

2013

End of Year Results



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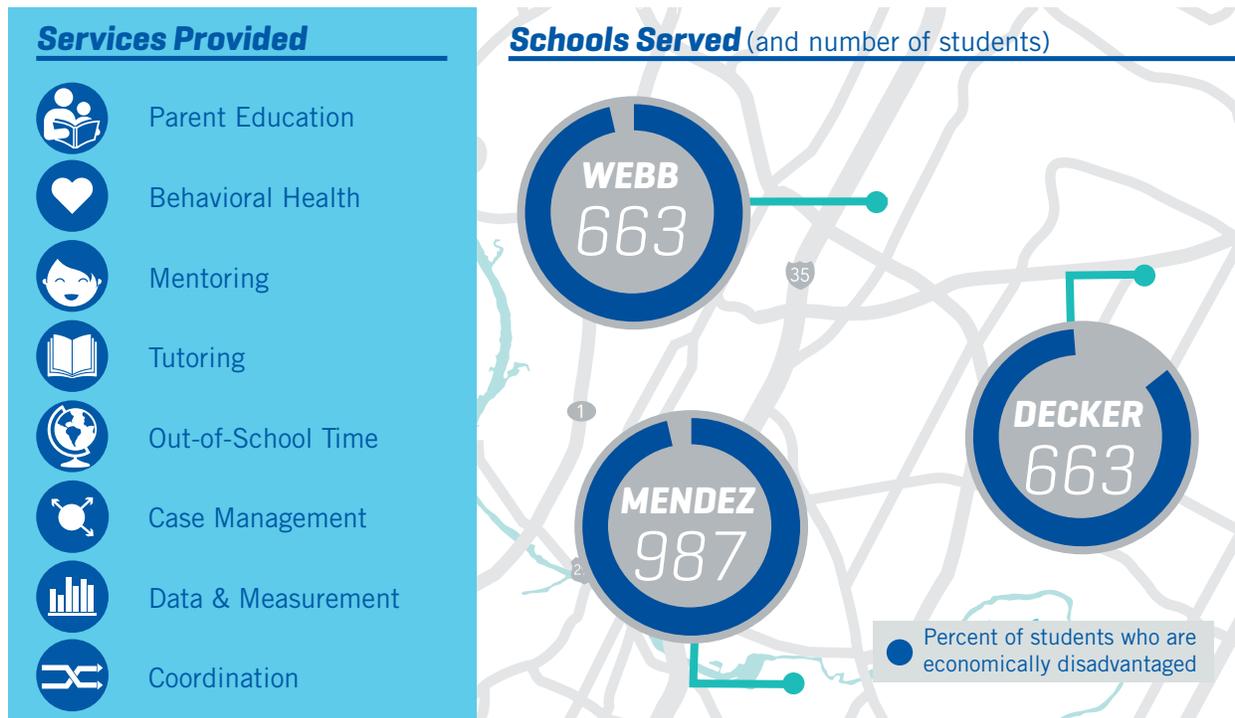
Moni, Decker Middle School student

TARGET GRADUATION:
Middle School Matters

Overview

Helping middle school students graduate

United Way for Greater Austin's Target Graduation program launched Middle School Matters to boost the high-school graduation rate in Central Texas. The initiative focuses on broad, system-wide interventions to positively impact both individual student performance and the culture of learning in schools and programs. Target Graduation develops and coordinates systems, which emphasize collaboration to prepare students for success in college, work and life.



The need for services

UWATX selected these three middle schools based on the percentage of students identified as being at-risk for dropping out, standardized test passing rates, percentage of youth eligible for free/reduced lunch and campus accountability ratings.

- › 90% of students are eligible to receive free or reduced school lunch and more than 65% have factors that identify them as at-risk for dropping out of school.
- › Less than half of the 8th grade students passed all their required state assessment tests, demonstrating their lack of readiness for high school.

