



SUN Community School Profile 2011

George Middle School

Lead Agency: Neighborhood House

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: 364 students; Grades 6-8; 87% Free and Reduced Lunch;
77% Students of Color (Hispanic 34%, Asian/ Pacific Islander 10%, Black 29%, Native American 4%, Multi-racial 1%, White 23%)

Core Services 2010-11

Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

Homework Assistance
Homework Independence
Academic Computers
Tutoring Services (SES)

Recreation

Bachata Student Practice
Boys/Girls Basketball
Boys/Girls Soccer
Break Dance
Children's Course Golf
Folklorico Dance
Hip-Hop Dance
Volleyball

Youth

Leadership/Involvement

SUN LEAD Team: Student
Advisory Group

Mentoring

Big Brothers, Big Sisters
George SUN Boys Group

Enrichment

Saturday Academy: Actors
Studio, Claymation Video
Animation

Art

Ethos: Band, Electric Guitar
Group, Rock Band
Gardening
Cooking

Summer Programs

SUN School Summer Academy:
academic tutoring, art, Ethos
music, sports, hip hop
dance, break dance, team
building, and field trips

Empowerment/Skill-Building

Girls Inc.

Northwest Family Services:

Poder Joven

SEI: Sisters Reflecting Beauty,
Brothers Reflecting
Brotherhood

Community/Cultural Events

Back to School Night
George MS Multicultural Day
SUN School Showcases events
SUN Winter Posada

Adult Education

Adult ESL

Academia de Padres

Thursday AM Coffee

Folklorico Dancing

Latino Parent Community
Meetings

Family Education & Engagement

School-wide Parent Meetings & Activities

Family Education: AVID High School Nights

Family Activities: Back to School Night, Conferences, Cultural Events, SUN CS Showcases,
Sporting Events, Latino Family Nights

Case Management & Skill Building

SSSES Case Management: SEI, Hacienda CDC
Neighborhood House CASASTART
Northwest Family Services
School Attendance Effort

System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

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

Partner Meetings

Student Staffing Meetings

Site Management in Out-of-School Time

Partner and Resource Development

36 Community Agency Partners

2 Business Partners

238 volunteer hours contributed

\$88,533 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Additional Services

Culturally Specific Services

Case Management and Skill Building Groups

Health Services

School-Based Health Clinic

Library Services

Evaluation 2009-10

Outputs

216 youth served

80% students of color

76% identified as being "at risk of academic failure"

91% qualified for free and reduced lunch

20 adults served

471 people served in non-enrollment events

(Family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

Outcomes

77% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading

75% of students increased benchmark scores in Math

Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 94%

According to teachers, of students who regularly attended SUN CS:

69% improved classroom academic performance

61% improved getting homework in on time

60% participated in class more

56% improved behavior

59% came to school more motivated to learn

SUN Spot:: SUN in Action

In December 2010, Neighborhood House George SUN School partnered with El Programa Hispano, Northwest Family Services, Hacienda CDC, and CASASTART for a fun-filled evening kicking off the holiday season with a colorful multi-cultural Posada.

The Posada was mostly a success due to the incredible involvement of several George MS parents. The committed parents and lead partners began planning the event on a weekly basis in November during Thursday school coffee chats. Parents developed organizational and communication skills in the process. Lots of hard work was done and the Posada came to life a month later.

The morning of the Posada, the SUN Solarium was filled with lots of adults working hard to make lots of colorful traditional decorations. Over 100 guests participated in the Holiday Posada that featured participants walking to local participating business, traditional foods, singing, costumes, and a family environment unlike any other.



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