



SUN Community School Profile 2015

Sitton Elementary School

Lead Agency: Portland Parks and Recreation

Service Area & Target Groups/Focus

Children, adults and families who are homeless, living in poverty and/or at risk of academic failure – primarily from school neighborhood, but services are open to anyone.

School Population: 399 students; Grades K-5; 100% Eligible for Free Meals;
74% Students of Color (African American 17%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 2%, Hispanic 39%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 4%, Multiple Race 11%, White 26%)

Core Services 2014-15

Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

Homework Clubs (1-5)
Supper Program (PPS
Nutrition Services)

Mentoring

Girls, Inc.

Recreation

Kickball
Energy Burst
Fun Fun Fun
Frisbee Games
Juggling

Youth

Leadership/Involvement

Girls, Inc.

Enrichment

ABC's & 123's; Gymnastics;
Bach to the Future;
Animal Kingdom;
Board Games;
Computer Graphic Art &
Design (Saturday Academy);
#SING IT!; Nice Works!;
Star Wars RPG;
Coloring Skills; Shape Art!;
Puzzles!; Novelists;
Beginning Ballet (The Aspire
Project);
Problem Solvers; Animation;
Photo Voice Reflection Project;
Writing Practice;
Portland Picasso;
Let's Experiment;
Read Aloud!;
Game Design; Knitting;
Costume Fun; Yearbook;
Artsy Fartsy; Story & Crafts;
Native America; Collage;
#Relax Brah!

Summer Programs

8 weeks – ½ day camps (AM & PM)
8 weeks – Federal Meals Program
(Breakfast & Lunch)
Books2U (Multnomah County
Library)
Portland Parks Environmental
Education Team
Oregon Zoo - ZAP Team

Community/Cultural Events

Family Nights
Sitton Carnival (partner with PTA)

Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide parent meetings and activities; Sitton PTA; SUN survey; SUN Showcase (Fall, Winter Spring Term)

System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment & connection of students/families with services; development of referral system
SUN CS Advisory Body (school staff, parents, students, and partner agencies)

Partner Meetings

Student Staffing Meetings

Site Management in Out-of-School Time

Partner and Resource Development

5 Community Agency Partners

1 Business Partner

753 volunteer hours contributed

\$118,229 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Evaluation 2013-14

Outputs

204 youth served

67% students of color

96% identified as being "at risk of academic failure"

91% qualified for free and reduced lunch

750 people served in non-enrollment events

(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

Outcomes

84% of students increased benchmark scores
in Reading

65% of students increased benchmark scores
in Math

Average daily attendance of SUN CS students
was **95%**

According to teachers, of students who regularly
attended SUN CS:

63% improved **classroom academic performance**

68% improved getting **homework** in on time

67% participated in class more

63% improved **behavior**

65% came to school more **motivated to learn**

The Backpack Food Program

We continue to expand this program as our families remain in need of extra help. It is a partnership of the PTA and the non-profit, Take Action, Inc. SUN works with teachers to publicize the program to families and we do the paperwork so that our PTA volunteers can come in weekly and pack the backpacks. I make sure that the backpacks go out to students in the program each Friday during the school year. The backpacks are returned each week so they can be repacked and sent home again. I pick up food at the local Grocery Outlet when the PTA packers order it. We served 30-35 families.

Afterschool Collaborations with Classroom Teachers

We are doing a better job of communicating with classroom teachers regarding their students who are in SUN classes. Each SUN teacher met with the grade level classroom teachers for their HW Club. Classroom teachers are ALWAYS happy to help with background information that will help the afterschool staff work better with students. This partnership just continues to grow and flourish!



SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County, the City of Portland, local school districts, nonprofits and community.

