

# Annual Report 2016-2017



# A+

**After School  
Program**

Promoting Lifelong Learning & Uniting  
Schools, Families & Communities

# Mission

**P**romoting Lifelong Learning &  
Uniting Schools, Families and  
Communities

# Vision

**T**he A+ program will promote a  
safe environment where A+  
students and staff are  
encouraged to learn, challenged  
to dream and express creativity,  
and inspired to explore their  
school, community and world.

Our purpose is to help  
**students achieve success**  
academically, socially and  
personally by building  
**positive adult and peer**  
**relationships** and providing  
hands-on projects, real life ex-  
periences, and varied learning  
opportunities.



# A+ Leadership

## Oversight Committee

Jeff Kasuboski

District Administrator

Ann Fajfer

Riverview Principal

Cindy Reilly

WASD CFO

Clyde Simonson

Redgranite Principal

Deb Premo

Parkside Principal



## A+ Coordinators

Kendra Knutson

Program Coordinator

Abby Weiland

Riverview Site Coordinator

Amy Sheller

Redgranite Site Coordinator

Dianna Parrott

Parkside Site Coordinator



# Overview



## Locations

A+ After School serves three schools in the Wautoma Area School District: Parkside (4-8 grade), Redgranite (K-5 grade), & Riverview (K-3 grade). The schools provide a strong support system including financial, custodial, technical, and administrative support as well as general supplies, space and guidance. The positive relationship and support of the school district contributes immensely to the success of the program.

## Who We Serve

An average of 151 children attended each day of the 209 that were enrolled throughout the school year. All students within in the Wautoma Area School District Service Area are eligible to attend including students from private schools and that are homeschooled.

## Program Activities

A+ offers a variety of activities daily including: Homework Help, Academic Support, and a variety of Enrichment Activities in Academics, Art, Character & Youth Development, Recreation, Career & Life Skills and STEM. A snack and 15-30 minutes of free time are offered each day for students to relax and refocus after the school day ends.

## Team Members & Volunteers

A+ had 31 paid part-time employees ranging from certified teachers and teacher's aides, to parents of participants, professional community members and high school students. *53 community members & youth provided 841 volunteer hours for the program. 15 community organization partners provided 207 hours of FREE programs!*



# History & Future

## History of A+:

In 2000, a group of community members, parents and school district staff recognized the need for an after school program to serve the Wautoma community. Their hard work to make this vision a reality was rewarded in 2001 when the district received a 21st Century CLC Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This grant was used to provide programs at Parkside (The Community Learning Center) for 4-8<sup>th</sup> graders 4 days a week. In the beginning the program served just 30 kids per day but quickly grew to over 70 students per day. By the end of the 3-year grant period, this program had formed the foundation for the A+ Program.

Around 2004, the name A+ was created. The PLUS stood for: “**P**romoting **L**ifelong Learning and **U**niting **S**chools and **C**ommunities”. In 2004 Riverview Elementary was awarded a 5 year, \$500,000 grant, from the state 21CCLC program. Without funding for the other schools, Parkside and Redgranite programs were supported by the school district, the county and fundraisers for the next several years.

In 2008, the Reach the Peak Race Fundraiser was started and provided scholarships to help students in need attend A+. In 2008, the Wautoma High School received the 5 year 21CCLC grant, Riverview received a 5 year continuation grant in 2009, and Parkside received the 5 year 21CCLC grant in 2010. The school district and Fund 80 continued to help support the Redgranite and Riverview A+ Programs during this time.

In 2013, WHS was not selected for a continuation grant and the High School took on the task of offering academic support for its students after school 2 days a week. During the summer of 2013, the A+ program got a new logo.

In 2014, Riverview was awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of funding for 5 years (\$50,000 per year). Parkside was awarded a 5-year 21st CLC Continuation Grant for the 2015 - 2019 school years for a total of \$275,000 allowing programming to continue at Parkside School. The Redgranite program continues to operate with support from SAGE (ended summer 2016), Title 1, Fund 80 and program fees.

A+ programming has expanded over the years to not only include homework and enrichment but also tutoring, field trips, parent education, bashes and community service activities and the A+ program celebrated the completion of it's 15th year of programming in May of 2016!

## Future of A+:

A+ will continue to seek out and build relationships with community partners, strengthen the school day connection, and provide opportunities for family education while making improving student academic achievement a priority. Funding for the program is always a concern and with Trumps skinny budget proposal there is the potential that the 21st CCLC funding could end after the 2017/18 school year! We need more support now than ever before through advocacy, funding, volunteering and donations!



