

## **St Helens SD 502**

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Providing before and after school academic enrichment activities for our high-needs, focal group elementary students, the St. Helens 21st Century Learning Center is a partnership between the St. Helens School District and the City of St. Helens to serve our three high-need elementary schools (Lewis and Clark, McBride, and Columbia City). This program prioritizes fostering a sense of connectedness and safe spaces, while intentionally developing the whole child. The St. Helens 21st CCLC enrichment program offers an accessible, familiar community site for youth in grades K-5 to gather for healthy snacks, physical activity, life skills, homework assistance, and exploration in STEAM, entrepreneurship, DRUG free lessons, internet safety, and more. Leaning on the expertise of local community arts organizations; musicians; and librarians, students will explore experiential learning in math and science, as well as music and arts activities designed to increase student engagement, standardized performance, and nurture social-emotional health and self-esteem. The program will begin with one site at Lewis and Clark Elementary, and will expand upon success to additional sites at McBride and Columbia City.