

Annual Report 2015-2016



A+

**After School
Program**

Promoting Lifelong Learning & Uniting
Schools, Families & Communities

Mission

Promoting Lifelong Learning & Uniting Schools, Families and Communities

Vision

The 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 goal is to help our **students achieve success** academically, socially and personally, through hands-on projects, real life experiences, interactive and varied learning opportunities, and through **Positive Adult and Peer Relationships.**



A+ Leadership

Oversight Committee

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District Administrator

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Redgranite Site Coordinator

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Parkside Assistant Site Coordinator



Overview



Locations

A+ After School currently serves three schools in the Wautoma Area School District: Parkside (4-8 grade), Redgranite (K-5 grade), & Riverview (K-3 grade). The schools provide not only space for programming but a strong support system including financial, custodial, technical, and administrative support as well as general supplies and guidance. The positive relationship and support of the school district contributes immensely to the success of the program.

Who We Serve

During the 2015-16 school year an average of 148 children attended each day (220 were enrolled). 62% of participants were eligible for free & reduced lunch (all students in the district received free lunch this year), 19% were non-white, & 9% were students with special education needs.

Program Activities

A+ offers a variety of activities daily like; Homework Help, Academic Support, and Enrichment Activities in Academics (school subjects), Character & Youth Development, Recreation, Art, 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

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. *856 volunteer hours were provided by 69 community members!*



Program History

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 initial grant was used to provide after school programs at Parkside (The Community Learning Center), for 4-8th 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 what was to become the A+ Program.

Around 2004, the name A+ was created. The PLUS stood for: “Promoting Lifelong Learning and Uniting Schools and Communities”. In 2004 Riverview Elementary applied for and received 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 started and funds raised were used for scholarships to help students in need attend A+. In 2008, the Wautoma High School was awarded a 5 year 21CCLC grant, Riverview applied for and 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 received a make-over, including a new logo, new leadership, and an updated website. In 2014, Riverview was awarded a 3rd cycle of funding for 5 additional years (\$50,000 per year). Parkside was awarded a 5-year 21st Century Community Learning Center Continuation Grant for the 2015 - 2019 school years for a total of \$275,000 allowing programming to continue at Parkside School.

The Redgranite program continued to operate with support from SAGE, 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.

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 new community partners, strengthen the school day connection, and create opportunities for family education while making improving student academic achievement a priority. Funding for the program is always a concern and with budgets getting tighter we need more support now than ever before through funding, volunteering and community support!

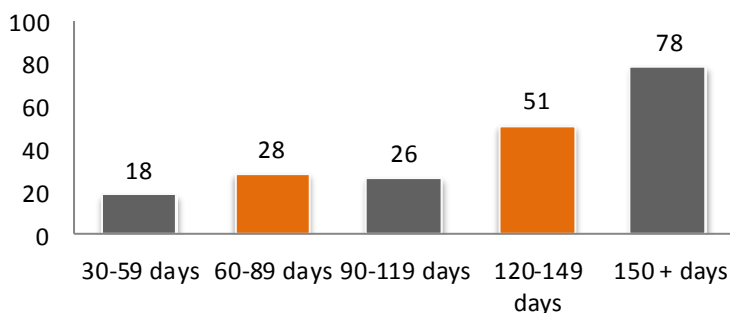


Program Results

ATTENDANCE:

25% of K-8 students in the Wautoma Area School District enrolled in the A+ Program for the 2015-16 school year. Of those, 91% were regular attendees (30+ days of attendance) with an average of 123 attendance days per regular attendee. Attendance of Regular Attendees increased 11 days from last year and 64% attended more than 120 days!

Number of Regular Students Attending: 30 day increments



100% of parents

that returned Spring surveys reported satisfaction with the program.