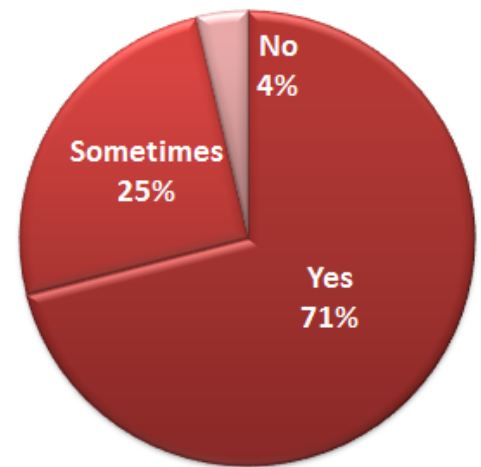
# Program Results

## ATTENDANCE:

- 23% of K-8 students in the WASD enrolled.
- 93% were regular attendees (30+ days)
- On average, regular attendees, attended 122 days.
- 72% of regular attendees attended 120 days or more! (8% increase)



## Do students enjoy attending A+?



## PARENT SURVEYS: 29% return rate

- 74% of parents felt the after school program reduced stress at home
- 100% believe their child benefited from being in the program.

**100%**

*of parents that returned Spring surveys reported satisfaction with the overall program.*

# Program Results

## ACADEMICS:

STAR Assessment data was used to determine student growth from Fall to Spring.

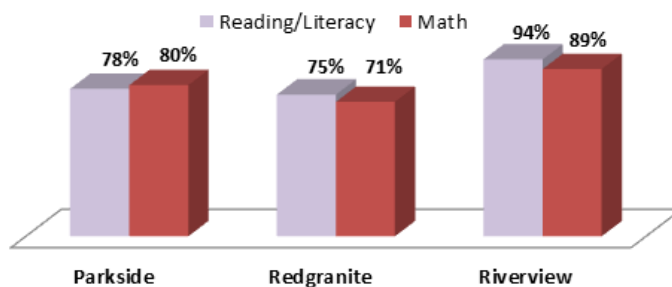
Objective: at least 65% of A+ regular attendees will meet or exceed their personal growth goal in Reading & Math (SGP 35 or more)

## TEACHER SURVEYS:

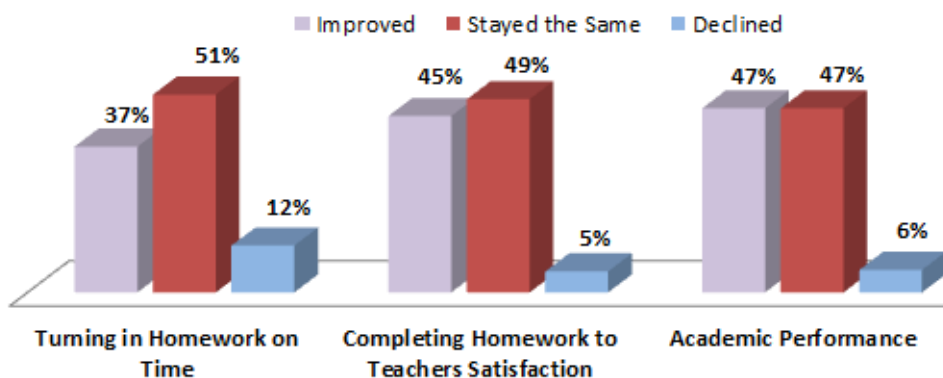
The 21st CCLC grant requires A+ to survey teachers in the Spring on measures of student performance. Results shown are for regular attendees that were identified as needing to improve in the area specified.

