

Columbia Gorge Education Service District

Funded amount \$425,000

County 21st Century Grant (WC21) will provide academic enrichment for up to 300 students in the consortium that complements regular academic school day in an afterschool and/or summer setting in an equitable, culturally appropriate manner. The program will collaborate with community based organizations to bring a host of activities to students, families, and staff such as: youth development activities, service learning, nutrition and health education, drug and violence prevention, counseling, arts, music, physical fitness and wellness, technology, environmental literacy, mathematics, science, career and technical programs, and internships. A specific element will be on the two focal groups that mirror the area demographics: migrant and Native American students. In addition, there will be a focus on service learning for middle and high school students to explore post secondary career opportunities with hands-on experience. Lastly, the program will offer parents/guardians of students who attend WC21 meaningful engagement in their children's education, including literacy and related educational development. Students will grow their academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, will feel more connected to their school, learn perspectives from diverse cultures, have greater confidence in their self coping skills, and have opportunities to explore and learn careers of their interest.