The future

Our goal is to continue to work closely with campus administration and local nonprofit agencies to fund coordination of support services to meet individual student needs. We will strategically allocate funds to saturate the campuses with the services necessary to remove barriers to learning, helping students to graduate high school prepared for college, work and life. Additionally, we will continue to use data as a way to refine the delivery system to increase efficiency and further improve student outcomes. By doing so, we will strive to reach

Overall Impact

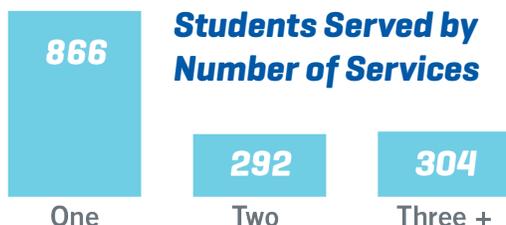
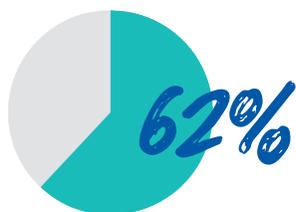
1,462
STUDENTS SERVED
ON TARGET CAMPUSES

3,088
INTERVENTIONS
PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

\$1,003,000
TOTAL UWATX
INVESTMENT

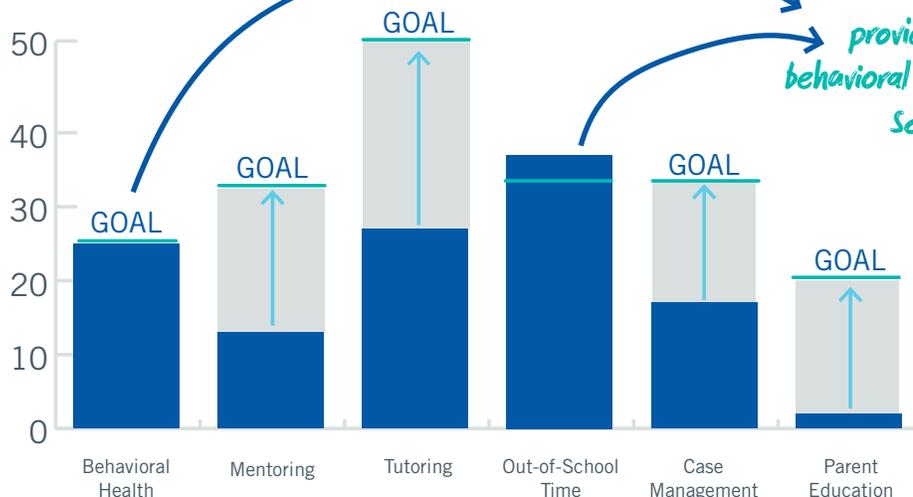
Interventions per year before Middle School Matters = 1,061 - that's a 191% increase!

Percent of Students Served



We strategically allocate resources to meet the individual needs of each student.

Percent of Students Served by Service



Goals met by strategically providing resources for behavioral health & out-of-school time services.

What teachers say about Middle School Matters

74% Saw a positive change in an individual student's behavior or academics as a result of services

81% Believe the program improved their students' experience at school

75% Improved their experience as a teacher

75% Improved their ability to meet students' needs

Middle School Matters Partners

The Arc of the Capital Area | Austin Child Guidance Center | Austin Partners in Education | Big Brothers Big Sisters
Boys and Girls Club of the Austin Area | Breakthrough Austin | Camp Fire | Center for Child Protection
Communities in Schools of Central Texas | Creative Action | GENaustin LifeWorks | SafePlace | The Austin Project

Decker Middle School

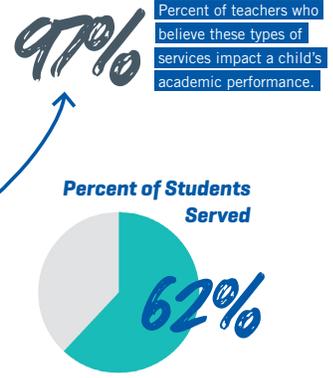
Decker Middle School is located in the rapidly growing Manor region of Travis County and students are predominately Hispanic and African American. The student population has increased more than 33 percent in the past three years and the campus now has more than 850 students. Prior to UWATX Middle School Matters, the school had a limited number of service providers supporting students. Currently, Decker is a member of the New Tech Network and a 1:1 technology school where all students receive an iPad for the school year.