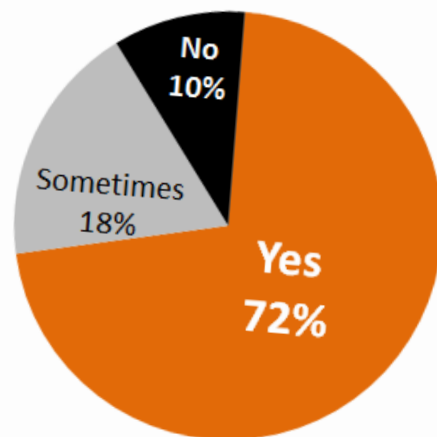
PARENT SURVEYS: 54% return rate

99 parents completed the Spring 2016 A+ Survey. 98% of parents felt the after school program reduced stress at home, 100% believe their child benefited from being in the program, and 100% were satisfied with the activities and programs offered.

STUDENT SURVEYS:

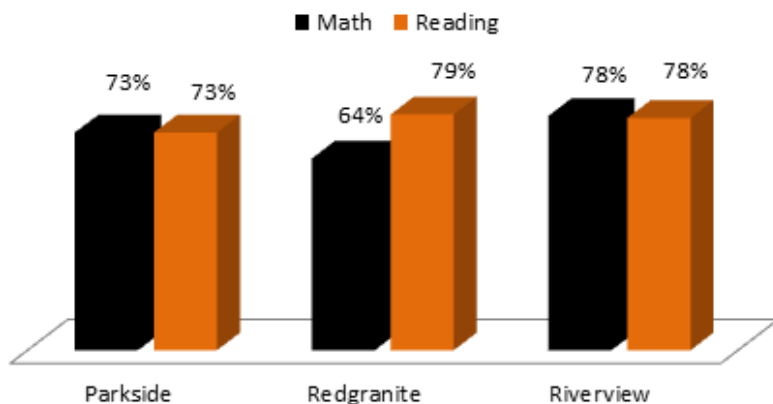
83% return rate

Do Students Enjoy Attending A+?



Program Results

STAR Academic Results: Regular Attendees that met their growth goal



ACADEMICS:

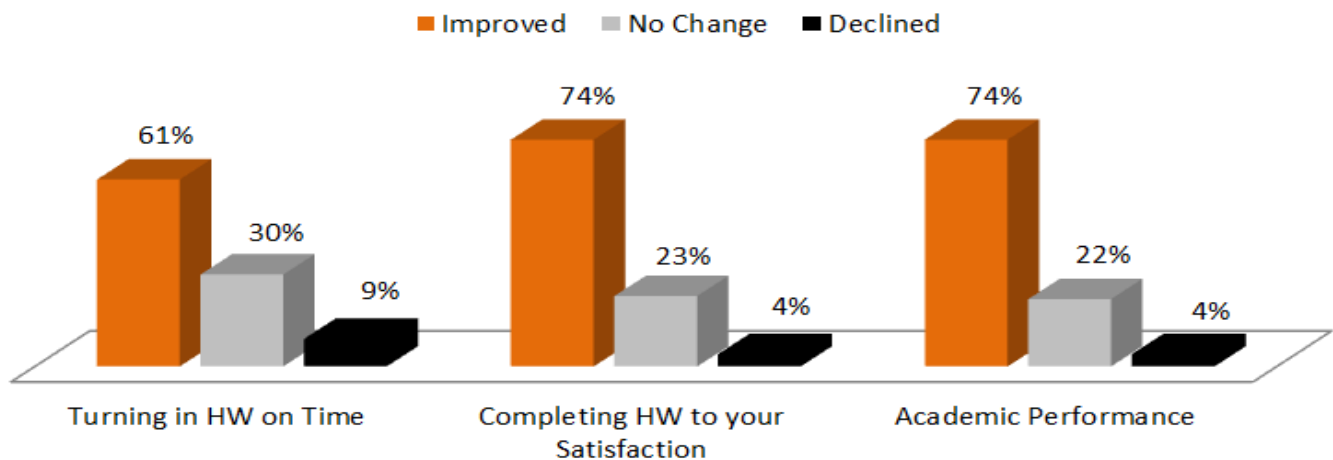
STAR test data was used to determine student growth this year. Our A+ goal is for at least 65% of A+ regular attendees to meet or exceed their personal growth goal in Reading & Math.