*More teacher survey results on the next page.*

## STAR Academic Results: Regular Attendees that met their growth goal

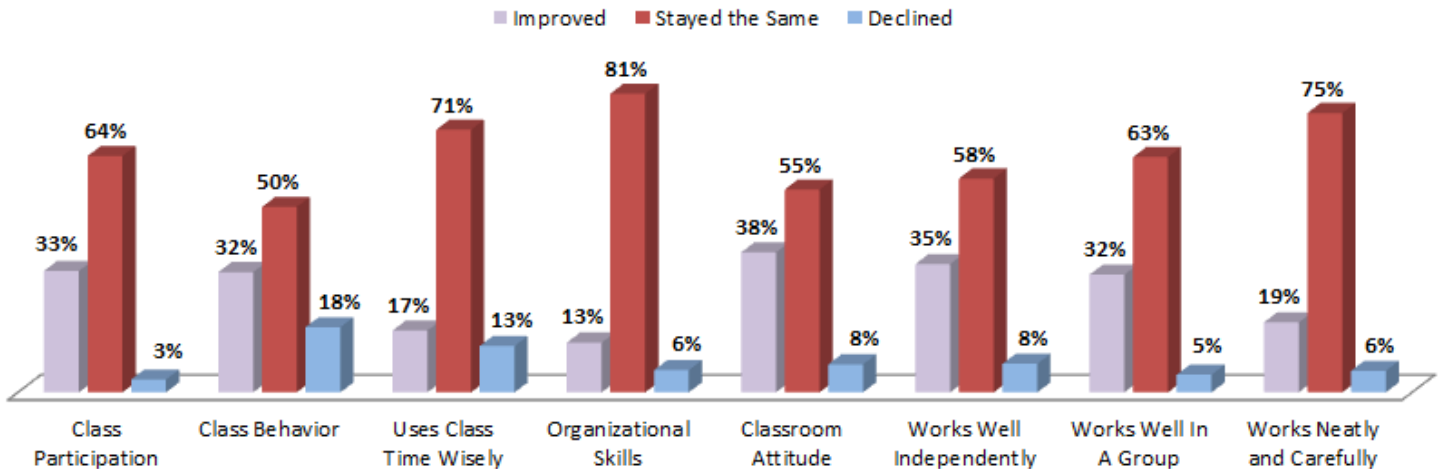


## Spring 2017 Teacher Perception Survey Results

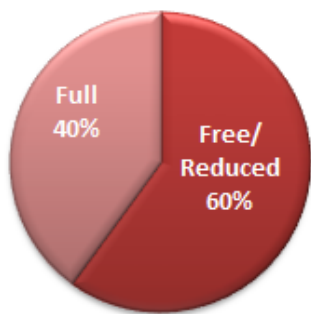


# Program Results

## Spring 2017 Teacher Perception Survey Results: of students that needed to improve



### Economic Status: Lunch Eligibility

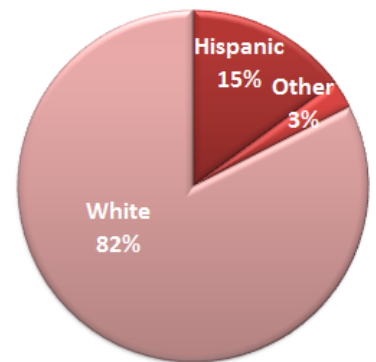


### DEMOGRAPHICS

#### OF REGISTERED STUDENTS:

- 11% Limited English Proficiency
- 11% Special Education
- 50% male / 50% female

### Ethnicity



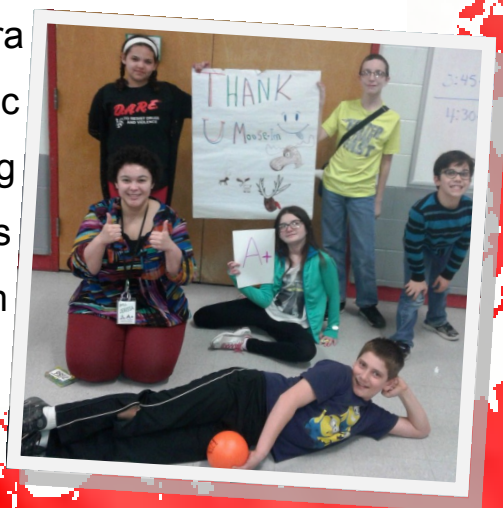


# A+ Partners

*The A+ After School program has been very fortunate to have the support of so many organizations and community members over the past year. The success of the program is directly related to the effort and time put in by the community!*

