

University-Assisted Community Schools



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University-Assisted Community Schools

- ■ Focus on the neighborhood school as the core institution to revitalize the community
- ■ Bring together a university (or any institution of higher education) and community partners in school-based, neighborhood centered, action-oriented efforts that seek to serve, educate, and activate all participants
- ■ Link the school's curriculum, programs and services to solving the real-world problems in the local community
- ■ Develop academically based community service as central to achieving the university's research, teaching and service missions

West Philadelphia Improvement Corps (WEPIC)

- FOUNDED: 1985

- COLLABORATION of
 - WEST PHILADELPHIA PARTNERSHIP
 - UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 - PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN WEST PHILADELPHIA
 - RANGE OF OTHER PARTNERS:
 - LOCAL HOSPITALS, UNION, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- GOALS: UNIVERSITY-ASSISTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 - --Open 24 hours a day
 - --365 days per year
 - --Serve the educational, social service, health, and recreational needs of the entire community
 - --Learning by real-world problem solving
 - --Integrated K-16 curriculum

TYPICAL PROGRAMS AT A UNIVERSITY-ASSISTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DAY

Thematically based
Curriculum

- community health
and nutrition
- environment
- community arts
- entrepreneurship
- peer education
- work-place learning

Feeder School Programs

- Peer teaching

AFTERSCHOOL, EVENING AND SATURDAYS

- Academic, cultural, recreational
classes for youth and adults
- Extension of school-day
problem-solving learning projects

--ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

- Mentoring (Penn VIPS)
- Social Workers

SUMMER INSTITUTE

SAYRE HIGH SCHOOL

School Day

Thematically Based Curriculum

Health Program Disease Prevention Program

Neuroscience Pipeline

Food and Food Systems--

“fruit stand,” garden, peer education

Sexual and Reproductive Health

Environmental Health

Lead Poisoning

Tobacco Use Prevention

Community Arts Partnerships

Sayre High School

Extended-Day and Community School

Afterschool

Sayre Beacon Program

--elementary feeder schools and high school

--Youth Work's Nutrition's Most Wanted

--Arts and Music Enrichment

--Girl Talk --safe space for girls to discuss
issues, guided by Penn undergrads

--Other classes in conjunction with citywide
providers

Sayre High School

--Community School Evening Programs

Open to All Ages Free of Charge

Governed by Community Advisory Board

- Health Seminars and Screening
- STATS--Students teaching about AIDS to students
- Education, recreational, and cultural classes

Sayre High School

--Summer Institute

- Summer Science Program--linked health promotion and peer-assisted education
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Youth Works--Peer health educators

- Urban Nutrition Initiative--community garden

Sayre Partners

- University of Pennsylvania
 - Center for Community Partnerships
 - --Academically Based Community Service-14 Penn Courses at Sayre
 - • Arts and Sciences
 - • Medicine
 - • Nursing
 - • Dental Medicine
 - • Design
 - ---Federal Work Study Students
 - ---WEPIC Student Volunteers
 - --Penn VIPS (faculty and staff volunteers)
 - West Philadelphia Partnership
 - --Coordinates Youthworks
- Community Advisory Council
- Sayre Health Promotion Disease Prevention Council (all stakeholders)
- Multiple other community-based organizations that augment services

Sayre Health Center

- Federally qualified health center that will serve:
 - Sayre Students
 - Students' families and the community

Managed by a board of stakeholders

Center's operation integrated into curriculum of:

- Sayre High School (medical intake class)
- Penn Professional Schools--Medicine, Nursing, Dental Medicine, Social Work
- Penn Undergraduate Education--SAS, Nursing