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 needed improvement.

More teacher survey results on the next page.

Spring 2016 Teacher Survey Results: Academic

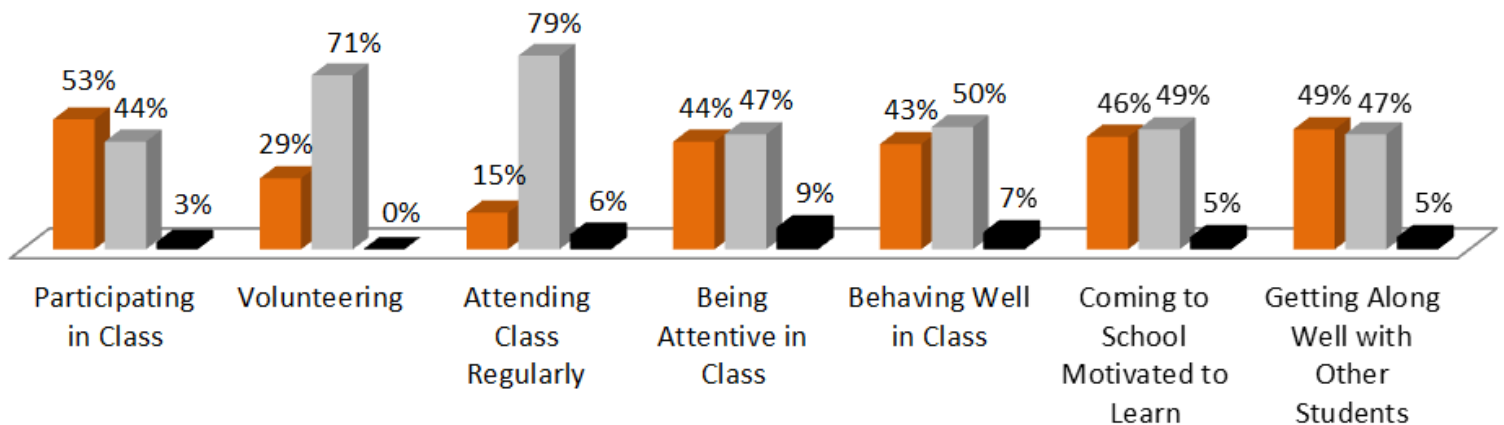


Program Results

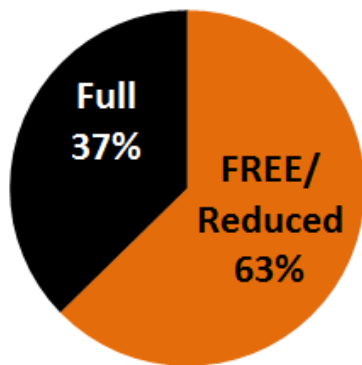
Spring 2016 Teacher Survey Results:

of students that needed to improve

Improved No Change Declined



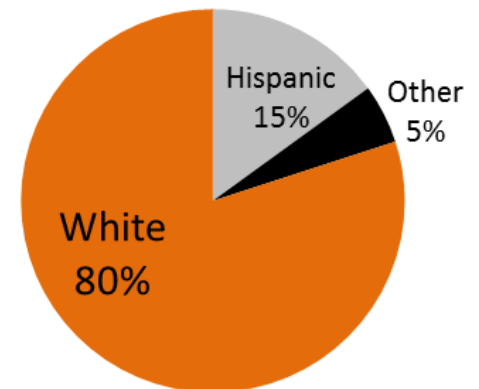
Economic Status: Lunch Eligibility



DEMOGRAPHICS OF A+ REGISTERED STUDENTS:

- 11% Limited English Proficiency
- 9% Special Education
- 50% male/50% female

Ethnicity



A+ Partners

The A+ After School program has been very fortunate to have the support of many organizations and community members over the past 15 years. The success of the program is directly related to the effort and time put in by the community!

