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, education, 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’ 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
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

• 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
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