



# SUN Community School Profile 2015

## 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: 397 students; Grades PK-8; 45% Free and Reduced Lunch;  
52% Students of Color (African American 24%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 2%,  
Hispanic 14%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%, Multiple Race 12%, White 48%)

### Core Services

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

##### Academic Support

Homework Support  
AKA Science  
Saturday Academy  
Math and Reading Success Tutoring  
Battle Of The Books

##### Enrichment

Chess for Success  
Ethos Music Lessons  
Arts & Crafts  
Concordia University Performing  
Arts Corps  
Garden Club  
Cooking  
Lego Robotics  
Computers  
Theater  
Digital Photography  
STEAM  
Poetry  
Bucket Drumming

##### Recreation

Soccer  
Basketball  
Volleyball  
Dance  
Zumba  
Toning

##### Summer Programs

Math and Reading Classes  
Community Outreach  
Sports & Recreation  
Nature Camps  
Camp  
Science  
Art  
Garden and Cooking Camp  
Fitness

##### Mentoring

Gender Groups: SRB/BRB  
Girls on the Run

##### Youth Leadership/Involvement

SUN Youth Advisory  
Middle School Leadership

##### Empowerment/Skill-Building

Girls On The Run

##### Adult Education

Zumba  
Toning & Pound Fitness Classes  
Home Weatherization Workshop

##### Community/Cultural Events

SUN Showcase, Family Craft Night  
Black History Month Celebration  
Family Cooking Night  
Family Gardening Workshops

#### Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide parent meetings and activities  
Parent & Child Workshops; STEAM Events

## 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

15 Community Agency Partners

2 Business Partners

656 volunteer hours contributed

\$25,107 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

## Additional Services

Food Box and Backpack Program

Housing & Energy Referrals

## Evaluation

### Outputs

#### **267 youth served**

42% students of color

45% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”

38% qualified for free and reduced lunch

#### **54 adults served**

**100 people served** in non-enrollment events

(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

### Outcomes

**65%** of students increased benchmark scores in Reading \*

**63%** 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

Vernon’s summer program has been one of the most active summers for Vernon student’s since becoming a SUN Community School. Through strong school and community partnerships, we were able to offer a variety of camps to serve 81 students and 14 adults in our 4 summer programs. Camps ranged from a two week Garden STEAM Camp, a four week Academic Enrichment Camp, a one week Audubon Nature Camp and finally a three week Early Kindergarten Transition camp for both parents and children. Summer is traditionally a high risk time for kids who may not have anything to do during the day, but with partners like Portland State University, Audubon Society, Portland Public School, Multnomah County, Self Enhancement and many others working together to offer kids something positive to do with their time, we can make an impact on students even during the long summer months. Vernon is truly a School that is uniting the Vernon neighborhood.



*SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County, the City of Portland,  
local school districts, nonprofits and community.*

