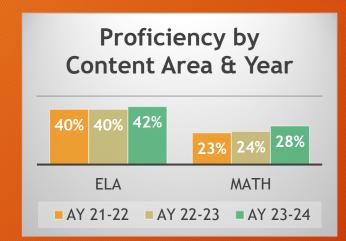
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Communication, Comradery, & Community!

Passaic ASCS 21st Century CCLC & iLearn Schools Afterschool Program





I always finished work every single day to make my parents proud! - Student

Preparation for NJSLA is an important focus of the Passaic ASCS 21st CCLC Program. Teachers follow a set curriculum in preparing students in the statewide content standards represented on the summative assessment. Students become accustomed to this daily practice at the beginning the program, directly following the school day.



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Students have been allowed to become leaders in the classroom. - Teacher

Students in the program have many activities from which to choose. Activities cover a diverse set of categories including academic enrichment (e.g., homework, tutoring), parent involvement (e.g., Math Night, Feast of Giving Dinner, Field Day 2025, robotics, Winter Concert), and recreation activities (e.g., enrichment 2024).



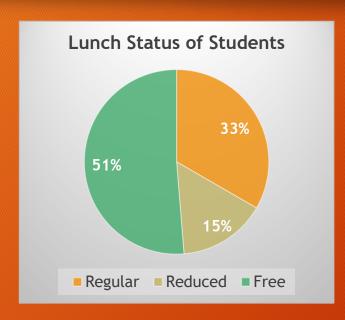
It's good to see the kids grow, and for teachers to grow and build relationships with the kids. - Site Coordinator

Our Priorities:

- 1. Consistent Communication & Collaboration
- 2. Support of Equity & Inclusion Initiatives
- 3. Encouragement of Staff & Teacher Collaboration



We are also building up a connection with the community. - Teacher



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The program's success was formally recognized when it was named as one of the 2024 Engage Every Student Program Champions by the US Department of Education. The program was also selected to represent the State of New Jersey in Florica in 2025. Passaic ASCS 21st CCLC Program will build on these successes and lessons learned to meet future challenges.

There is a lot of family interest in it, with over 200 applications, parents kept checking all year whether spots were available. - Site Coordinator

Stakeholders in the program cited strong leadership, a focus on academics, and the opportunity to build social skills and connections as the best aspects of the program. iLearn's afterschool program has become vital to the families and community that it serves!



We help each other when we don't understand our work. - Student