

## Reach Higher High School Grants

### Reach Higher Philosophy

The Reach Higher program supports a building-level strategy to increase college-going culture and improve college enrollment outcomes. Reach Higher High Schools will formalize, systematize, and scale college access programming that is already happening in their schools. Selected schools were decided through a competitive grant process that took into consideration application strength, administration support, prior participation in MCAN statewide initiatives, and placement within an LCAN.

### Reach Higher Model

Reach Higher High Schools will address four essential elements of a high school strategy to build a college-going culture and improve college enrollment outcomes.

- *Establish Postsecondary Advisory Council (PAC):* Rather than one designated site coordinator for each initiative, schools will establish a dedicated team of professionals to lead the college access strategy. The team will include the principal, counselor(s), college adviser(s), teachers, as well as (if appropriate) higher education representatives (admissions, financial aid, outreach), and community-based organizations. The team will adopt a college-going vision for their high school and determine baseline levels on specific indicators. Schools will create and regularly update a dashboard to track metrics such as FAFSA completion, college applications, and enrollment.
- *Triad of College Access Events:* Each PAC will plan and host a linked triad of college access events for seniors including College Application Week in the fall, College Cash Campaign in the winter (which will include systemic financial aid screening for name-by-name FAFSA completion), and College Decision Day in the spring.
- *Postsecondary Success Asset Mapping:* Each PAC will participate in Postsecondary Success Asset Mapping (PSAM) - a research-based survey and set of tools that help schools better guide students toward successful college and career pathways - to evaluate the school's college going culture.
- *Reach Higher High School Self-Assessment:* Each PAC will assess the current effectiveness of its college and career readiness counseling, support, and programming in two ways: (1) Staffing and Capacity – what the school is doing to ensure appropriate school counselor capacity, focus, and professional development opportunities, and (2) College-Going Culture and Programs – What is the school's building level strategy for improving college enrollment outcomes?

### Reach Higher by the Numbers

- \$5,000 grants to go toward college access programming
- 139 applicants
- 101 high schools, 94 of which are part of a Local College Access Network
- 211 total attendees for four in-person regional grant orientations (Mackinaw, Detroit, Lansing, Muskegon)
- Almost 15,500 seniors being served

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## Reach Higher High Schools

### West

Allendale  
 Whitehall  
 Montague  
 Plainwell  
 Union  
 Maple Valley  
 Saugatuck  
 Wyoming  
 White Lake Area  
 Community Education  
 Grand Rapids UPrep  
 Allegan Tech Center  
 Orchard View  
 Reeths-Puffer  
 Hastings  
 Vestaburg  
 Holton  
 Muskegon

### Southwest

Comstock  
 Niles  
 Bridgman

### East Central

Coleman  
 Bullock Creek  
 ACEA  
 Meridian

### South Central

Holt  
 Bath  
 Capital Area Career Center  
 Nexus Academy of Lansing

### East

Algonac  
 Laingsburg  
 Corunna  
 New Lothrop  
 Yale  
 Port Huron Northern  
 Harbor Beach  
 Capac  
 Bay City Central  
 Bay City Western  
 Port Huron  
 Owasso

### Southeast

Pittsford  
 Ypsilanti Community  
 Ypsilanti New Tech  
 Milan  
 WAVE  
 Whitmore Lake  
 Hartland  
 Springport  
 Jonesville  
 Whiteford  
 Monroe  
 LISD Tech Center  
 Northwest  
 Adrian

### Metro Detroit

East Detroit  
 Warren Mott  
 Avondale Academy  
 Ecorse  
 Medicine and Community  
 Health at Cody  
 Detroit International  
 Academy for Young Women  
 Woodhaven  
 Detroit College Preparatory  
 Academy  
 Henry Ford Academy:  
 School for Creative Studies  
 Way Academy SW  
 Pershing  
 John F. Kennedy High  
 School  
 John Glenn  
 Universal Academy  
 Jalen Rose Leadership  
 Academy  
 Cody Academy of Pubic  
 Leadership  
 Oscar A. Carlson High  
 School  
 Detroit School of Arts  
 Osborn College Prep  
 Osborn MST  
 Lincoln Park  
 Belleville  
 Frederick Douglass  
 Academy High School

Detroit Cristo Rey High  
 School  
 East English Village  
 Chandler Park  
 Osborn Evergreen  
 Hazel Park  
 Loyola

### Northwest

CASMAN  
 Onekama  
 Manistee  
 Manistee Catholic Central  
 Manton  
 Alanson  
 Pine River  
 Lake City  
 Mancelona  
 Pellston  
 Boyne City

### Northeast

Alcona  
 Alpena  
 ACES  
 Oscoda

### Upper Peninsula

Gladstone  
 Escanaba  
 Hannahville Indian School