**2016-17 Partners:** 43 organization partners & several individual partners!

A&W Wautoma ★ American Martial Arts Academy ★ B&R Diner  
Bedtime Math ★ Boy Scouts of America ★ Camp LuWiSoMo  
CAP Services ★ Christianos ★ Culvers of Wautoma ★ Doggers  
Flytes Fieldstones Farm ★ Hometown Bank ★ Joe's Premium Pizza  
KA Services ★ Key Club ★ Kiwanis of Wautoma ★ Kwik Trip Plover  
Lambeau Lanes ★ Laura's School of Dance ★ Little Sprouts Discovery  
Center ★ Marshfield Clinic-AmeriCorps ★ MILSCO ★ Moose Inn  
Parrot Photography ★ Preston Place ★ Redgranite Fire Department  
Redgranite Public Library ★ Ryan Radke ★ Salvation Army  
Senior Center ★ Shooters Choice Archery ★ Silvercryst ★ Subway  
Redgranite ★ ThedaCare ★ Thrivent Financial ★ Trinity Lutheran  
Church Wautoma ★ UW-EX(Family Educator/FoodWISE/4-H)  
Waupaca Expo Center ★ Wautoma Area School District (teachers,  
support staff h.s. art/tech students & food service) ★ Waushara County  
Department of Human Services ★ Waushara  
County Health Department ★ Wautoma Public  
Library ★ Wisconsin Operating Engineers-Training  
Center ★ 5-Star Lanes Bowling Alley ★ Various  
Community members ★ A+ parents ★ A+ Team  
Members!



# A+ Volunteers

## **2016-17 Volunteers: 53 volunteers provided 841 Hours!**

Aleesha Whalen, Amber Cayer, Amy Sheller, Andy Krueger, Ashley Hope, Auttum Powell, Ava Gravunder, Brenda Mandelik, Caitlin Reinke, Chris Armstrong, Chris Sluke, Christian Herrera, Christina Hope, Clarice Blackhawk, Clayton Wilcox, Dianna Parrott, Estella Paredes, Evan Gruzka, Falya Krempp, Hannah House, Janeil Velez, Jean Nelson, Jeff Umansky, Jenna Wakeley, Jerissa Plummer, Joanne Nelson, Joe Anklam, John Epping, John Kroll, Kristen Ransom, Kyler Meyer, Lori Sergo, Maddison Erdman, Mason Hobbs, Michelle Jackubowski, Mika Taivalmaa, Nancy Kress, Natalie Bartel, Neven Meyer, Paula & Dick Pfaller, PJ Velez, Renee Margalski, Ryan Radke, Seth Boersma, Sunshine Vissers, Tamara Wheaton, Zach Kubasta, Zach Pulver, Zach Ray & Redgranite Fire Dept. Volunteers.



- *207 hours of FREE enrichments/services were provided by 15 local organizations/businesses!*
- *AmeriCorps Member, Zach Ray, served 1700 hours this year in the school day and after school through Marshfield Clinic's Afterschool AmeriCorps Program!*

# 2016-17 Highlights



**Star Wars Party**  
**Crazy 8's Math Club**  
**Culvers Share Night**  
**Jumbo Family Game Night**  
**Fire Department Visit**  
**Luau Party**  
**Rock Climbing @ WHS**  
**Hip Hop & Jazz Dance**



# 2016-17 Highlights

## Field Trips



Riverview tried out the simulators and operated the diggers during a visit to the Wisconsin Operating Engineers-Training Center in Coloma. Students also went bowling, to a movie, & to Flyte Fieldstones Farm.



Redgranite went to Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose to work on team building and learn how to Canoe. Students also went ice skating, bowling and to Flyte Fieldstones Farm.



Parkside math club students went zip lining at Camp Phillip. Students also visited Camp LuWiSoMo for environmental & outdoor skill enrichment (canoeing, tree identification, team building) and went bowling.



# Parkside

## **Parkside's 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Grant Objective Results for 2016-17:**

### Academic:

At least 65% of RA (regular attendees) will meet or exceed their targeted growth score (35 SGP) on the STAR Math & Reading Assessment from Fall 2016 to Spring 2017

- *Math: 78% met or exceeded their growth goal*
- *Reading: 80% met or exceeded their growth goal*

At least 65% of RA that warrant improvement in completing homework to the teacher's satisfaction and academic performance will show improvement per the Spring Teacher Survey.

- *25%, 29% respectively*

### Behavior:

70% or more of RA will have no detentions logged during the school year.

- *66% of students that regular attended had no detentions during the school year.*

100 or more students will attend at least once.

- *59 students were enrolled and attended at least once.*

75 students or more will regularly attend the PS A+ Program.

- *50 students attended 30 or more days.*

### Parent/Family Engagement:

At least 75 family members will attend 2 or more CLC family offerings.

- *18 family members attended at least 2 family events*
- *64 family members attended at least one family event.*
- *46% of enrolled students had at least 1 family member attend at least 1 event this year.*



# Riverview

## Riverview's 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Grant Objective Results for 2016-17:

### Academic:

At least 65% of RA (regular attendees) will meet or exceed their individual growth goal in Math and Reading/Early Literacy, based on STAR tests in Spring 2017.