2015-2016 Partners:

American Martial Arts Academy ★ Boy Scouts of America ★ Camp LuWiSoMo ★ Christianos ★ Culvers ★ Decker Farms ★ Family Health/La Clinica ★ First Merit Bank ★ Ice Age Trail ★ Joe's Premium Pizza ★ Key Club ★ Kiwanis ★ Lambeau Lanes ★ Laura's School of Dance ★ Little Sprouts Discover Center ★ Marshfield Clinic-AmeriCorps ★ Master Gardeners ★ MILSCO ★ PTO ★ Parrot Photography ★ Paul Sattler Farm ★ Preston Place ★ Redgranite Area Police Department ★ Redgranite Fire Department ★ Redgranite Public Library ★ Rotary Club ★ Ryan Radke ★ Salvation Army ★ Senior Center ★ Shooters Choice Archery ★ Stoneridge Piggly Wiggly ★ ThedaCare ★ Thrivent Financial ★ UW-EX Nutrition ★ Wautoma Area School District (teachers, support staff & food service) ★ Waushara Country Club ★ Waushara County EMS ★ Waushara County Health Department ★ Waushara Dental Associates ★ Waushara Archers Club ★ Wautoma Airport (Young Eagles Program) ★ Wautoma Public Library ★ Various Community members ★ A+ parents ★ A+ Team Members!



A+ Volunteers

2015-2016 Volunteers: 856 Volunteer Hours!!

Alexis Basballe, Amber Cayer, Amber Haugen, Ashley Hope, Asiah Kossow, Bill Ridarelli, Brian Enriquez, Brionne Roberts-Bray, Caitlin Hurley, Caitlin Reinke, Celia Gonzales, Celia Rabe, Chimera Wickert, Chris Sluke, Colleen Cassidy, Dave Algrem, Dawn Hurley, Dianna Parrott, Donna Norlin, Emily Engelke, Emily Wenninger, Emma Blaszczyk, Faith Hernandez, Gabe Zuniga, Gina and Dan Piechowski, Hailey McClain, Hailey Miller, Hannah Struzynski, Jackie Schaffer, Jadin Dudek, Jason Young, Jeannette Thom, Joan Mosling, Joanne Nelson, John Benson, John Kroll, Judy Gayette, Julie Raymond, K.T. Tobianski, Kelly Buchholtz, Kyler Meyer, Lexxi Colvin, Matt Zuelke, Mike Schleip, Nancy Kress, Nicole Kosinski, Nicole Overbeck, Pat Campbell, Pat Greidl, Paul Paris, Paul Sattler, Peter Braatz, Phyllis Williams, Randy Lennartz, Sandy Adamson, Sarah Bouton, Saul Peralta, Shaina Klassy, Sheree Thomsen, Sheri Ramey, Tammi Reimer, Terah Johnson, The Honey Queen, William Kohl, Zac Pulver, Zach Kubasta and Zina Soltis!



2015-16 Highlights



**High Ropes Course
Tae Kwon Do
Fire Department Visit
Young Eagles Flights
Hip Hop & Jazz Dance
Rock Wall Climbing
Razzle Dazzle Fashion
Snow Volcanoes**



2015-16 Highlights

Field Trips



Parkside students went horseback riding, fishing and canoeing at Camp LuWiSoMo. They also spent time in the winter exploring nature, skiing, sledding, snow shoeing and ice skating. Other field trips included self-defense, maple syrup farm, ice age trail hike, movie theater and the Flyte Family Farm.



