College and Career Preparation for Students in the KC Region’s Urban School Districts

A Regional Approach to Improving Urban Education

PREP-KC partners: 6 districts and 4 charters enrolling 70,724 students; 81% students of color, and 88% low-income.

- 2,900 annual high school graduates
- 16 high schools and 15 middle schools
- 19 of the 20 zip codes with the lowest median household incomes
Talent is equally distributed throughout society. Opportunity is not.

-Leila Janah

The Value of an Intermediary

- School Districts
- Business & Industry
- Higher Education
- Philanthropy

Students attending urban schools graduating with Market Value Assets
Career Academy Results (Class of 2014)

- Graduation Rate 75%
  - National Comparison (Urban, High Poverty & High Minority HS, Class of 2014)
  - PREP KC Career Academy Graduates
- Graduation Rate 100%
- 70% Persistence to second year of college
  - ALL College Students
  - PREP KC Career Academy Graduates
- 79% Persistence to second year of college
- 36% Confirmed Postsecondary Enrollment Rate
  - National Comparison (Urban, High Poverty & High Minority HS, Class of 2014)
  - PREP KC Career Academy Graduates
- 74% Confirmed Postsecondary Enrollment Rate

Market Value Assets

- Industry-Recognized Credential
- 9 or more College Credits
- Internship or Client Project
- KC Scholars and HOPE Scholarship
A K-12 Continuum for Postsecondary Success

3rd - 5th Grade
- Career Exposure
- College Exposure
- “Pro-Career” Mindset

6th - 8th/9th Grade
- Career Exploration
- Opportunities to Simulate and Reflect
- Essential Skill Awareness

9th & 10th Grade
- Postsecondary Planning
- Development of Postsecondary Portfolio
- Essential Skills Practice

11th & 12th Grade
- Demonstration of Essential Skills
- Completion & Exhibition of Postsecondary Portfolio
- ATTAIN MVA

Critical Milestone: Select an MVA to pursue

Critical Milestone: Develop a Plan of Study that includes Pathway Selection

K-12
Academic and Essential Skills Foundation

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PREP-KC’s Next 4 Years

Between 2019 and 2025, PREP-KC will help over 10,000 young adults from urban high schools earn Market Value Assets
2019-20 College & Career Experiences

8,429 individual students
792 Professionals from
223 Business and Postsecondary Institutions

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