



# SUN Community School Profile 2015

## Jackson Middle School

Lead Agency: Impact Northwest

### 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: 607 students; Grades 6-8; 27% Free and Reduced Lunch;  
27% Students of Color (African American 8%, American Indian/AK Native <1%, Asian 3%, Hispanic 7%, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <1%, Multiple Race 6%, White 73%)

### Core Services

#### Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

##### Academic Support

Homework Club  
Environmental Literacy  
Student habits and routines for success

##### Enrichment

Jackson Winter Play & Spring Musical  
Creative Cooks  
Seasonal Art Projects

##### Youth Leadership / Involvement

Jackson Gay / Straight Alliance

##### Recreation

SUN Basketball & Volleyball  
Yoga

##### Summer Programs

Jackson Summer Day Camp:  
Focus on extra-curricular enrichment and support for school's mandated curriculum

##### Empowerment / Skill-Building

Partnerships with:  
African Youth Community Organization, Multnomah County Outdoor School, St. Andrews and St. Luke Churches, PIL Athletics and Jackson PTA

##### Mentoring

Lunch Clubs and evening family education events

##### Adult Education

Coffee Talk with 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents  
Wilson Readiness Workshop for 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
Parent Volunteer Coaching of SUN Athletics  
Parent/Teacher/SUN conferences

##### Community/Cultural Events

Cultural Celebrations  
After-school Theatre Productions  
Jackson Spring SUN Showcase

### Family Education & Engagement

Weekly communication with parents, School-wide parent meetings and activities  
Strengthening Families classes in partnership with Lifeworks NW, Jackson PTA, and other community partners



## System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment & connection of students & families w/ services; development of referral system  
SUN CS Advisory Body (school staff, parents, students, and partner agencies)

Student Success Team Meetings

Site Management in Out-of-School Time;

Partner and Resource Development:

8 Community Agency Partners

4 Business Partners

988 volunteer hours contributed

\$31,196 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

## Evaluation

### Outputs

#### **207 youth served**

44% students of color

66% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”

38% qualified for free and reduced lunch

#### **61 adults served**

#### **720 people served** in non-enrollment events

(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

### Outcomes

**68%** of students increased benchmark scores in Reading \*

**71%** of students increased benchmark scores in Math \*

**Average daily attendance** of SUN CS students was **90%**

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

## SUN Spotlight

Student “JK” had trouble staying organized, remembering what homework to bring home and what was due the next day. JK objected to attending after-school programming, but eventually decided to give Jackson Middle School’s SUN Homework Club a try. After a few weeks into the school year, when asked about his regular attendance at Homework Club, JK admitted that his grades were improving, he understood the classroom content better, and enjoyed making new friends who provided positive peer pressure associated with school work.

*“Preparing for Homework Club immediately after school helped me remember what needed to go into my backpack at the end of the day, what was due soon, what to bring home with me,” said JK. When JK’s Mom was asked about what she noticed, she said “What JK needed was an atmosphere to do an hour of homework each day after school – so that being organized was the first thought, not getting home to other distractions.”*

We see this more and more as the school year progresses. Students are developing more confidence and enjoying the management of school work because of Jackson’s SUN Homework Club.



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local school districts, nonprofits and community.*

