



SUN Community School Profile 2015

Alder Elementary School

Lead Agency: Metropolitan Family Service

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: 492 students; Grades K-5; 100% eligible for free meals;
84% Students of Color (African American 14%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 7%,
Hispanic 53%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 3%, Multiple Race 6%, White 16%)

Core Services

Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

Targeted Math Intervention
Targeted Literacy Intervention
Targeted ELL Support
Intervention
Homework Support

Enrichment

Theater
Clay & Sculpture
Dance
Lego Robotics
Chess for Success
Sports
Basquiat Beginner
Ballet Folklorico

Mentoring

B.I.G Mentoring
Girls INC

Summer Program

4 weeks of free lunch & activities
open to the community
4 week summer camp w/ integrated
theme-based academics &
enrichment (grades 1-5)
Early Kindergarten Transition Program
for incoming Kindergarten students

Youth Leadership/Involvement

Junior Coach
AmeriCorps Young Leaders

Recreation

Soccer
Basketball
Play Works
Zumba
Girls on the Run (GOTR)

Empowerment/Skill-Building

Asian Pacific Islander Club
Boys Empowerment & Girls
Empowerment Groups
Conflict Management &
Communication Groups

Community/Cultural Events

Winter Culture Festival
Spring Culture Festival
Through Our Eyes (February Event)
Health and Community Resource Fair
Community Garden Work Days
Community Cup - multi-school soccer
tournament & family event

Adult Education

Cooking from the Garden
Weatherization Workshop
Energy Saving Workshop
Cover Oregon Medical Workshop
Anti-Bullying Education
Financial Education with AmeriCorps

Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide parent meetings and activities
SUN Showcases in fall, winter & spring; Back-to-School Night, Family Math Nights, and Family Literacy Nights - in
partnership with School & IHAD; Parent/Child Literacy Exploration in partnership with Multnomah County
Library

Case Management & Skill Building

Rent and transitional housing referrals in partnership with Human Solutions; Energy Line referrals
SUN Coordinator serves Social Service Team: chronic absenteeism and behavior concerns
SUN Coordinator serves on School Transformation Team: school culture and parent engagement

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

10 Community Agency Partners

10 Business Partners

7588.5 volunteer hours contributed

96,956.97 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Additional Services

Food Pantry; Clothes Closet

Community Garden

Energy & Rent Assistance

Winter Break Food and Gift Outreach

Evaluation

Outputs

301 youth served

77% students of color

87% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”

100% qualified for free and reduced lunch

22 adults served

1,070 people served in non-enrollment events
(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

Outcomes

83% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading*

84% of students increased benchmark scores in Math*

Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 83%

***due to changes in state testing these numbers are
not available for this year**

SUN Spotlight

The Alder community is transforming one step at a time. We see this slow transformation in the extended day program with fewer explosive behaviors and more engaged student learning.

Our program structure is changing as the school and SUN partner better to meet the academic needs of our students. Students are eager to enter their math class as they see their own progress and are beginning to take ownership of their own learning. We hear students saying... “We love Math!” with a renewed excitement for mastering concepts.

This is a huge step for some of our Alder students who seemed to correlate math with feeling stupid and often turning to misbehavior as way to detour the focus from learning.