

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS PROGRAM

CODE: KMAA

Purpose of Community Learning Centers

Community Learning Centers implemented in various schools of the district are to the extent possible to meet the following:

- Extend the community use of the school facilities beyond the regular teaching day and year;
- Fill needs for educational, health, social services, cultural, recreational, and enrichment experiences identified by local residents;
- Collaborate with other public and nonprofit community agencies and organizations, local businesses, and educational entities to provide services meeting local needs; and
- Provide safe, drug and alcohol free, supervised, and cost effective after-school, weekend or summer havens for children, youth, and their families.

Elements of the Community Learning Centers Program

The Community Learning Center (CLC) is a district program and as such is to operate within the parameters of the District Board Policy, administrative regulations, and under the direction of the district administration. Employees and volunteers functioning within the CLC are entitled to the rights and protections provided other district employees and volunteers.

A Community Learning Center Advisory Council (CLCAC) with broad representation from the district community will be implemented to provide advisory guidance to the Board, staff and volunteers of the program. Membership on the CLCAC will contain representatives from the community college, businesses, social services, recreational groups, school district employees, parents and students. The district Board of Directors will approve appointment to the CLCAC. The CLCAC will keep the district Board of Directors advised on the Community Learning Centers.

The program must include systematic and effective procedures for: (1) identifying and documenting the needs, interests, and concerns of the community served and (2) responding to other needs, interests, and concerns. The program must identify and use educational, cultural, recreational, and other existing and planned resources located outside the school to enhance the size and quality of the program.

The program must serve all age groups in the community, as well as those with special needs for educational services and activities, such as persons of limited English speaking ability, mentally or physically disabled and other targeted groups not adequately served by existing community programs.

The Community Learning Center Director will be responsible for the overall development, organization, operation, coordination, and evaluation of the district program. Any class offered that would be a continuation of the regular school program (such as summer school) must be approved in advance by the superintendent or designee.

The district will participate in administrative support of the Community Learning Centers program with its collaborative partners. The Community Learning Centers' budget shall be proposed to the superintendent at the same time as other budgets are presented for approval to the Board and Budget Committee.

END OF POLICY

Legal References: ORS 332.107
 ORS 332.172

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