

CONNECTIONS

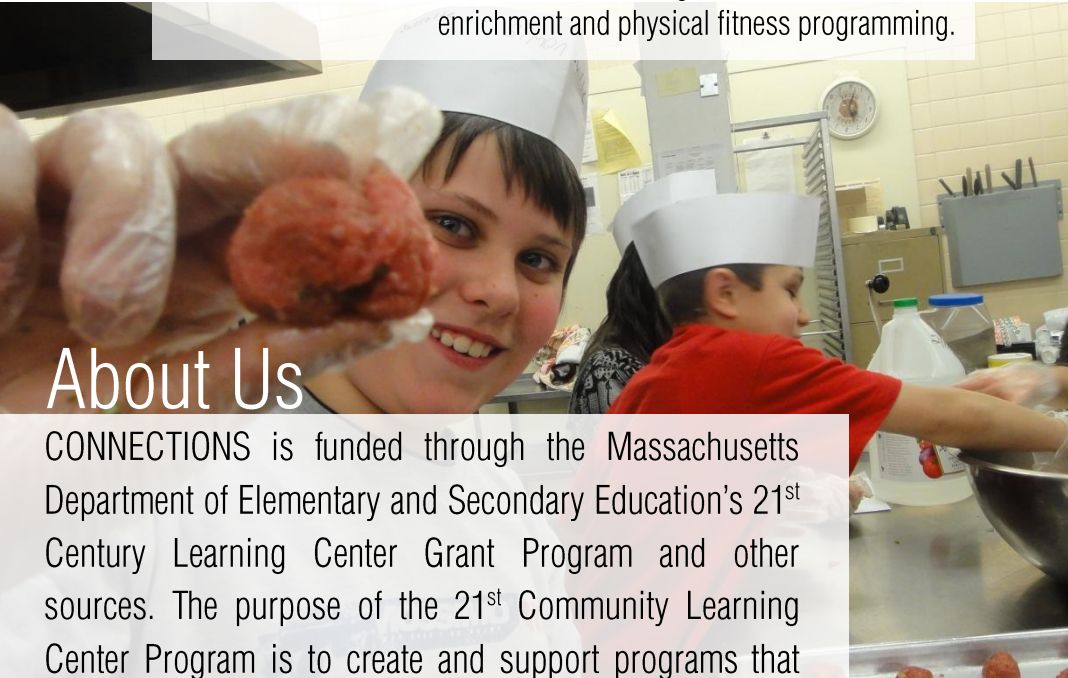
After-School Programs

keeping children safe and smart



Our Goal

Mission Statement of the CONNECTIONS Program: Our goal is to enhance the knowledge, skills, and interests of participating students to support their social, emotional and physical development and to strengthen their connections to peers, teachers, the school and the natural environment through a balance of academic enrichment and physical fitness programming.



About Us

CONNECTIONS is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's 21st Century Learning Center Grant Program and other sources. The purpose of the 21st Community Learning Center Program is to create and support programs that operate during out-of-school hours and provide students with academic enrichment opportunities along with other activities designed to complement students' regular academic programs.

Our Philosophy

The staff of the CONNECTIONS Program are committed to providing a safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment for participants. Staff are encouraged to model effective communication, to engage in constructive problem solving and conflict resolution, to develop relationships with students based upon mutual respect and to encourage students to become engaged, connected and contributing members of the program. The program is also committed to providing youth participants with opportunities for leadership.



Our Priorities:

providing creative and innovative interdisciplinary, hands on, student-centered programming that supports and contributes to academic achievement and youth development for all students

addressing the multiple needs of youth and their families through increased supervision, safety, and access to support services

integrating school day success with the after-school program to promote shared learning goals, teaching and support strategies, staff recruitment and training activities

providing programs that explicitly address grade-level state and local learning standards and support students' academic performance

CONNECTIONS AFTER-SCHOOL SCHEDULE

2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

SNACK TIME

Students receive a healthy snack.

3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Homework centers are offered at each site. Students who are having difficulty with homework assignments will have access to a library or a computer lab. This is also the time during which the teachers and tutors help individual students with their academic skills. **In fact, over 120 local college students work as dedicated tutors in the after-school program.**

4:20 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Students participate in enrichment club activities. These include, but are not limited to:

COOKING

GARDENING

SOCCER

BASKETBALL

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

ROBOTICS

HIP HOP DANCE

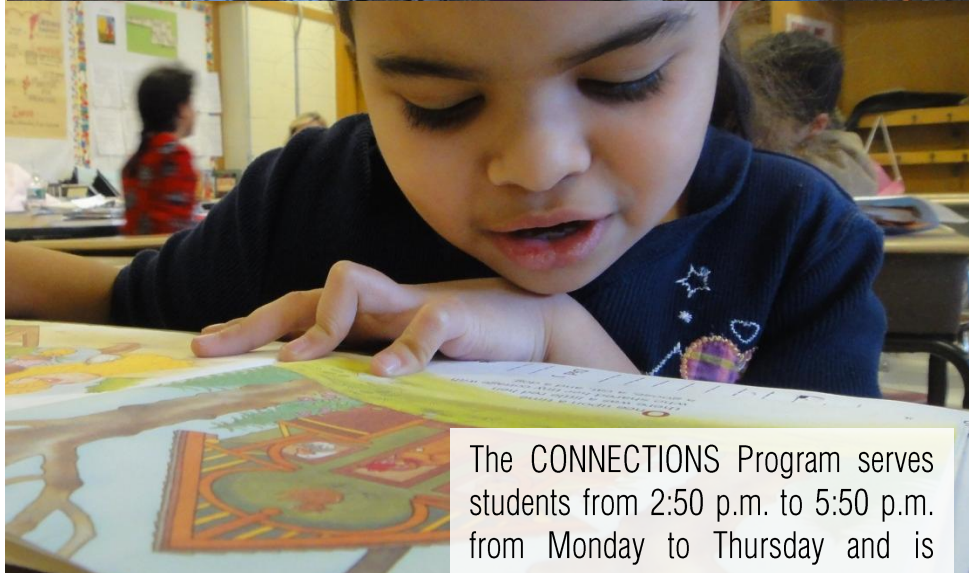
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

MAGIC

JEWELRY MAKING

COMMUNITY SERVICE

MURAL ART



The CONNECTIONS Program serves students from 2:50 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and is located at the following schools:

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| KELLY SCHOOL | Grades 5-8 |
| MORGAN SCHOOL | Grades 6-8 |
| PECK SCHOOL | Grades 2-5 |
| EN WHITE SCHOOL | Grades 2-5 |