Riverview students visited the Flyte Family Farm and went to the Waupaca Rosa Movie Theater during early release days this year.



Redgranite students went ice skating at the Waupaca Expo Center, bowling at Lambeau Lanes, visited the Library for STEAM activities, went golfing at the Waushara Country Club and took self-defense lessons at the American Academy of Martial Arts.



Celebrating 15 years of A+ After School Programs!



**Design winner, Caeden Miller
(above center), created this
original design for our 15th
year drawstring bags for A+
students!**



Parkside

Parkside Grant Objective Results:

Academic:

At least 65% of RA (regular attendees) will meet or exceed their targeted growth score (35 SGP) on the STAR Math & Reading/Early Literacy Assessment from Fall 2014 to Spring 2016.

- *Math: 73% met or exceeded their growth goal*
- *Reading: 73% met or exceeded their growth goal*

75% of RA that warrant improvement in turning homework in on time, completing homework to the teacher's satisfaction, and academic performance will show improvement per the Spring Teacher Survey.

- *47%, 57%, 62% respectively*

Behavior:

70% or more of regular attendees in need of behavior improvement will have teacher reported improvements per the Spring Teacher Survey.

- *23% **68% showed no change*

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

- *63% of students that regular attended had no detentions during the school year.*

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

- *59 students attended 30 or more days. ** Only 72 registered this year.*

Parent/Family Engagement:

PS A+ will offer at least 4 family/parent events that focus on educating parents.

- *PS offered 4 family nights that included STEM, math, literacy, nutrition and culture based activities.*

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

- *40 family members attended at least 2 family events, 89 family members attended at least one family event.*



Parkside

Parkside Comments:

"The kids (that I tutored) did make huge improvements this year. When I started we were working on late work because almost every student had 3-4 pieces on REACH. Now there is only maybe 1 assignment on REACH and they are working either on current homework or math enrichment. It is awesome to see that they made such a big improvement with getting their work done!

Thanks for everything you do to create a safe and fun environment for our students after school. I am sure the kids don't say it enough :) Thank you!" - Mrs. Engel

Comments from Anonymous Parent Surveys May 2016:

"The biggest thing we appreciate is knowing our son has a safe place to be while we are still working. "

"My daughter enjoys the activities, being with friends and time to finish homework. "

"It's a great program and important for my son's development in many areas including creativity."

"So helpful for a stress-free evening, especially after working all day. As a single parent I value the quality time together and not having to worry about homework is great!"



Riverview

Riverview Grant Objective Results for 2015-16:

Academic:

At least 55% of RA (regular attendees) will meet or exceed their individual growth goal in Math and Reading/Early Literacy, based on STAR tests in Spring 2016.

- *Math: 78% met or exceeded their growth goal*
- *Reading/Early Literacy: 78% met or exceeded their growth goal*

80% of A+ RA will meet/exceed their targeted scores on Guided Reading assessments by Spring 2016: 72% met/exceeded their guided reading targeted scores

At least 75% of RA will have teacher reported improvements on homework completion and turning in homework on time: 48% and 34% respectively of the students that needed to improve.

Behavior:

50% or more of RA will have teacher reported improvements on student behavior: 22% of those that needed to improve in student behavior had teacher reported improvements.

70% or more of RA will have no discipline referrals during the school day: 88% had no referrals!

Attendance:

120 students or more will attend the CLC: 85 students attended this school year.

100 students or more will regularly attend (30+ days) the A+ Program: 82 students were regular attendees

RA will have at least a 96% attendance rate in school: 46% of RV A+ RA met this objective

Parent Engagement:

100 family members or more will attend 1 or more CLC family engagement offerings: 81 family members attended one or more family events.

90% of family members who participated in the CLC will report that services satisfactorily met their family's specific needs: 59% of parents agreed

90% or more of participating adult family members will agree that the program involves families in program feedback, decision-making, and/or planning: 100% of parents completing the May 2016 surveys agreed.