- Math: 94% met or exceeded their growth goal
- Reading/Early Literacy: 89% met or exceeded their growth goal

80% of A+ RA will meet/exceed their targeted scores on Guided Reading assessments by Spring 2017: 66% met/exceeded

At least 75% of RA will have teacher reported improvements on homework completion and turning in homework on time: 62% and 61% respectively of the students that needed to improve.



### Behavior:

70% or more of RA will have no discipline referrals during the school day: 81% had no referrals!

### Attendance:

120 students or more will attend the CLC: 84 students attended this school year.

100 students or more will regularly attend (30+ days) the A+ Program: 80 students were regular attendees

RA will have at least a 96% attendance rate in school: 50% of RV A+ RA met this objective



### Parent Engagement:

100 family members or more will attend 1 or more CLC family engagement offerings:

- 80 family members attended one or more family events.
- 32 families attended 2 or more events.
- 62% of students had at least 1 family member attend at least 1 event this year!



# Riverview & Parkside Comments

**“You and your team did an OUTSTANDING job with this event. While I attended because I am school principal and didn't expect that my young son would get much from the event, I soon realized how much was offered to everyone of ALL ages. My son LOVED the event as much as I did. I got to meet more of my students' families and made stronger connections with my students. The activities were amazing and seemed endless. The food was delicious and appropriate for all ages and preferences. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your hard work and offering to our community.”**

**- Mrs. Premo, Parkside School Principal** (about JUMBO Family Gamin' Night in January)

**“This is a wonderful program and I am very pleased at the way my son is learning & growing with its help and activities. As well as how it brings us together as a family.”**

**- Parkside Parent, May 2017 Parent Survey**

**“My children are thrilled with the A+ Program. I couldn't be more pleased with the program as a whole. A huge thank you for the financial grant that we received, if it wasn't for that I wouldn't be able to have them continue in the program, so thank you.”**

**- Parkside Parent, January 2017 Parent Surveys**

**“It is nice that he does homework at A+ then we can read his books at home and he isn't overwhelmed. He loves showing everyone his magic tricks. His confidence level has boosted up as he is normally too shy to show anyone.”**

**- Riverview Parent, May 2017 Parent Survey**

**“My son has always been a quiet child and we feel him meeting new people/friends at A+ has helped him learn to socialize more. Not only socializing with the other children but the adults too!”**

**- Riverview Parent, May 2017 Parent Survey**

**“My child seems to enjoy A+ and tells me about the activities she has done. I can tell that she has gotten enough time to play and get rid of her energy.”**

**- Riverview Parent, May 2017 Parent Survey**

**“We're less stressed and (it) has helped our child a great deal with his classes and attitude.”**

**- Riverview Parent, May 2017 Parent Survey**

**“Our son really enjoys coming he/we like that he gets homework done to have more family time or to not have to worry on busy sports nights. He loves the activities, teachers and hanging with friends. (He) especially loves fun Fridays.”**

**- Riverview Parent, May 2017 Parent Survey**

**“I Love that you help him get his homework done otherwise he wouldn't do it. When he doesn't attend A+ at night he has a hard time getting it done.”**

**- Riverview Teacher, May 2017 Teacher Survey**

# Redgranite Comments

## Parent Comments from Parent Surveys (Mid-year & May 2017)

“My granddaughter has gone from being a shy withdrawn girl into someone who is very outgoing! Her after school homework has been very helpful to her.”

“My son is more positive, wants to do more school things and helps more at home.”

“It is a great program! Kids can get school work done and wear off energy before coming home. My daughter gets crabby when she doesn't get to go to A+. Thank you so much!”



“My children have been going to A+ for a couple of years now. They are very good students all around but I know A+ helps them keep their grades up. I am very thankful for the A+ program. Some of the homework now days I can't do so I am thankful they have A+ to help them if they have trouble with anything.”

“The A+ program is an asset to my son & the entire community!”

“A+ is a great program. Both my kids love to go 99% of the time. I love the fact that they have time to get their homework done with help if need be by the teacher. That way I don't stress if I helped them the right way because math is done way different then how I did it in school. So thank you A+ staff for your help.”

“Very great program. My child really enjoys coming and never wants to leave. Thank you!”

“My child has been in other after school programs in another school district and the A+ Program is 100% better and so much more affordable. My child and I are very pleased with the A+ program.”

“Gives her a structured time to complete her homework without the chaos of home. Gets to spend more time with friends and teachers, which makes her happier at home and less bored.”

“The children can take part in different activities (library, Preston Place, Camp LuWiSoMo and others) to explore and learn different things).”





