

Lincoln Foundation – Executive Summary 2009-2010 Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®

Program Description and Participants

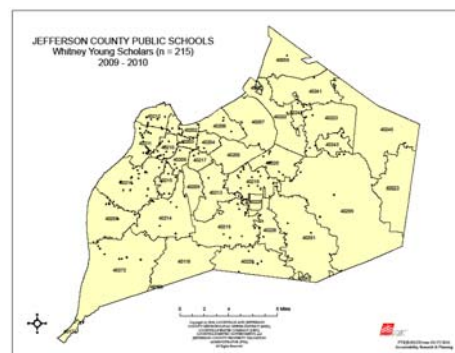
The Whitney M. YOUNG (Youth Organized to Understand New Goals) Scholars Program recruits academically talented, economically disadvantaged seventh grade students in the Louisville Metro area, and over a six year period, prepares them for high school graduation and successful transition into college. This preparation includes:

- Introducing more structure into the Scholar's personal environment
- Enhancing the Scholar's self-esteem
- Facilitating parental/guardian advocacy for each Scholar
- Enhancing cultural awareness
- Maintaining and improving the Scholar's academic performance
- Developing the Scholar's values, character, and ethics
- Providing positive peer and mentor interaction for the Scholar in a stimulating environment that is conducive to learning

Evaluation Results

Summary Table

Grade Phase	Program Retention Rate	Program Attendance	# Scholars Suspended	School Absenteeism	Pre-Post Content Test	KCCT Comparisons
12 th grade Phase 15	83%	Increased	Decrease (2)	Increased (3.2)	NA	Outperformed District and Control Group in Writing
11 th grade Phase 16	85%	No Change	Increase (1)	Increased (1.2)	Increased ACT Scores	Outperformed District in Math and Social Studies, but Lower in Science
10 th grade Phase 17	86%	Increased	Decrease (1)	Increased (1.2)	Increased Shakespeare	Outperformed District in Reading
9 th grade Phase 18	77%	Increased	Decrease (1)	No Change	Increased Writing	NA
8 th grade Phase 19	75%	No Change	Decrease (1)	Increased (.5)	Increased Math	Outperformed District in Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Writing
7 th grade Phase 20	NA	72%	0	4.1 days	Increased Science	Outperformed District in Reading, Math, and Science
TOTAL	81%	Increased	Decreased	Increased	*****	*****



Commendations

- Met the majority of academic goals,
- Parents very satisfied with communication and Parental Institutes,
- 100% of all Senior Scholars accepted and anticipate attending college,
- 27 of 28 Senior Scholars would recommend to other high school students,
- 88.4% of Scholars felt “prepared” or “Very Prepared” for the ACT and/or SAT, and
- 91% of the Scholars stated that they enjoy learning.

Recommendations

- Continue working on higher percentage of parental participation and completion of survey,
- Continue efforts to retain students in 7th through 9th grade,
- Recruitment of students in schools with higher populations of students deemed “at-risk”, and
- Follow-up with Scholars that left the program or were dismissed.