Riverview

Comments from anonymous Parent Surveys May 2016:

"My child enjoys the afterschool program very much. I enjoy hearing her talk about fun activities she participates in. Thank you staff."



"Our child loves A+. Very organized, loves playing outside and nice to have homework done when we get home."

"Yes, I like it because they help them out with their homework. Also, so they won't stay at home alone. A lot of parents get home from work at 5 not 3 pm. Also they offer a lot of enrichments at A+."

"I think the A+ program is an excellent program, ran by people who truly care about children."



Redgranite

Redgranite Comments:

“My niece will be entering the 4th grade and has been in the A+ program since she came to live with us in February of 2015.

She has benefitted from the A+ program in numerous ways. Being able to complete her homework at A+ allows us to have time to spend together as a family in the evenings. The enrichment programs that are offered help to teach many new skill sets. She really enjoyed the Razzle Dazzle Fashion Club, and Jewelry Making, getting to help out at the Day Care was also a great experience for her. The social interactions at A+ are also very important, and help the kids to learn how to respond to different situations. Especially when dealing with children who may need a little guidance in appropriate social conduct.



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A+ also helps our family, as both my husband and I work. It gives us assurance and peace of mind knowing that she is in a safe place, and not at home in front of the TV or on the computer.

The staff members at Redgranite A+ are outstanding. They are patient with her and her specific situation and the difficulties that arise from it. Miss Michele has gone out of her way to help

her with her academic, social, and emotional needs.

I am so thankful for the A+ program and the help it provides not only my niece but all of the kids that have the opportunity to attend. Thank you.” - Parent/Guardian Letter May 2016

Comments from the May 2016 Anonymous Parent Survey:

“I am convinced our son’s school performance is enhanced from being in the A+ Program. The A+ program develops lifelong positive values.”

“My child loves the A+ Program. He gets his homework done everyday and still has time for activities after. The teachers are great as well.”

“My son has grown tremendously during the year from academics to social interaction.”

“There is a lot of hands on and one on one time with students. Wonderful job. Thanks!”



Redgranite

Redgranite Comments:

“All of my students have made progress this year, but one in particular is worth noting. He consistently attended and read at A+ all year. This student moved to our district as a 2nd grader, but was barely able to read a book at the kindergarten level. Our initial concern was that there might be a learning disability, but this turned out to not be the case. So we began a very intensive intervention program involving daily one-on-one instruction from myself, and this student rereading his books every night at A+. This student started out at instructional level C (based on Fountas and Pinnell) and he ended up reading books at level L by the end of the year!!! This is actually approaching grade level reading. To say that amount of progress is incredible would be an understatement! But it is due, in large part, to an amazing collaborative effort between myself, his classroom teacher, the A+ staff and Michele, and the student himself! This is one great success story in the area of reading, a subject which is so critical in all other content areas as well.”

~ Jonelle Erickson - Redgranite Reading Intervention Teacher



“This year, nine of my fourteen students attended the A+ after school program. These students received help on their homework and reinforcement on basic math and reading skills that they may not have received outside of

the classroom. Not only were academic skills reinforced through homework help, but responsibility was also reinforced.

The A+ After School Program also provides students with so much extra opportunity that they wouldn't normally have. This year some of my third graders designed pieces and participated in a fashion show, learned about archery, exercised through yoga, ice skated, created fossils, took a self-defense class, and participated in STEM activities through our local library. These engaging experiences spark student interest and get them excited about learning in different ways, making them more well-rounded members of our school community.

My students made tremendous gains this year academically, socially, behaviorally, and in their character. There is not a doubt in my mind that the A+ After School Program is largely responsible for that. Redgranite Elementary School is the heart of its community and the A+ After School Program has proved that it is a vital part because of how well it fosters learning and growth.”

