



SUN Community School Profile 2015

Madison High School

Lead Agency: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)

Service Area & Target Groups/Focus

Children, adults and families who are homeless, living in poverty and/or at risk of academic failure – primarily from school neighborhood, but services are open to anyone.

School Population: 1046 students; Grades 9-12; 100% Eligible for Free Meals;
67% Students of Color (African American 17%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 15%. Hispanic 23%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%, Multiple Race 7%, White 33%)

Core Services 2015-16

Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

Tutoring
AM Library
PM Library
Step Up (Partner)
College Possible (Partner)
IRCO SUN Youth Advocacy

Enrichment

The Portland Kitchen (Partner)
Nutritional Cooking Class
Rogue Pack (Partner)
Garden Club
Makers Club
Dungeons & Dragons Club
Anime Club
Tech Start Club

Mentoring

I Have a Dream Oregon
(Partner)
Escalera (Partner)

Youth Leadership/Involvement

Pan African Student Club
Student Muslim Association
Rebels for a Cause
Student Senate

Recreation

Yoga
Soccer

Empowerment/Skill-Building

Peer Tutors Program
Food Pantry Volunteering
Girls Group (Partner)
SUN Student Intern Program
Leadership Club & Community
Boosters Fair (Partner)

Summer Programs

9th Grade Counts
Summer Garden Internship
Youth Internship Opportunities
Community Food Pantry
Volunteering

Adult Education

Adult ESL
Colegio de Padres (Partner)
Seed to Supper (Partner)
Volunteer Tutor Trainings

Community/Cultural Events

Culturally-Specific Community
Nights (Partnership)
Fix-it-Fair (Partnership)
Parent Teacher Conference Night
Winter Craft Night/8th Grade
Open House
College Week Scholarship Fair
Multicultural Family Night

Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide Parent Meetings & Activities;
Referrals to housing energy assistance and clothing assistance; Madison Community Food Pantry;
Culturally-specific community nights; Madison SUN Newsletter; Adult ESL Class; Seed to Supper

Case Management & Skill Building

IRCO SUN Youth Advocacy Asian Pacific Islander & African Immigrant; Latino Network Case
Management; I Have a Dream, Oregon

System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment & connection of students & families with services; online referral system for Madison staff; Partner Meetings; Regular meetings with program partners and Madison administrative and support staff on site; Teacher collaboration on volunteer tutor training; Partner and Resource Development;

10 Community Agency Partners

1,427 volunteer hours contributed

8 Business Partners

\$114,931 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Additional Services

Madison Community Food Pantry

Evaluation

Outputs

590 youth served

68% students of color

77% identified as being

“at risk of academic failure”

100% qualified for free and reduced lunch

84 adults served

1402 people served in non-enrollment events
(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

Outcomes

74% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading *

61% of students increased benchmark scores in Math*

Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was **67%**

***due to changes in state testing these numbers are
not available for this year**

SUN Spotlight

In the 2015-2016 fiscal year, The Madison Community Food Pantry served 551 households that included 2,570 individuals and 1,288 children. In partnership with Multnomah County, Oregon Food Bank and through donations from community gardens, Madison SUN distributes fresh produce, dairy, meat, eggs, client assistance products, and non-perishables weekly.

Clients attending the food pantry reflect every facet of Madison High School's population. Students and families attend regularly, as well as students in SUN community classes and some Madison staff. Access to the food pantry enables families to prioritize spending money on resources other than food, while ensuring their children have the nutrition and stability to be successful in school. Clients report that they struggle to make ends meet at the end of the month when their SNAP benefits run out, and the Madison Food Pantry helps them bridge the gap until the beginning of the month. For others, their relief is evident in the gratitude they express.

Certain innovations allow clients to feel comfortable and welcomed at the food pantry, including a childcare area and seating for people with limited mobility. These efforts are aimed at making the clients' experiences pleasant and more dignified than the distribution of many other social services.

The pantry operates with the help of a core group of high school student volunteers. The food pantry provides a valuable opportunity for these students to engage their translation skills, gain the confidence to take initiative, and reflect on the process of distributing services to clients with humanity and efficiency.



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