



SAY YES SYRACUSE FIVE-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

Since 2008, Say Yes to Education has worked in close partnership with Syracuse University, the Syracuse City School District, the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, Onondaga County Community College, the Syracuse Teachers Association, as well as with community-based organizations and local businesses, toward a single, overriding goal: to insure that every student in Syracuse has the ability to reach his or her academic potential. The partnership is providing comprehensive support services and college scholarships to help students succeed, and it is backing efforts by SCSD to become the most improved urban district in the nation.

A SNAPSHOT OF KEY INDICATORS SINCE 2008

Creating a New Generation of Scholars

- ✓ More than **2,100** graduates of SCSD high schools have used Say Yes support to attend college.
- ✓ Over the past four years, there was a nearly **33 percent** increase in the number of recent SCSD graduates going to college—from 437 in 2009 to 579 in 2012.
- ✓ In spring 2013, **93 SCSD graduates** who received the Say Yes tuition guarantee and who entered college in fall 2009 earned degrees from a four-year college or university.
- ✓ The new graduates are earning their degrees from numerous SUNY campuses (Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Morrisville, Oneonta, and Purchase) and private colleges, including Syracuse, Clarkson, Hobart and William Smith, LeMoyne, New York University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and many more.
- ✓ Say Yes Syracuse Scholars who are in college are staying in school at a rate above the national average.
 - In 2011-12, the persistence rate for Say Yes Scholars at four-year private colleges—meaning the number who advanced from their freshman to sophomore year—was **89 percent**, compared with 67 percent nationwide.
 - At four-year public campuses, **more than two-thirds** of Say Yes Scholars (67 percent) stayed in school compared with 65 percent nationally.
 - At two-year public campuses, **66 percent** of Say Yes Scholars stayed in school compared with 56 percent of students nationally.
- ✓ Say Yes has arranged more than **\$41 million** in college scholarship support, with more than half (\$22.3 million) coming from private colleges.

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Providing Students with Comprehensive Support	✓ Nearly 5,000 students (70 percent of all students in grades K-5) annually have benefitted from after-school programs in 20 schools.
	✓ 2,800 students (38 percent of all students in grades K-5) annually enroll in Say Yes summer enrichment programs in those same schools.
	✓ 1,292 children and 442 families benefitted from Say Yes family support services in 2012–13. That number is projected to rise to serve 600 families and 1,700 children in 2013–14.
	✓ 480 students benefitted from Say Yes wellness services in the first four months of operation in fall 2012.
	✓ 319 students and/or families have received legal services through the free Say Yes to Education legal clinics from 2008 through spring 2013.
	✓ More than 90 percent of previously uninsured students now have health insurance.
Strengthening District Performance	✓ SCSD is making progress in insuring that students are attending school. The 2011-12 attendance rate (93.4 percent) is up from 2008-09 year (92.3 percent).
	✓ There has been an overall increase in the percentage of students scoring proficient and above on the State Regents Exams in English—to 66 percent in 2011-12, from 63 percent in 2008-09.
	✓ Regents scores in Algebra have also increased in recent years, with 42 percent scoring “proficient or above” in 2010-2011, up from 34 percent in 2008-09.

To learn more about Say Yes Syracuse and find out how you can be part of the solution, go to www.sayyessyracuse.org, email us at info@sayyessyracuse.org or call **315-443-4260**.