

# AFTER-SCHOOL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

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# WHAT IS THE GRANT FOR?

## ► Purpose

- In accordance with Session Law 2014-100, the purpose of After-School Quality Improvement Grant Program is to pilot **after-school learning programs for at-risk students that raise standards for student academic outcomes by focusing on the following:**
- **Use of an evidence-based model with a proven track record of success.**
- Inclusion of rigorous, quantitative performance measures to confirm program effectiveness during the grant cycle and at the end-of-grant cycle.

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- ▶ Alignment with State performance measures, student academic goals, and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- ▶ **Prioritization in programs to integrate clear academic content, in particular, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities or reading development and proficiency instruction.**
- ▶ **Emphasis on minimizing student class size when providing instruction.**
- ▶ Expansion of student access to learning activities and academic support that strengthen student engagement and leverage community-based resources, which may include organizations that provide mentoring services and private-sector employer involvement.

# AFTER-SCHOOL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT -BASICS

- ▶ 44 grants were submitted and 17 approved
- ▶ 2 year grant at inception for \$500,000/year including match
- ▶ Serves 204 students at WMS, EMS
- ▶ Grant is designed to deliver AVID and PLTW
- ▶ AVID- A National Model which is based on best teaching practices in writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading, and it is supported by state and national content standards
- ▶ PLTW-Project Lead The Way is the nation's leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs.