

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOLS UNITING NEIGHBORHOODS (SUN) INITIATIVE
60 Community Schools across Six Districts



MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PARTNERSHIPS

- ◆ Portland Parks and Recreation
- ◆ Multnomah County Department of Human Services & Health Department
- ◆ Impact Northwest
- ◆ El Programa Hispano
- ◆ Educational Talent Search (ETS)
- ◆ Reed College
- ◆ Portland State University
- ◆ Girls on Track
- ◆ Learning Gardens
- ◆ County Commission on Children, Families & Community

RESULTS

Lane has made significant academic improvements and is now making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The SUN CS provides extended-day tutoring and homework assistance while ensuring students have access to extra curricular activities that are no longer available during the school day.

268 of Lane's 397 students participated in enrolled activities and services in 2009-10. Of students who participated regularly, average daily school attendance was 95% and 70% met their growth target in reading and 78% in math. According to teachers, 71% of SUN participants improved getting homework in on time, 66% improved classroom academic performance, 68% came to school more motivated to learn and 73% behaved better with other students.

BACKGROUND

Lane SUN Community School (SUN CS) is located in outer South East Portland in a neighborhood that is challenged by high poverty and crime rates, along with increasing cultural and language diversity. After it became a community school and under the leadership of principal Karl Logan, Lane was the first school in Oregon to successfully make it out of AYP sanctions and meet federal benchmarks. Lane was one of the first eight SUN Community Schools that began in 1999, following a pilot effort supported by Bank of America. Lane also received three years of funding from the Portland City Council Time 4 Kid's Initiative. Both efforts were designed to enhance and integrate school-based supports. Historically, Lane housed a number of services for youth and families including a City of Portland Parks & Recreation Community School (focused on recreation and community education) and a School-Based Health Center. The SUN Community School effort inspired new partnerships with local service institutions, increased wraparound services, and integrated the work of the school and community partners to focus collectively on impacting the academic success of Lane students.

LEADERSHIP

SUN has worked to bring more than a dozen community and business partners, and hundreds of volunteers together to connect Lane students and families with the support they need. Operational and leadership structures include:

- ◆ Operating Team: The Lane principal, full-time SUN Community School Site Manager and SUN CS supervisor from Portland Parks and Recreation (the lead agency at Lane) meet regularly to handle day-to-day planning and operational issues.
- ◆ SUN CS Advisory Structures:
 - ◇ The Lane principal, full-time SUN Community School site manager, community members, parents, partnering agency representatives, school and SUN CS staff work together to define, align and manage Lane's resources.
 - ◇ A SUN CS Student Leadership Team creates and implements surveys and other opportunities for Lane students to have a voice in the SUN CS activities and services.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Lane offers various before and after-school enrichment programs for students, including homework assistance, intensive tutoring, sports and arts activities, and youth empowerment and leadership groups. Students and families are linked to social services and youth case management is provided on site, with a focus on culturally-specific services. A full supper is provided every day after school to students. A family engagement coordinator staffs and develops programs for a family and community resource room. Two monthly parent and family nights provide opportunities to celebrate, inform parents on how to support their children's education, and provide needed services. A school-based health center, operated by Multnomah County, provides health and mental health support to students and families.

