition, the number of students meeting the grant's academic performance criteria increased substantially. During the **2024–2025 school year, 56 students met the criteria**, while **95 students met the criteria during the 2025–2026 school year**, providing a much larger sample of successful participants. These results suggest that sustained participation in the Trailside 21st CCLC program is associated with positive academic outcomes for the students served.

Student Growth Beyond Academics

Teacher survey data also reflected positive growth in student behaviors and engagement.

Teacher surveys indicated that **51 of 124 students (41.1%) improved in 25% or more of the measured indicators**. Although this result did not meet the established grant performance target, it represents meaningful improvement over the previous year, when **26.4% of students** met the same benchmark. This continued upward trend demonstrates the program's positive influence on student engagement, responsibility, and overall development.

Enrichment That Inspires Learning

Students participate in a wide variety of enrichment opportunities that complement classroom instruction while encouraging creativity, collaboration, leadership, and physical activity.

Trailside Academy is proud to partner with outstanding community organizations, including:

- Mad Science
- Hero Sports
- Think 360 Arts
- Sticky Fingers Cooking

These partnerships provide hands-on experiences in science, visual arts, cooking, athletics, and other enrichment activities that help students discover new interests while building important life skills.

To support working families, Trailside also offers a **before-school program Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 a.m.** Students enrolled in the after-school program may remain on campus until **5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**, providing a safe and enriching environment before and after the regular school day.

Family Engagement

Family engagement continues to be one of the greatest strengths of the Trailside 21st CCLC program.

Parents are regularly encouraged to support consistent attendance so students can fully benefit from the program. The school also offers **parent workshops** throughout the year that provide resources and strategies to help families support student learning and development at home.

In addition, Trailside hosts several **family engagement events** each year that bring students, families, staff, and community members together, strengthening relationships and fostering a strong sense of community.

What Parents Are Saying

Families consistently share how the program has positively impacted their children and the school community.

One parent shared:

"My child wanted to stay after school with friends but was shy about joining. After experiencing the program, they became confident, made new friends, and now eagerly sign up every time a new session is offered."

Another parent described the program as a powerful motivator for positive behavior:

"My child knows that staying after school with friends is a privilege. They understand that if they don't make good choices during the school day, they won't be able to participate. It has become a great incentive for positive behavior."

One family explained how the program has reinforced important life lessons:

"Our child has learned the phrase, 'Work hard, play hard.' They understand that schoolwork comes first, and then they get to enjoy the activities they love after school."

Perhaps the strongest reflection came from a parent who shared:

"In many ways, Trailside's after-school programs are the heart of the school."

Looking Ahead

Trailside Academy remains committed to providing high-quality before- and after-school programming that supports students academically, socially, emotionally, and creatively. As the program continues to grow, we will build on our strong partnerships with families, school staff, and community organizations while continuing to expand meaningful enrichment opportunities for students.

We are proud of the progress our students have made and grateful for the continued support of our families, educators, community partners, and the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. Together, we are creating opportunities that inspire students to achieve, connect, and thrive—both during and beyond the school day.