~ Lindsey Bednarek



Redgranite

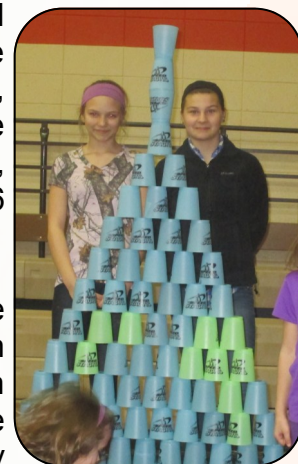
Redgranite 5th Grade Letters:

I enjoy coming to After School because I get to work on my homework instead of doing it at home, we get to go on a bunch of field trips like fitness center, golfing, skating, archery and bowling. Some of my favorite memories are field trips and hanging out with friends. The thing I am going to miss the most about the Redgranite After School Program is, hanging out more with my friends, going on field trips and having a lot of gym and computer time. By Neven Meyer (1.5 years at A+)



I enjoy coming to after school because I get to go to Archery, ice skating, and get to go to the fitness center. Some of my favorite memories are when we went bowling and got to hang out with my friends. When we went to the fitness center and I got to prove to myself that I was able to do the things I thought I couldn't do. The thing I am going to miss about the Redgranite after school program is . . . The teachers because they are so nice and helpful to every and any student. By Abbi Zindars (4 years at A+)

I enjoy coming to after school because I get my homework done here and we have Wautoma on the move, obstacle courses. Some of my favorite memories in After School are going ice skating, archery, fitness center, and more. The thing that I am going to miss the most about the Redgranite After School Program is the Staff, seeing my friends, projects, going on field trips, getting bashes, pizza parties. By Cassy Neisius (6 years at A+)



I enjoy coming to After School because we get to do more stuff like golfing, archery, fitness center, skating. Some of my favorite memories in After School are spending time with the older kids when we were in kindergarten. The thing that I'm going to miss the most about the Redgranite After School Program is the crafts, melty beads, getting my homework done, and going outside. By Jasmine Haka (6 years at A+)



I enjoy coming to after school because we get time to do homework, go golfing, we go to archery and we also go to the fitness center. Some of my favorite memories in after school are older friends and going ice skating. The thing that I am going to miss the most about the Redgranite after school program is all the fun field trips we went on. By Hannah House. (6 years at A+)

I enjoy coming to after school because we 5th graders get most of our homework done, play a decent amount of dodgeball, Fitness Center, golf, field trips, roller/ice skating, archery and bowling. Some of my favorite memories in the After School program, are hanging out with the older kids, getting the nickname C-Dog by miss Kelly. The thing I am going to miss the most about the Redgranite After School Program is hanging out with my friends, going to all the field trips, and going to the After School Program. By Clayton Wilcox (3 years at A+)



A+ Financial Information

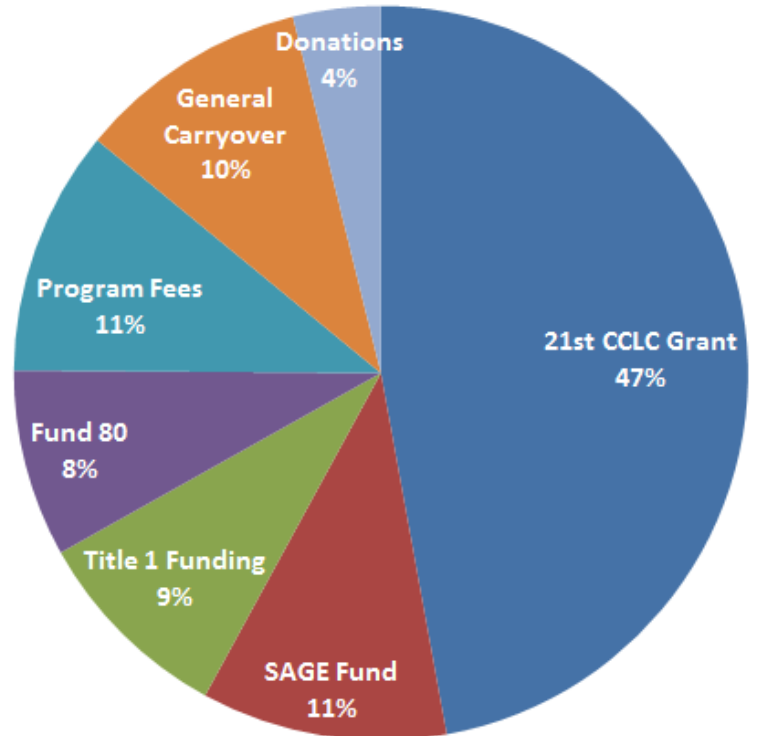
AVAILABLE FUNDS:

