

# 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMY ✨

## FAQ SHEET

- 5 year grant awarded to the district in 2017 for 750 Kindergarten-fifth grade students across five schools
- Annual funding is contingent upon student attendance
  - In order to maintain funding to run the program annually, 719 students MUST Attend for 30 hours of programming
  - Attendance is taken for every activity (students who leave early consistently put our funding at risk)
  - Students must attend three days per week or we risk losing funding
- Participating schools were deemed “Focus Schools” based on the 2015-2016 NYS assessments in ELA and Math where more than 50% of the students failed to meet achievement standards
- Key program features include:
  - Tutoring in ELA and Math and STEAM (science, technology, Engineering, Math, and Arts)
  - Enrichment activities
  - SEL (Social Emotional Learning) instruction, and Health and wellness instruction
  - Saturday Family fun trips where an adult family member is required to attend with the child to promote families learning together (families who sign up for trips and do not attend put funding at risk)
- Surveys are required to be completed by families, students, staff, and community members to ensure everyone’s suggestions and concerns are being addressed- survey data that is used for reporting purposes does not include personal information
- After-School staff begin work at either 3:15 or 4:15
  - Daytime staff cannot perform after-school work outside of program hours
  - All messages left during the school day will not be addressed until after-school hours begin
- Transportation at the end of program is provided for participants
  - Alternate bus stop forms must be sent into transportation even if you sent one in for the daytime school bus
- An external evaluator is contracted to ensure that the programs are in compliance with all federal, state, and local grant requirements
- District administrators including the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Board members, and community based partners, and the evaluator review programming throughout the year
- Program Advisory Committee Team (PACT) meetings occur quarterly to review various aspects of the program
  - Family members, Students, staff, and community members are invited to attend and assist with planning
- A PACT form will be provided to everyone who cannot attend the meeting to ensure all voices are heard

