



# SUN Community School Profile 2012

## Vernon PK-8

Lead Agency: Self-Enhancement, Inc.

### 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: 501 students; Grades PK-8; 72% Free and Reduced Lunch; 72% Students of Color (Asian 3%, African American 38%, Hispanic 23%, American Indian/AK Native <1%, Multiple Race 7%, Pacific Islander <1%, White 28%)



### Core Services 2011-12

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

##### Academic Support

Homework Club  
Self Enhancement, Inc. In-School Program  
Multnomah County Library School Corps  
AKA Science  
Academic Enrichment  
I Have A Dream  
Social Support Services for Educational Success (SSSES)

##### Enrichment

Chess for Success  
Ethos Music Lessons  
Arts & Crafts  
Concordia Performing Arts Corps  
Fashion Design  
Garden Club  
Cooking  
Lego Robotics  
Computers  
Digital Photography

#### Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents  
School-wide Parent Meetings  
Back to School Night; IB Parent Night; Winter Craft Night; Family Gardening Workshop;  
Family Recess Night; Parent Coffee Talks

##### Recreation

Soccer  
Basketball  
Dance  
Ballet  
Hip Hop  
Creative Dance  
Latin Dance  
Cheer Squad  
Cycling Club  
Zumbatomic

##### Summer Programs

Math and Literacy Classes  
Student Leadership & Community Service  
Community Exploration  
Computer Technology  
Sports & Recreation  
Garden Club  
Science and Art

##### Mentoring

Gender Groups: SRB/BRB

##### Youth

##### Leadership/Involvement

Student Leaders for Service  
Neighborhood Investigators  
Latino Cultural Club

##### Empowerment/Skill-Building

Bicycle Safety Club  
Digital Photography  
Student Leaders for Service

##### Adult Education

Exercise & Fitness Classes  
Home Weatherization Workshop

##### Community/Cultural Events

Multicultural Family Night  
SUN Showcase  
Black History Month Celebration  
Dia de los Muertos Celebration

## Case Management & Skill Building

Case Management provided by Self Enhancement, Inc In-School Program for students 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I Have A Dream, and Social Support Services for Educational Success (SSSES).

## System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment and connection of students and 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

12 Community Agency Partners

2 Business Partners

457 volunteer hours contributed

\$11,375 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

## Additional Services

Food Drive for Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Vernon Food Pantry

Weekly Food Back Pack and Food Box Program

Family and Community Needs Assessment  
and Resource Referrals

## Evaluation 2010-11

### Outputs

#### 322 youth served

80% students of color

76% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”

79% qualified for free and reduced lunch

#### 307 adults served

1449 people served in non-enrollment events  
(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

### Outcomes

80% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading

83% 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:

70% improved **classroom academic performance**

52% improved getting **homework** in on time

62% **participated** in class more

56% improved **behavior**

58% came to school more **motivated to learn**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Drive a Big Success!

Through multiple partnerships Vernon School has pulled together to provide a holiday meal to 37 of our families, which equals approximately 176 people served. Through wonderful community and business partners like East Portland Rotary; Vernon PTA; Vernon Teachers, Students and Parents; Self Enhancement, Inc.; Amalgamated Sugar Company; PSU, and SUN, we were able to raise enough food to fill our school pantry. This food drive has allowed us to stock up with the supplies we need for when students and families are in need. Many of our students have learned valuable lessons through their work with the Food Drive. One of the main lessons is about the importance of helping others when they have a need. Also, how important it is to work together to accomplish an important goal. As the year goes on I look forward to the privilege of providing our students with meaningful service-learning projects.



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