

Parent Leadership in High School: Empowering Your Scholar from High School to College

COMMUNICATION + INFORMATION + RESOURCES + ACTION = STUDENT SUCCESS

PARENTS, IN HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATION IS HARDER, BUT NECESSARY: Parent Leadership in high school requires your communication, engagement, advocacy, presence, and input. You must communicate frequently with your child, their teachers, the school and their program providers. This will help you to stay in tune, informed and empowered. Don't trust your high schoolers to deliver information. And if there is anything that is NOT happening in the school that would benefit the students as they prepare for college and career, you must speak up and push for those things. Encourage your child to advocate for his or herself as well. Communication and advocacy are skills that will benefit them in their futures.

INFORMATION IS POWER: Developing relationships, getting in the right email/ mailing lists, following the right Facebook groups and pages, and reading the fliers sent home with your children – are all excellent ways to gather information. Information is POWER and can be used to better prepare your children for high school, college and life after. Tap into the various sources of information available in the school and community so your children do not miss an amazing opportunity. There may also be excellent opportunities for you and your family as well. There are many in the City of Newark, and in Newark Public Schools. The Abbott Leadership Institute is a great source of information.

USE YOUR RESOURCES: So Many Resources are Available to Newark Students. Parents, Get to Know Them. Resources are defined here as people or places who have information, can connect you to certain programs and opportunities for your children, and can help you proactively solve problems. They are the communities greatest asset. However, a resources is only as strong as your will – so make sure to follow up and follow through, and encourage your young people to do the same. The Community Engagement Specialist is a great resource!

TOGETHER, YOU AND YOUR CHILD MUST TAKE ACTION & GET TO WORK: Communication, Information and Resources won't empower your scholars alone. You will need to take action and insist that your child take action as well. Complete applications and schedule program and college visits, go to information sessions, follow up and follow through. There are many resources that are underutilized because parents and students fail to get to work and make the most of the opportunity. And parents, hold your children accountable. Work before play.



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RESOURCES/INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO NEWARK STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Websites to

www.abbottleadership.org
www.rutgers.edu
www.nclc2025.org
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.newarkarts.org
www.ci.newark.nj.us
<http://www.newark-thrives.org/>
<http://www.business.rutgers.edu/diversityprograms/nextUP>
<http://coopermanscholars.org/>
<http://admissions.newark.rutgers.edu/> (RUN to the TOP)
<http://hllc.newark.rutgers.edu/> (HLLC)

Facebook Pages/Groups to Follow for Information

Newark College Success – Student and Parent Support Network (group)
Abbott Leadership Institute (page and group)
Youth Media Symposium (page)
Rutgers University-Newark (page)
Urban League of Essex County Young Professionals (page)
Newark Public Schools (page)
Newark City of Learning Collaborative – NCLC (page)
Newark Thrives (page)
Newark Circle of Sisters (group)

Organizations

The YMS College Success Centers
The Newark City of Learning Collaborative
Urban League of Essex County Young Professionals
Secondary Parent’s Council - Wilhelmina Holder
nwkedplan@gmail.com also runs Student Support Services
Newark Thrives
Ironbound Super Neighborhood Council
Sadie Nash
STRIVE
NJLEEP
Centers of Hope – City of Newark
Jersey Cares (volunteer opportunities)

Programs/Opportunities that Empower Students

The YMS College Success Centers (college prep/financial aid/scholarship assistance)
The Youth Media Symposium (youth leadership program)
Newark Freshman Institute (summer paid bridge program)
Academic Foundations Center at Rutgers Newark (youth and college prep programs) - Upward Bound, Rutgers Future Scholars
RUN to the TOP (tuition assistance program for Newark students)
Honors Living Learning Community (RU-Newark Scholarship)
RBSUPNext – Program for Students interested in business
The Marion Bolder Student Center (programs)
The Emma Bowen Foundation (internships)
Cooperman Scholars