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Nicolet Elementary 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC)

GREEN BAY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMATIVE EVALUATION REPORT 2025-2026

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SUMMATIVE EVALUATION REPORT 2025-2026

Nicolet Elementary School in the Green Bay Area Public School District operated a 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program during the 2025-2026 school year. The 21st CCLC program originated as part of Congress's reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1994 to provide grants to schools and to expand education services beyond the regular school hours. Since that time, the 21st CCLC program has been one of the fastest growing programs in the federal government, with a 2019 allocation of \$1.2 billion, serving just over 10,000 centers nationwide.

The focus of the program reauthorized under Title IV, Part B of the No Child Left Behind Act, is to provide expanded academic enrichment opportunities to children attending low-performing schools. Tutorial services and academic enrichment activities are designed to help youth meet academic standards in subjects such as reading and math. In addition, 21st CCLC sites provide program activities related to youth development; drug and violence prevention; technology education; art, music, and recreation programs; counseling; and character education to enhance the academic component of the program.

During the 2025-2026 school year, Nicolet Elementary School contracted with Jenell Holstead, Ph.D., Director of the Consortium of Applied Research at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, to provide external evaluation of the after school program site. Dr. Holstead's evaluation activities included analyzing summative data regarding outcomes from the 2025-2026 school year. This report presents the summative results for the Nicolet program site.

STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

In total, 49 students attended the program during the 2025-2026 school year. Of those that attended, 22% had special education needs and 20% were English language learners. Of note, 96% of the students were receiving free/reduced lunch. The program consisted of roughly 36% Hispanic or Latino students, 44% Black or African American students, 10% students who are two or more races, 6% students who are American Indian or Alaskan Native and 1% White students. About 50% of the participants were female, and 50% male.

Program staff prioritized recruitment of students who were in need of academic support or had social, emotional, or behavioral needs. Staff also recruited low-income students and past participants and their siblings.

The majority (90%) of students who attended the program at least one day during the school year attended “regularly” (more than 30 days across the year). In fact, the majority of regular attendees (71%) attended 90 or more days during the school year. On an average day, 30 students attended the program.

Forty-two students attended more than 90 hours of programming, with 9 students attending for more than 270 hours during the school year.

**THE PROGRAM
PROVIDED
367
ADDITIONAL
HOURS OF
SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN
IN 2025-2026**

Attendance Trends	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
# of Participants (30+ days)	50	56	44	41	44
% of regular attendees attending 30-59 days	20%	25%	16%	12%	20%
% of regular attendees attending 60-89 days	16%	18%	20%	10%	9%
% of regular attendees attending 90+ days	64%	57%	64%	78%	71%
Average Daily Attendance	32	39	29	31	30

PROGRAM OFFERINGS AND STAFF

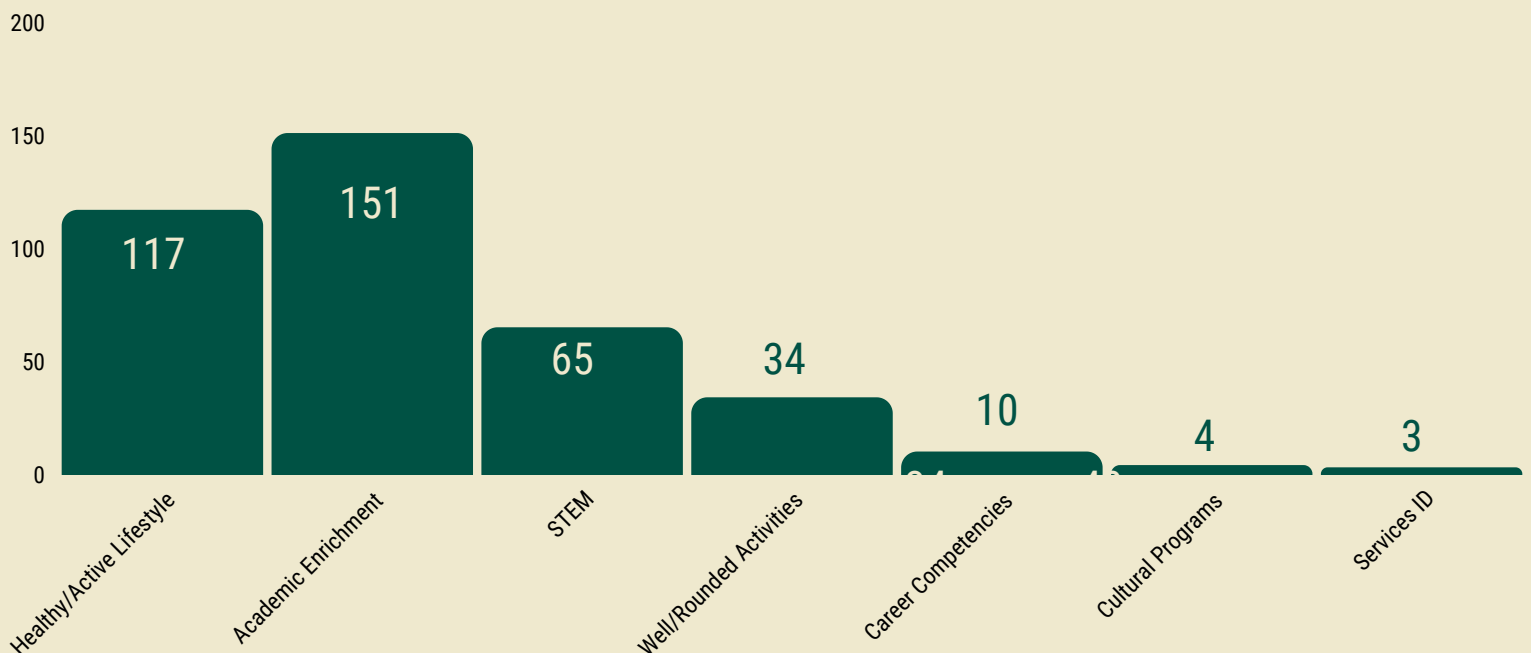
During the 2025-2026 school year, numerous activities were provided during the week. In total, students participated in 117 hours of healthy and active lifestyle activities, 151 hours of academic enrichment activities, 65 hours of STEM, 34 hours of well-rounded education, 10 hours of career competencies, 4 of cultural programs and 3 hours of services for individuals with disabilities. Nicolet staff used state standards to guide 21st CCLC programming and aligned program activities with school day content.

The program partnered with 4-H, Children’s Museum of Green Bay, Girl Scouts of Northwest Great Lakes, Green Bay Martial Arts Center, NEW Zoo and Adventure Park, Nicolet Community Center, Salvation Army Kroc Center, and UW-Green Bay.

The program operated for 34 weeks during the 2025-2026 school year and was open for a total of 148 days. In general, the program operated five days per week and served youth for approximately 10 hours each week.

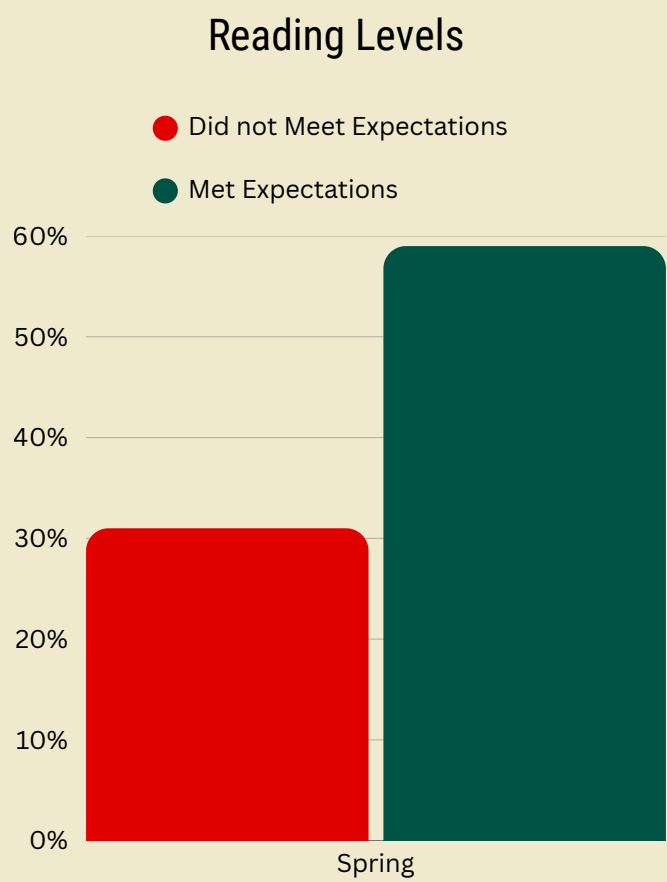
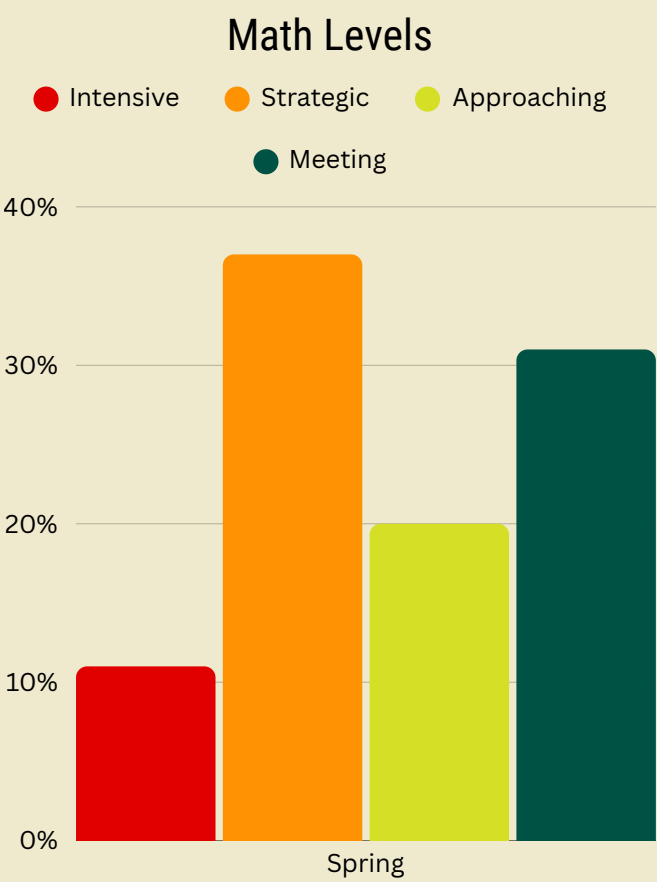
In total, 10 staff worked for the program including 2 community members, 6 college students, 1 administrators, and 1 high school student. Staff members were recruited by reaching out to local universities and high school students and targeting school personnel.

HOURS OF PROGRAMMING



SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

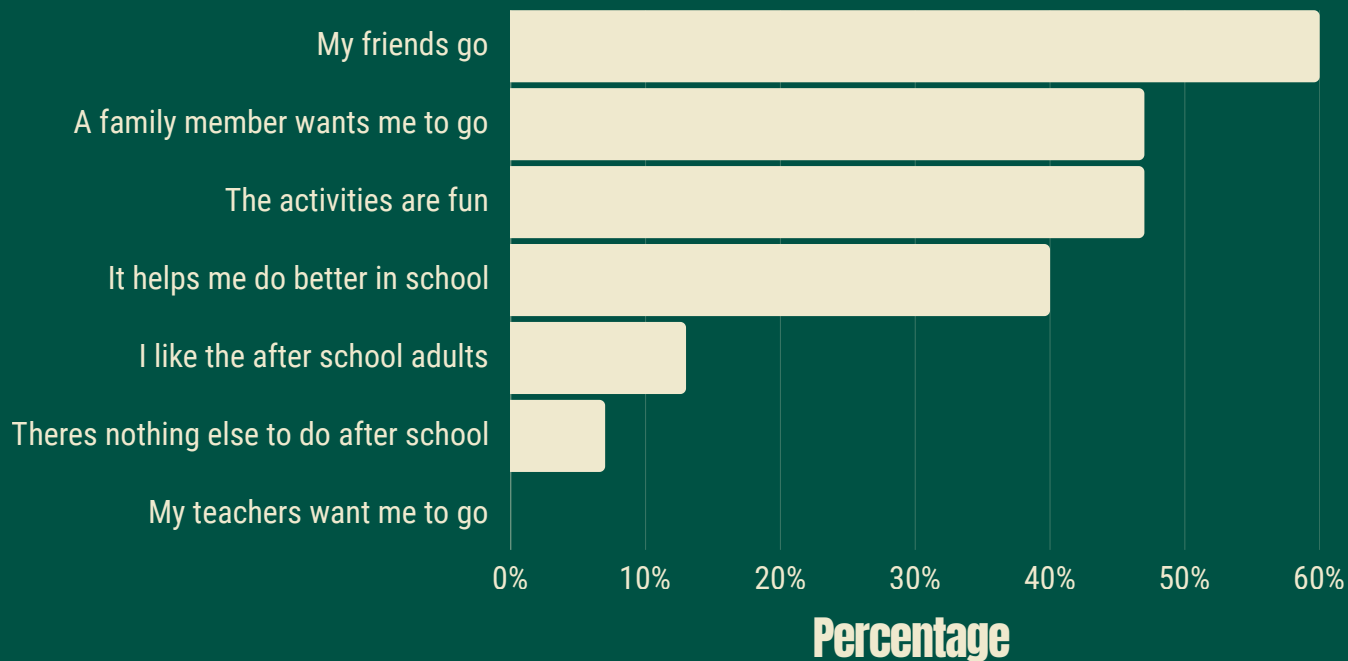
The school assessed the students' performance in reading and math levels during the spring, as measured by the Numbers Corner (math) and school literacy (reading) assessments. In math, 31% of students met expectations by the end of the year. In reading, 59% of students met expectations by the end of the year.



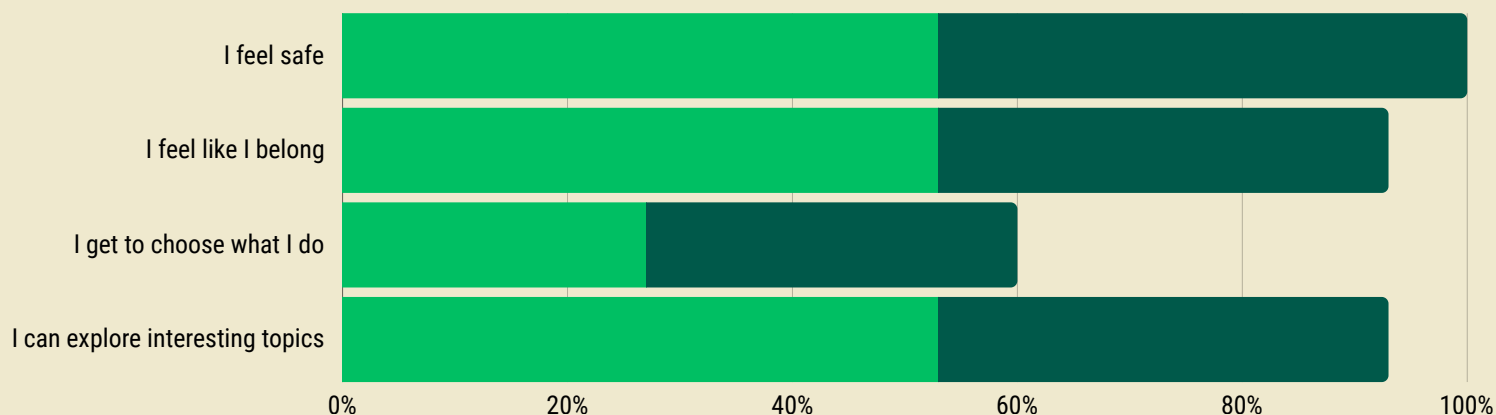
WHAT STUDENTS SAY

Students have great things to say about the program. In total, 15 students completed a student survey at the end of the year. Eighty-four percent (73%) of these students reported their identity was represented by at least one adult in the program, while 67% of students reported that program staff cared about them. Overall, children reported that they belonged at the program (93%), and that that there was at least one adult at the program they could talk to and trust (87%). 100% of students reported feeling safe at the program.

WHY STUDENTS ATTENDED THE PROGRAM



● Agree ● Strongly Agree



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WHAT FAMILIES SAY

At the end of the year, 25 families completed a family survey. Nine families reported that they had two or more children in the program, representing 34 students that participated. The survey was available in English, Hmong, and Spanish.

In the survey, 100% of families reported that staff and program leaders cared about their child, with 81% strongly agreeing with this statement. Moreover, at least 94% of families reported that they can communicate their concerns to program staff, felt happy with the types of activities their child participated in, and that their children enjoy spending time with the program staff and leaders.

Families were also asked to report whether the days and times the program was offered were adequate to meet their needs, with 100% agreeing that the days and times were adequate. Ninety-seven (97%) of families reported that they were more engaged with their child(ren)'s education because of their participation in the program.

100% of families reported that staff and program leaders cared about their child(ren).

Percentage of families reporting CCLC program helped child:

- Get along better with others: 96%
- Improve their grades/do better in school: 94%
- Participate in activities they would not otherwise have had the opportunity to participate in: 100%
- Increase confidence in their abilities: 100%

WHAT TEACHERS SAY

Teachers were surveyed in Spring 2025 and asked to report the extent to which the CCLC program had helped students in a variety of categories. The results were overwhelmingly positive and are summarized in the table below.

What happened with the student's... over the course of the year?	Engagement in Learning	Enjoyment of Class Activities	Participation in Class Activities	Asking Questions	Completion of In-Class Assignments	Connecting Class Activities to Outside World	Willingness to Try New Things	Demonstration of Self-Directed Learning
It needed to improve and it did.	55%	52%	52%	45%	52%	52%	58%	52%
It needed to improve but it stayed the same.	6%	9%	18%	18%	18%	15%	6%	18%
It needed to improve but it got worse.	3%	0%	6%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%
It did not need to improve.	36%	36%	24%	36%	27%	30%	36%	30%
Not Applicable	0%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%

PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Guiding Principles	Measurable Goals	Nicolet
Programs will provide a stable, safe, and supportive environment to meet the needs of the target population	100% of students express that they feel safe on the end of program survey.	Goal Met (100% of students surveyed)
	80% yearly retention rate of staff at each site.	Goal Met (81% of staff retained)
	100% of sites will develop a professional development plan that incorporates best practices to address staff learning needs.	Goal Met (Professional development plan created)
Programs will develop youth as learners	Students who attend afterschool programming for 200+ hours or more will meet end of year grade level expectations in reading.	Some progress made (59% of all attendees meet expectations)
	Students who attend after school programming for 200+ hours or more will meet end of year grade level expectations in math as measured by NC.	Some progress made (31% of all attendees meet expectations)
	100% of schools include after school program into the school's continuous improvement plan.	Goal Met (Program included in school's continuous improvement plan)

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Programs will support the development of other skills necessary for success	100% of sites will provide voice and choice activities after school at least twice a week.	Goal Met (Voice and choice activities provided)
	90% of frequent program attendees (60+ days) will participate in a minimum of two rigorous Service Learning projects per year.	Some Progress Made (59% of regular attendees participated in two service learning projects)
Programs will engage families and the broader community in support of student learning	90% of families of frequent program attendees (60+ days) will report that the CLC family engagement activities enhanced their ability to assist in their child's education based on end of year survey.	Goal Met (96% of family members surveyed)
	At least 4 events geared towards helping families support student learning in literacy or math will be offered each year.	Some Progress Made (6 family events)
	Programs will engage a minimum of 5 Community Based Organizations as part of student programming each year.	Goal Met (8 community partners)
	Programs will provide a minimum of 1 community-based field trips each year.	Goal Met (2 field trips)

SUMMARY

The CCLC program at Nicolet Elementary School continued to flourish during the 2025-2026 school year. The program served 49 students, 96% of whom qualified for free or reduced-price lunch, and provided an additional 367 hours of academic and enrichment support beyond the regular school day. Recruitment efforts focused on students identified as academically at risk, ensuring that those with the greatest need had access to valuable learning opportunities. Feedback from families and students remained overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of surveyed parents reporting that program staff cared about their child. As the program prepares for the 2026-2027 school year, staff should celebrate the strong outcomes achieved while continuing to build on this success.

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