



Northgate Community Learning Center

Northgate Community Learning Center is an after-school center dedicated to helping students reach their potential. We help parents to value education and support the success of their children in school. Students in our comprehensive after-school and summer programs increase their chances of experiencing success in the classroom.

We help strengthen parent-child relationships, provide resources that foster a supportive learning environment, and help students build skills needed to complete high school. Children who are given attention, tools and encouragement have a better chance of overcoming obstacles and challenges to learning, and becoming successful, productive adults.

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Helping students reach their potential

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About the Community Learning Center

At the Learning Center, students are supported to develop the skills and self-discipline to improve success in homework completion and in arrival at class on time; demonstrate responsible behavior at school; and, increase skills in reading, writing and math. Games, computer time, and other rewards help motivate students to finish their homework. Snacks are provided to help them stay focused.

Homework Power Hour and other educational activities help parents learn how to create a positive homework environment at home. Monthly activities and training workshops such as *Love & Logic* further support parents to learn and use positive strategies to encourage their children to complete homework.

Volunteer mentors provide children with additional support to help ensure their success. Each volunteer is trained to help youth develop relationships, goals and skills to be successful in school. Volunteers must be 18 or older and pass a criminal background check and drug test prior to working at the Learning Center.

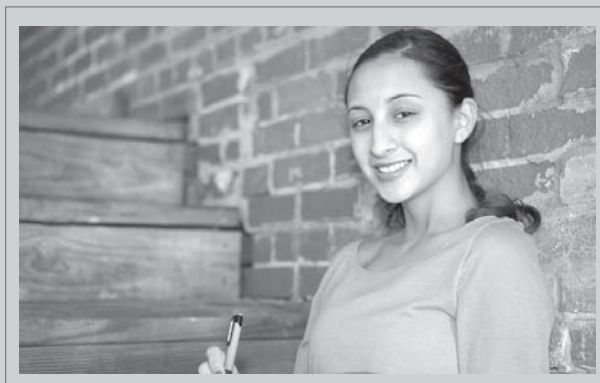
The adult to student ratio is 3:1 for the 50 students and their families who enroll. Long-term, consistent and dependable relationships with adults help children to become better students, and provide them with skills that encourage a positive attitude about learning.

Who is eligible?

Northgate Community Learning Center reaches out to children ages 11-14, in fifth through eighth grades, at Waldo Middle School, Hallman Elementary School and Washington Elementary School in northeast Salem.

Students who qualify to enroll at the Learning Center are identified through their schools. Assessments are made based on the goals and priorities of Marion County Children & Families Commission, the *40 Developmental Assets*, recent research on adult mentors, the *Check and Connect* program, and the *Girls & Boys Town Foster Parent Curriculum*.

Student selection criteria is monitored on both a monthly and annual basis to determine the impact of the program on participating students. A CCS coordinator oversees the program, which, when duplicated in other neighborhoods, could serve up to 500 students and their families.



Reach your potential.

A Forever Home for Everyone

Since 1938, Catholic Community Services [CCS] has been serving children, adults and families in our community. Today, CCS offers more than 20 programs to help create “A Forever Home for Everyone” through Family Support Services; Independent Living programs; and Community Homes for children in long-term foster care and for adults with developmental disabilities.

At CCS, “A Forever Home for Everyone” is a concept, not a place. To us, a “Forever Home” is the opportunity to live responsibly in a safe, nurturing, permanent home and caring community. It is about stability and implies belonging. It is an essential foundation for living an empowered life.

At the Community Learning Center, we help our students and their families preserve their own “Forever Homes.” We do this by providing tools and understanding to help them to function as a healthy family that stays together and raises their children well.