



# Summer Youth Connect

## CONNECT. EXPLORE. ACHIEVE.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Counts**  
9<sup>th</sup> grade  
High school readiness,  
career/college visits

**Career + College Connections**  
10<sup>th</sup> grade  
Job shadow,  
service learning,  
credit recovery

**Youth SummerWorks**  
11<sup>th</sup> grade & beyond  
Work readiness training,  
paid work experience

**Summer Youth Connect:**  
*Bridging school, work, and future opportunities.*  
A four-year series of interventions for targeted high school students during the summer months. Each year, students receive progressively more intensive academic support and career and college experiences as they move toward graduation and into higher education, training, and jobs. Using *Connected by 25* research, we can identify students with an elevated risk of dropping out and support them through key transitions to increase their likelihood of graduating. Last summer's effort reached 1,650 students.

*A partnership of the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Portland Schools Foundation, and Worksystems, Inc.*

### **Ninth Grade Counts**

*An initiative of the Portland Schools Foundation*

Connects students with the academic support and life experiences to start high school on the right track. Launched from the work of *Connected by 25*, *Ninth Grade Counts* represents a network of summer transition programs working together to target at-risk incoming 9th graders with academic support, high school readiness skills, and career/college exposure. The *Connected by 25* research identified the 9th grade transition as a critical time for students at risk of dropping out.

### **Career & College Site Visits**

Students participate in field trips one day per week. Career sites are selected from among six career pathways, and a variety of post-secondary options are included -- universities, community colleges, and trade/technical schools.

On average students will visit 4 career sites and 3 colleges/post-secondary programs.

### **Career Coaches**

All students are accompanied on these visits by a consistent set of 3-4 trained adult volunteers to help them navigate their summer experience and how it relates to their future plans.

### **How can I get involved?**

*Volunteer as a career coach and connect students with the support and life experiences to start high school on the right track.*

- Dedicate one day a week (Wed. or Fri.) for four weeks to accompany a team of students visiting career and college sites
- Be willing to share experiences from your personal and professional development
- Help students understand and reflect on their learning
- Participate in a volunteer training
- Pass a criminal background check

*With your help, 1,000 academic-priority, incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders will receive services this summer. See next page for program placements and contacts.*



## Summer Youth Connect: Ninth Grade Counts

### Career Coach Placements – Summer 2010

#### WEDNESDAY PLACEMENTS

Dates	Program & Contact	Location	# Coaches	Orientation Date
6/30 - 7/21	El Programa Hispano – Puentes Courtney Montague E: <a href="mailto:cmontague@catholiccharitiesoregon.org">cmontague@catholiccharitiesoregon.org</a> P: 503.489.6801	David Douglas High School 1001 SE 135 <sup>th</sup> Street (E Portland)	2	6/9 5:30-8:00p
6/30 - 7/21	PPS 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Academy (In partnership with Neighborhood House) Paula McCullough E: <a href="mailto:pmccull@pps.k12.or.us">pmccull@pps.k12.or.us</a> P: 503.916.3010	Roosevelt High School 6941 N Central Street (N Portland)	3	tbd
7/14 - 8/4	Portland Park & Rec: Junior GRUNT Kelly Simpson E: <a href="mailto:Kelly.simpson@portlandoregon.gov">Kelly.simpson@portlandoregon.gov</a> P: 503.823.6378	Jefferson High School 5210 N Kerby (N/NE Portland)	2	6/9 5:30-8:00p
7/14 - 8/11	Reynolds Ninth Grade Counts Justin McCauley E: <a href="mailto:justin_mccauley@reynolds.k12.or.us">justin_mccauley@reynolds.k12.or.us</a> P: 503.667.3186 x1008	Reynolds High School 1698 SW Cherry Park Road (Troutdale)	5	6/9 5:30-8:00p
7/21 - 8/11	Gresham SUN Summer School Ayesha Freeman E: <a href="mailto:Ayesha_freeman@gbsd.gresham.k12.or.us">Ayesha_freeman@gbsd.gresham.k12.or.us</a> P: 503.674.5533	Gresham High School 1200 N. Main Street (Gresham)	7	6/24 5:30-8:00p
7/28 - 8/18	IRCO Summer Success Academy (in partnership with El Programa Hispano – Puentes) Lua Masumi E: <a href="mailto:lmasaki@pps.k12.or.us">lmasaki@pps.k12.or.us</a> P: 503.916.5338	Madison High School 2735 NE 82nd Avenue (NE Portland)	3	tbd
8/4 - 8/25	Straightway Services Youth Program Dwight Minnieweather E: <a href="mailto:thelight03@hotmail.com">thelight03@hotmail.com</a> P: 503.516.9148	3800 NE Mallory Avenue (NE Portland)	1	6/5 10a-12:30p

#### FRIDAY PLACEMENTS

Dates	Program & Contact	Location	# Coaches	Orientation Date
7/2 - 7/23	PPS 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Academy Paula McCullough E: <a href="mailto:pmccull@pps.k12.or.us">pmccull@pps.k12.or.us</a> P: 503.916.3010	Jefferson High School 5210 N Kerby (N/NE Portland)	4	tbd
7/2 - 7/23	PPS 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Academy (In partnership with Impact NW) Paula McCullough E: <a href="mailto:pmccull@pps.k12.or.us">pmccull@pps.k12.or.us</a> P: 503.916.3010	Marshall High School 3905 SE 91st Avenue (SE Portland)	5	tbd
7/9 - 7/30	Neighborhood House SSES Summer Academy Frances Hall E: <a href="mailto:fhall1@nhweb.org">fhall1@nhweb.org</a> P: 503.244.2292 x213	Robert Gray Middle School 5505 SW 23 <sup>rd</sup> (SW Portland)	4	6/5 10a-12:30p
7/9 - 7/30	Parkrose Jumpstart! Michelle Markle E: <a href="mailto:michelle_markle@parkrose.k12.or.us">michelle_markle@parkrose.k12.or.us</a> P: 503.408.2624	Parkrose High School 12003 NE Shaver Street (E. Portland)	3	6/9 5:30-8:00p
7/30 - 8/20	Step It Up, Inc. – Pre-Internship Program Cheryl McLeod E: <a href="mailto:cmcleod@stepitupinc.org">cmcleod@stepitupinc.org</a> P: 503.234.1640	Jefferson High School 5210 N Kerby (N/NE Portland)	2	6/24 5:30-8:00p

**Commitment:** Dedicate one day a week (Wednesday or Friday) for four consecutive weeks to accompany a team of students visiting career and college sites (8:30a – 4:00p)