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Outcomes Report | Class of 2023

HWSC: A Proven Model

Founded in 1987, Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection (HWSC) is dedicated to reversing the trend of low high school graduation rates, and helping students realize their potential—in the classroom, in the community and in life.



The core of the program is the close relationship between each student and their HWSC Youth Advocate, a dedicated professional placed in the school who provides structure and motivation. The YA unites all dimensions of a student’s life, and connects youth to supportive services in three areas.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Tutoring, in school or at designated locations, **supplements traditional classroom learning** and helps students improve in vulnerable academic areas. Strong communication between YAs and teachers ensures that assignments and in-class obligations are met.

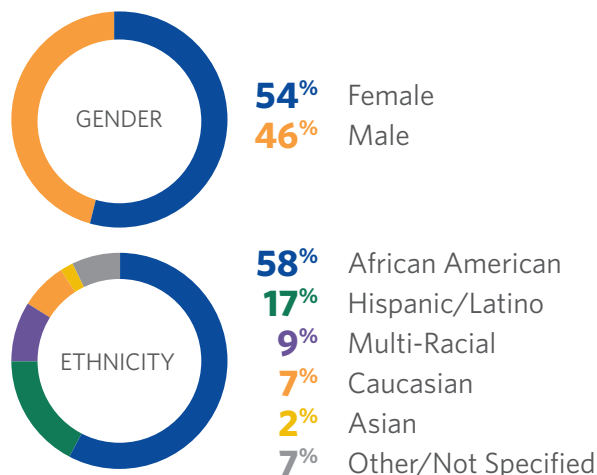
JOB READINESS

HWSC helps students **define career goals, builds their soft skills and provides practical experience** through the Youth Employment Training Academy. Following YETA certification, students can work part-time with a HWSC Employment Partner that helps them earn money while boosting their time-management and entry-level workforce skills.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

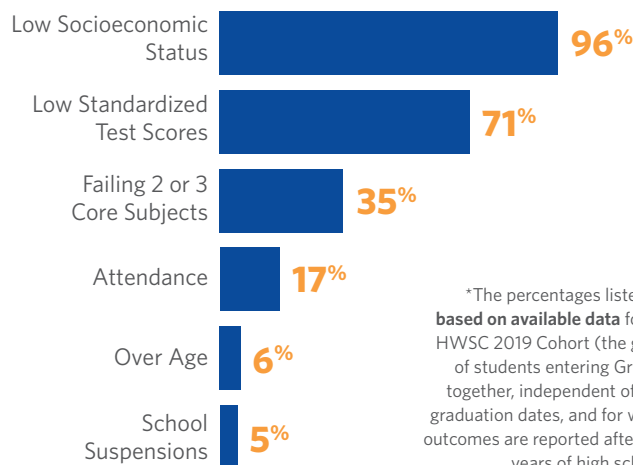
Through regular check-ins with family members and other community supports, the YA **provides guidance and advice that helps students stay focused** and on course.

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Risk Factors | HWSC 2019 Cohort*

Specific factors suggest increased risk of a student not graduating from high school. For a student to join HWSC, at least two of the risk factors below must be present.



*The percentages listed are based on available data for the HWSC 2019 Cohort (the group of students entering Grade 9 together, independent of their graduation dates, and for whom outcomes are reported after four years of high school).

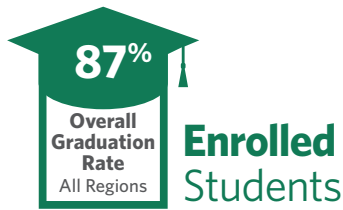


A 2024 graduate of Central High School, **Ollly Price** will next explore human services careers at Prince George’s Community College in Maryland. “My desire is to make a difference in my community,” she says—while adding that HWSC was an “integral part” of her success, including the YETA certification that helped sharpen her job-readiness skills. Congratulations, Ollly!

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Positive Results at All Engagement Levels | Class of 2023

HWSC students benefit from sustained partnerships with Youth Advocates, and with families, teachers, school staff and other community supports. The results are seen in their extraordinary graduation rates relative to their home districts. Involvement in the Youth Employment Training Academy (YETA) further improves their outcomes.



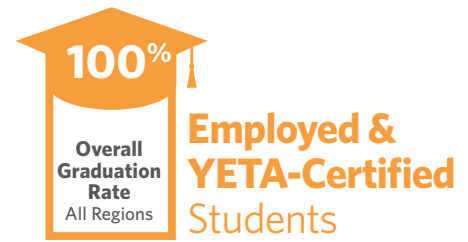
Simply joining HWSC in Grade 9 or earlier sharply increases the likelihood of on-time graduation compared to non-participating students.

\$4.75 in community benefits generated by participants for every \$1 of program cost**



Students who remain in HWSC throughout high school enjoy even greater results.

\$7.52 in community benefits generated by participants for every \$1 of program cost**

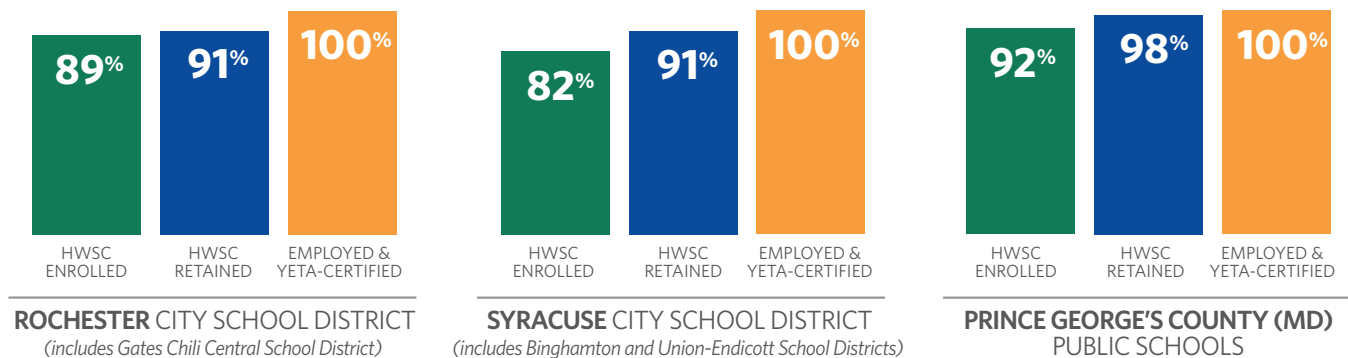


Students who are YETA-certified and employed by an HWSC employment partner see the highest graduation rates of any segment of the program.

\$8.52 in community benefits generated by participants for every \$1 of program cost**

** Based on a HWSC Benefit-Cost Analysis prepared by the University of Rochester Warner School of Education, Rochester and Syracuse Districts only.

Graduation Rates by Regions | Class of 2023



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

- Cited in the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Success at Every Step: How 23 Programs Support Youth on the Path to College and Beyond**
- Named to the **Social Impact Exchange S&I 100 index** of top nonprofits
- Accredited by the **Standards for Excellence Institute** for high standards of ethics and accountability
- Praised for workforce development in Congressional testimony by the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**
- Awarded multimillion-dollar investments by the **Edna McConnell Clark Foundation**, **Venture Philanthropy Partners** and the **Alliance for Economic Inclusion**



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