# A+ Financial Information

## Income Budget:

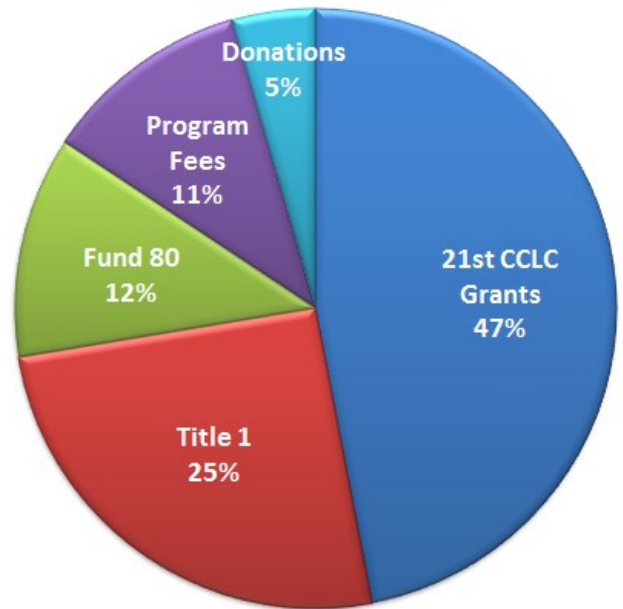
21st CCLC Grant* . . . . .	\$115,727
Title 1 Funding . . . . .	\$62,600
Fund 80 . . . . .	\$29,410
Program Fees (actual) . . . . .	\$27,642
Donations (actual). . . . .	\$10,982
<b>Total Program Funding . . . . .</b>	<b>\$246,361</b>

\*includes \$3,650 (AmeriCorps) plus 15/16 PS carryover (2017/18 expect \$105,000)

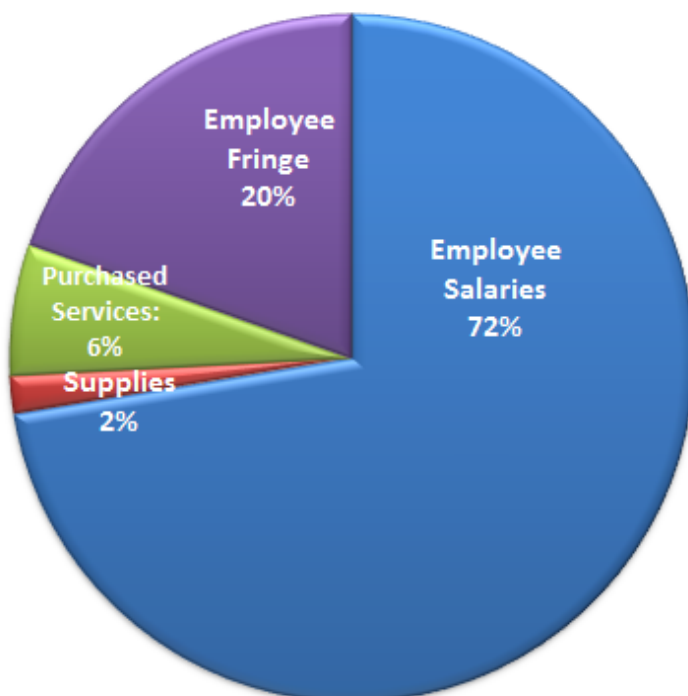
\*\*In-Kind Support provided by the school district was approximately \$85,000 (utilities, custodial services, storage, office supplies, copier use & paper, administrative services, transportation, insurance, etc.)

\*\*\$1,546 in physical supply donations are not included above.

A+ 2016-17 Budget



## 2016/17 Expenses



## PROGRAM EXPENSES:

Employee Salaries . . . . .	\$148,102
Employee Fringes . . . . .	\$40,171
Purchased Services . . . . .	\$12,634
Supplies . . . . .	\$3,652

**Total Program Expenses . . . . . \$204,559**

## Interesting Facts:

- 2016-17 Program Fees: \$45/quarter, \$150/year
- Cost to participants: \$1/day or \$.40/hour (2.5 hours per day)
- It cost A+ \$7.79 per student per day (based on average attendance during the 2016-17 school year)
- The Reach the Peak Fundraiser (sponsored by Thrivent Financial & Thedacare) provided \$2,865 in scholarships for 63 students to enroll in A+ this past year and \$3,650 for an AmeriCorps Member to support students during school and after school with academics, social skills and healthy habits.

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