21st CCLC Grant*	\$128,500
SAGE Fund	\$29,487
Title 1 Funding	\$24,332
Fund 80	\$22,471
Program Fees	\$29,515
General Carryover	\$27,815
Donations	\$10,518

Total Program Funding \$272,638

Next year Grant funding will drop to \$100,000 from \$125,000. **\$3,500 additional was awarded this year to help cover an AmeriCorps Member

*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.)



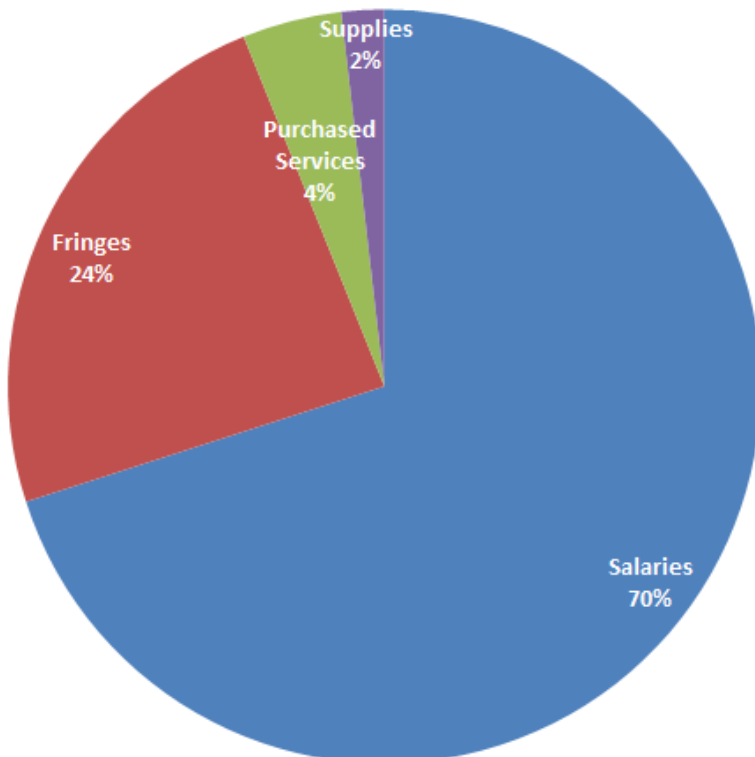
PROGRAM EXPENSES: ESTIMATION

Employee Salaries	\$136,732
Employee Fringes	\$46,554
Purchased Services	\$8,339
Supplies	\$3,570

Total Program Expenses \$195,195

Interesting Facts:

- *2015-16 Program Fees: \$45/quarter, \$150/year
- *Cost to participants: \$1/day or \$.40/hour (2.5 hours per day)
- *It cost A+ \$7.58 per student per day (based on average attendance during the 2015-2016 school year)
- *The Reach the Peak Fundraiser (sponsored by Thrivent Financial & ThedaCare) supported \$2,213 in scholarships for 51 students to enroll in A+ this past year and \$3,500 for an AmeriCorps Member to support students during school and after school with academic, social and health skills.



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