Community Schools Community of Practice: Role of the Community School Coordinator and the Use of the Community School Advisory Board

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What is a Community School?

Community Schools Animation Video

"Could someone help me with these? I'm late for math class."
Community Schools Overview

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

• A public and private community partnership
• Coordinates educational, developmental, family, health, and after-school-care programs during school and non-school hours for students, families, and local communities at a public school or public charter school

Objectives:

– Improve academic achievement
– Reduce absenteeism
– Building stronger relationships between students, parents, and communities
– Improve the skills, capacity, and well-being of the surrounding community residents
If schools work in partnership with parents and community members to help build resources and support for students and their families…

Increased academic success for District students is possible!
Given the theory of action, the following are results of a successful community school implementation:

- Children are ready to enter school;
- Students succeed academically;
- Students are actively involved in learning in their community;
- Students are healthy: physically, socially, and emotionally;
- Students live and learn in stable and supportive environments;
- Families are actively involved in children’s education; and
- Communities are desirable places to live.
Community Schools Overview: Supports & Services

**Supports and Services include:**

- Academic- enrichment activities
- Adult education
- Child-care services
- College, Career & Citizenship
- Community Engagement
- Early childhood development and education
- Family engagement services
- Family Engagement
- Medical and dental care
- Mental health promotion and treatment services
- Parent leadership programs
- Nutrition services
- Truancy prevention programs
- Youth development programs and services
Nationally, community schools have proven to be successful in:

- **Reducing** absenteeism
- **Improving** health and wellbeing of students and their families, and
- **Increasing** the rates of high school graduation and college attendance.
The Role of the Community School Coordinator: Communities In Schools
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Upcoming Topics of Discussion:

- **Engaging Special Populations (March 8, 2018)**
  
  *This session will discuss engaging special populations (e.g. English learners, minors who are undocumented and youth who are adjudicated).*

- **Finance/Sustainability: Telling Your Story (May 10, 2018)**

  *Further information available soon.*
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