

I am a Student of Promise

Each day is Promising
 Each school year is Promising
 My future is Promising
 But first I must Promise myself
 That I will do my best
 Settle for nothing less
 As I respect others, my community
 And myself
 I am important, yes!
 I am smart, yes!
 And I can achieve, yes!

I am a Student of Promise That's what's up! Yes!

Students of Promise Creed



"Our most vulnerable students lost a valuable path to graduation. We are bringing back a successful program for youth who need extra guidance in reaching their full potential!"

Pernel Jones, Jr.
 Cuyahoga County Council, District 8



Words from a former Student of Promise:

"I truly believe that the program helped a lot of us in a big way. We were encouraged by our Linkage Coordinator to stay in school and focus which helped to pave the way for us to achieve and become productive citizens."

Robin Lewis
 John F. Kennedy High School Class of 2013

Research shows:

- High-school graduates earn \$9,245 more per year on average than dropouts
- High-school dropouts are 3.5x more likely than graduates to be arrested in their lifetime
- African-American and Latino males have the lowest mean score on the ACT and SAT, on a national scale
- More than one-third of all dropouts occur in the 9th grade
- Many dropouts cite a lack of meaningful or significant relationships

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School district partners: Cleveland Heights/University Heights, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Warrensville Heights



Students of Promise



A Closing the Achievement Gap Initiative
 for Targeted Youth

What parents and teachers need to know
 about a program that helps students get
 back on track



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The program partners with students who need extra guidance to reach future goals.

What does Students of Promise offer?

For students:

- mentors and high-school navigation
- tutorial services, note-taking, and study skills
- student-led focus and enrichment groups
- college and career readiness programming
- exposure field trips and speaker series
- social and emotional learning opportunities
- linkage to community resources

For families:

- parent engagement workshops

For school staff:

- help with day-to-day challenges
- professional development in cultural competency and innovative practices

Who is eligible?

As a Closing the Achievement Gap initiative, the program is designed to be most beneficial for African-American and Latino male students who are near their 9th grade year of school.

Students also meet at least one of the following risk factors:

- absent 25+ days the previous school year
- 5 or more days of in- or out-of-school suspension
- failed two or more core subjects
- performed below proficiency level in one or more subject areas
- Juvenile Court supervision or adjudicated
- over age for current grade level

Together, we build hope by:

- connecting youth to quality and caring mentors
- giving personal attention for academic learning
- supporting an encouraging school culture
- finding the right social supports for the child and family, and
- exposing young people to experiences that expand their horizons and expectations.

Together, we aim to:

- increase academic achievement and positive outcomes for students
- increase school attendance
- promote students to their next grade level and through to graduation
- reduce negative behaviors

Each child is partnered with a Linkage Coordinator in their school who acts as a mentor, role model, monitor, and advocate for the student's success.

Students of Promise is a Shared Responsibility approach. Everyone is on the same team to help a student achieve.

If your child or student might need Students of Promise to help them succeed,

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Students of Promise recognizes the potential of every young person.