The 3 overarching goals of the 21st CCLC program are:

1. IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING PERFORMANCE IN ONE OR MORE ACADEMIC AREAS
2. INCREASE STUDENT SOCIAL BENEFITS AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGES
3. INCREASE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN SUPPORTING STUDENTS’ EDUCATION

WHO WE ARE:

CARDINAL ZONE (CZ) is our Before/After-school program at Crete Middle School. We began in August 2011 at Crete Middle School. Cardinal Zone is a grant-funded program from the US Department of Education’s 21st Century Learning Center Grant Program (CCLC). Cardinal Zone provides a range of activities and clubs to support student learning and development. Above all, a successful experience will be accomplished through the cooperative efforts of the students, parents, school, community partners, and CZ staff.

Cardinal Zone is a structured program that will focus on academics as well as personal development. It gives students a safe place to socialize, be physically active, and learn through hands-on experiences. It also gives students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills at Crete Middle School as well as in the community.

We are continually improving ourselves and looking for ways to better serve our students.

WHO WE SERVED IN 2014–2015:

- 198 students attended 30 days or more
- 90 students attended our summer program
- 117 students receive free/reduced lunch
- 35 students verified for Special Education
- 56 English Language Learners

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