85%
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

57%
STUDENTS AT RISK FOR DROPPING OUT

\$303,000
ANNUAL UWATX INVESTMENT

Services Provided		
	Behavioral Health	210
	Mentoring	79
	Tutoring	154
	Out-of-School Time	205
	Case Management	210
	Parent Education	19



IMPROVEMENT OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

From last year to this year, **we improved in every subject area the state measures and the number of disciplinary referrals from this year to last year has significantly decreased.** Michael Perkins, Principal

Mendez Middle School

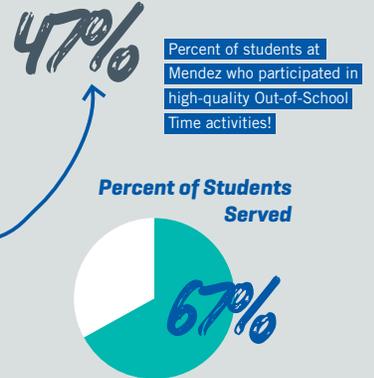
Mendez Middle School, which is located in Dove Springs neighborhood, serves a predominantly Hispanic population, many of whom are new to the United States. After several years of low achievement test scores, Mendez is now an academically acceptable campus. All 900+ students on the campus have access to the Family Resource Center, a hub for family and student support services. In 2012, after a high childhood obesity rate drew regional attention to Dove Springs, the community became the hub for a health and wellness initiative, Go! Austin/VAMOS! Austin, led by funding from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

96%
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

66%
STUDENTS AT RISK FOR DROPPING OUT

\$390,000
ANNUAL UWATX INVESTMENT

Services Provided		
	Behavioral Health	160
	Mentoring	89
	Tutoring	79
	Out-of-School Time	415
	Case Management	131



IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS CULTURE

Going into the 3rd year, we have helped so many kids that the climate and culture of **the entire school has changed.** Rebecca Ramirez, Assistant Principal

United Way gives the school the necessary resources to **improve relationships with students and families.** Teacher Survey 2013

Webb Middle School

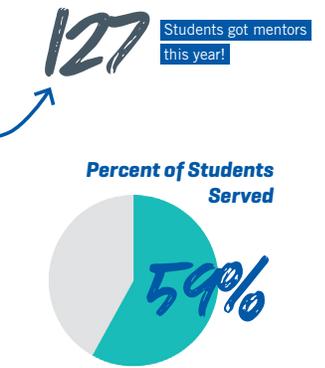
Webb Middle School is a predominantly Hispanic school in the St. John neighborhood and has a deep connection to the community. Historically, its' students have performed well below the state average on standardized tests. With the threat of closure due to poor academic performance, the community rallied around the campus and Webb is now on an upward academic path. Prior to Middle School Matters, the school did not have a coordinated system to support students receiving services. Webb now has a goal to increase the levels of parent involvement at the school.

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STUDENTS AT RISK FOR DROPPING OUT

\$303,000
ANNUAL UWATX INVESTMENT

Services Provided		
	Behavioral Health	193
	Mentoring	127
	Tutoring	356
	Out-of-School Time	247
	Case Management	134
	Parent Education	26



IMPROVEMENT OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Now, teachers can focus on providing academic support - and there have been improvements across the board. **United Way allows us to meet the needs of the whole child.** Valerie Torres-Solis, Assistant Principal

Many students could not have made it through this year without United Way. We would be lost if we didn't have this support. Teacher Survey 2013