



Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the status of all the programs for students in the districts?**
 - **Rock and Roll Academy** - ALL classrooms became fully operational in January of 2015, all participating districts will implement the program for Middle and High School students.
 - **Usher's Music Industry 101** - Teacher training January 15th, to be offered as course option for High School students beginning second semester.
 - **Smart Horizons** - Teacher training January 14th, to be offered as a course option for High School students beginning second semester.

- **Will Rock and Roll Academy (RRA) replace our existing music programs?**
 - **NO!** We are excited to have Rock and Roll Academy in all participating districts. However, RRA is NOT to replace the outstanding band and music programs that currently exist in your district.
 - **RRA** is for students that may NOT be musically inclined
 - **RRA** promotes social emotional learning and all of the tenets of the grant including fostering creativity and encouraging student driven learning.

- **Do ALL students participate in the grant?**
 - Currently this grant is exclusively for students in grades 7-12. The grant is attempting to reach the needs of the struggling or disengaged learner at the secondary level.
 - Programs offered through this grant can certainly be of benefit to all students in future years.

- **Do ALL teachers benefit from the grant?**
 - **YES!!!** Although the student programs are designed for students in 7-12th grades, ALL of the teachers will benefit from the grant.
 - ALL teachers will be participate in the Contemporary Learning Institutes, which will enhance their current teaching practices and ultimately benefit their teaching and the student learning experience.

- **When will the Contemporary Learning Institutes begin?**
 - 7-12th grade educators will begin the Pre-Institute course during the 2014-2015 school year. This course will provide an overview of all 5 courses to be offered.
 - The 5 courses will begin in August of 2015.
 - Through the 6 year grant period, ALL educators in the participating districts will begin and complete all courses.

- **Will there be community involvement?**
 - **YES.** Throughout the grant period, the goal is to provide students opportunities to use the skills they have acquired through grant-sponsored activities in local community businesses.
 - Initially, the community will learn as much information about the grant as possible through district communication.

- **How long does is the grant period?**
 - **6 years.** The goal is to continue the work of the grant after the funding that was awarded to the districts has been spent. We believe that the success we achieve within the timeframe of the grant will encourage replication within all schools.

- **What are next steps we can look forward to for students?**
 - Students will begin participating in all of the programs that are part of the grant.
 - Powered by Service, a one day leadership program, will be offered to students the week of February 9-12th. Look for an invitation for participating students coming soon!!!!

- **What are the next steps we can look forward to for educators?**
 - The educators will soon be introduced to the Pre-Requisite course that will provide an overview of all of the institutes.

- **How do I find out more about the grant?**
 - Contact your principal or your HCESC contacts:
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