



www.hillside.com

Contact: Wayne O'Connor
Executive Director
Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection-Syracuse
Phone: 315.703.8701
Email: woconnor@hillside.com

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Which youth do you serve?

- Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection serves youth with two or more of the following risk factors for dropping out of school:
 - Poverty
 - Failing two to three core subjects
 - Level 1 of 2 score on ELA and Math
 - Attendance between 71 and 83 percent
 - Over age for grade level
 - Suspensions

The Syracuse City School District has estimated that close to 50 percent of its students in grades 7 to 9 meet these criteria. Hillside seeks to enroll students in these grade levels into the program to provide the maximum benefit to the student.

2. What schools in the district will Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection grow in?

- Today, Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection serves students in 10 schools: Nottingham High School; Corcoran High School; Fowler High School; Henninger High School; Blodgett School; Frazer School; Bellevue Middle School Academy; Clary Middle School; Danforth Middle School; and Roberts School.
- Growth is projected to take place in two more schools: Grant Middle School and Institute of Technology at Syracuse Central.

3. What is the cost of the program?

- For each student: \$3,130 per year. This is a 13 percent reduction from last year (\$3,600).
- The total budget for the program in Syracuse for the 2009-2010 fiscal year: \$2.07 million

4. Who contributes funding?

- Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection (HW-SC) is funded through a blend of public and private sources. HW-SC depends on philanthropy and grants to sustain its operations as there is no dedicated source of revenue for the program and its services.
- For the 2009-2010 school/fiscal year, the proportion of private dollars planned represents approximately 35 percent of the total budget, with the remaining funding anticipated from a variety of public dollars, most importantly the Syracuse City School District.

5. How will the Wegman Family Charitable Foundation grant funding be used?

- The Wegman Family Charitable Foundation grant will be used to help Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection achieve its growth targets to serve 690 students in the 2009-10 school year out of a four-year target (by 2012-13) of reaching a total population of 1,250 at-risk Syracuse City School District students.
- The Wegman Family Charitable Foundation investment will provide the resources necessary to help even more at-risk youth achieve their dreams of college and meaningful employment.

6. What is the Syracuse City School District's investment in Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection?

- The Syracuse City School District provided \$900,000 toward Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection in the 2008-2009 school year. In the 2009-2010 school year, the district is pledging \$1.2 million for the program.
- In 2009, the district helped approximately 288 students through its investment in Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection. In 2010, that number will increase by approximately 100 more students.

7. Where can someone find more information about Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection?

- Log on to <http://www.hillside.com> for more information about Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection.