



NOVA Program

NOVA provides a safe and productive after-school opportunity for youth to learn and thrive.

It is an after-school tutoring and character education program for high-risk/high-resiliency elementary school students identified in partnership with Metro Parks Community Centers and associated neighborhood Schools.

NOVA provides:

- * adult-supervised guidance to assist with homework,**
- * a fun, interactive experience through play, group activities, multi-media curriculum, and self-discovery**
- * enhances participants' understanding of life-skills, ethical decision making and values such as citizenship, teamwork, honesty and personal achievement.**
- * supports daily in-School classroom core-curriculum education by being directly aligned with the Kentucky State Academic Achievement Expectations**

NOVA offers youth:

- * caring adult role models,**
- * practical instruction in homework,**
- * basic social survival skills,**
- * a group of friends of which to belong,**
- * a set of values to guide everyday living**

Targeted 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade children live under conditions conducive to crime, delinquency, drug addiction, and dysfunctional behavior but nonetheless have the spark of potential to succeed, thus high-risk/high-resiliency. Youth enter the program with little to no understanding of teamwork or cooperation, little preparation for learning, and oftentimes little interactive parental care. Recommendations from the Family Resource Coordinator/s identify the specific youth who are the best suited for the program.

NOVA will operate after school, 127 days of the school year, for three hours each day. Each day provides:

- * a healthy after-school snack**
- * supervised creative play with a purpose**
- * homework assistance**
- * supplemental activities which include activities focused around the following:**
 - S.T.E.A.M –Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math**
 - Resistance Skills–Drug Recognition and Prevention, Bullying and Cyber Intimidation Identification and Prevention**
 - Life Skill Applications – real-world applications of academic curriculum**
 - Grade-specific Character Education Curriculum focused on nine core modules of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty/Trust, Caring/Fairness, Perseverance, Self-Discipline, Courage, Citizenship, and Life Skills.**

Each NOVA Center assist approximately 40 youth. California Community Center/Wheatley Elementary School and Park Hill Community Center/McFarren Elementary School are currently up and functioning with positive results. An additional 6 community center/schools collaborations are identified for future locations.