



RAISING THE GRADE.

EDUCATION EXPERTS consistently cite the importance of after-school programs for improving students' self-confidence and overall academic performance. Nonetheless, federal and state funding for these programs continues to be cut, and each weekday, millions of children are alone and unsupervised after school.

For more than 20 years, SCANA Energy and its parent company, SCANA Corporation, have been working to change that by funding the development of school-based homework centers throughout Georgia.

Homework centers provide secure, supervised environments where children in grades two through five can spend time after school working on homework assignments and developing study skills.

Staffed by certified teachers from within the schools where they're located, the homework centers keep students safe and comfortable with their surroundings — two important factors in helping them excel in school.



***The SCANA Energy Homework Center
provides a great opportunity for students to
expand and reinforce each student's knowledge
and abilities in new and exciting ways.***

PARENT
Dowell Elementary; Marietta, GA

STRUCTURED FOR FLEXIBILITY.

For each homework center, SCANA Energy funds a 30-week budget that covers the costs for two certified teachers, snacks, supplies and student incentives.

The program is flexible, so learning activities can be tailored to the needs of the students and to complement the participating schools' curricula and state education requirements.

In addition to receiving help with their homework, students participate in activities designed to further develop their math, reading and test-taking skills. Educational games are used to help them discover how much fun learning can be. Some students also take field trips, meet distinguished visitors such as athletes and television personalities, and enjoy holiday parties.

Incentives and rewards are used to encourage student attendance, good behavior and improvement in grades. The incentives keep the students interested in the beginning, but pride in their achievements sustains their motivation.



The homework center has improved my students' confidence and their academic performance. Their study habits have drastically improved and they look forward to coming to school each day.

TEACHER

Feldwood Elementary; College Park, GA



IMPROVED SELF-ESTEEM AND BETTER GRADES.

Testing conducted at the beginning, end, and periodically throughout the school year demonstrates the positive impact the homework center program has on students' academic performance.

Recent studies show that students attending the homework centers improved their reading scores by at least one letter grade and maintained or improved math scores within a letter grade. Students' social skills also get a boost as they develop their self-esteem and learn how to interact with others. Class attendance improves and confidence levels soar.

COMMITTED TO QUALITY EDUCATION.

Funding the establishment of homework centers supports SCANA Energy's basic philosophy that there is a direct correlation between quality education and a quality work force. Long committed to improving the communities in which it serves, SCANA Energy also supports numerous other educational initiatives.



***I am doing better in class, because
I understand the work.***

HOMEWORK CENTER STUDENT
Stone Mill Elementary; Stone Mountain, GA

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS.

Teachers and parents can recommend students for the homework center programs. All students are eligible, but students in need of the most basic skills improvement are given priority. The centers are limited to 30 students to maintain an effective student-to-teacher ratio. Hours vary by school, but the homework centers are typically open one-and-a-half to two hours after school Monday through Thursday.

SCANA Energy Homework Centers are operated and managed by 21st Century Leaders, Inc., a nonprofit corporation based in Decatur, Georgia.

Today, homework centers exist at elementary schools throughout South Carolina and Georgia, courtesy of the sponsorship by SCE&G and SCANA Energy — each members of the SCANA family of companies. They continually win awards for their impact on student achievement and skills development.

- Blue Ribbon Partnership Award and Prestigious Partnership of the Year (SCANA Energy)
— Awarded by the Fulton County Education Foundation.
- National School and Business Partnership Award (SCANA Corporation)
— Awarded by The Council for Corporate & School Partnerships and The Coca-Cola Company.
- High Performance Partnership of the Year (SCE&G)
— Awarded by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce through its High Performance Partnerships program.
- State Board of Education Business Partner Award (SCANA Corporation)
— Awarded by the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the South Carolina School-to-Work Advisory Council and the South Carolina Network for Business Partners for Education.
- JCPenney Golden Rule Award (SCANA Corporation)
— Awarded by JCPenney and the United Way of Florence County.
- South Carolina Governor's Volunteer Award
— Awarded by the Governor's Office.

**One of our corporate values
is to serve our communities — with our
commitment to support important issues
such as education through the funding
of homework centers in Georgia,
we are truly helping to make a difference
in the lives of our children
and future generations.**

SCANA Energy Vice President and General Manager



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