

Upward Bound: Objectives & Outcomes - Portland Public Schools

Upward Bound has been hosted by Portland State University since 1980. The goal of Upward Bound is to generate in participants the skills and motivation necessary to complete a program of secondary education and to enter and succeed in a program of post-secondary education. Eligible project participants who demonstrate academic need will be identified by target school instructors, counselors, parents, students, friends, community agency personnel, and selected by Upward Bound staff. 77% of UB students come from low income families where the parents do not have Bachelor's degrees.

The Upward Bound project consists of an academic year program and a six-week summer component. During the academic year, tutorial services and individual advising will be available after school daily at target schools. Instruction in core curriculum, career exploration, and college exploration will occur in monthly workshops at PSU. Both the academic year and summer components contribute to improving students' skills in math, English, science, foreign language, and technology. A PSU Bridge Program offers graduating seniors the opportunity to experience college courses, with academic and personal support available from Upward Bound staff.

Primary Objectives for Upward Bound – 2019 Achievements

Academic Performance--Grade Point Average (GPA)

80% of participants served during the project year will have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better at the end of the school year. **Performance: 97/105 or 92%**

Academic Performance on Standardized Test:

50% of UB seniors served during the project year will have achieved at the proficient level on state assessments in reading/language arts and math. **Performance: 26/26 or 100%**

Secondary School Retention and Graduation

85% of project participants served during the project year will continue in school for the next academic year, at the next grade level, or will have graduated from secondary school with a regular secondary school diploma.

Performance: 120/120 or 100%

Secondary School Graduation (Rigorous Secondary School Program of Study)

90% of all current and prior year UB participants will complete a rigorous secondary school program of study and graduate with a regular secondary school diploma.

Performance: 33/35 or 94%

Postsecondary Enrollment

80% of all current and prior UB participants will enroll in a program of postsecondary education by the fall term immediately following high school graduation or will have received deferred enrollment until the spring semester.

Performance: 31/35 or 87%

Postsecondary Completion

40% of participants who enrolled in a program of postsecondary education will attain either an associate's or bachelor's degree within six years following graduation from high school. **Performance: 15/25 or 60%**

Cohort Report of Upward Bound Graduates 2000-2019

Cohort	# of Students	College Enrollment		6-Yr Graduation	
		Enrolled #	Enrolled %	# Graduated	% Graduated
2000	18	17	94.4%	11	64.7%
2001	13	12	92.3%	9	75.0%
2002	22	22	100.0%	15	68.2%
2003	23	21	91.3%	10	47.6%
2004	16	16	100.0%	8	50.0%
2005	24	23	95.8%	13	56.5%
2006	31	28	90.3%	13	46.4%
2007	28	26	92.9%	11	42.3%
2008	34	32	94.1%	17	53.1%
2009	36	26	72.2%	11	42.3%
2010	42	33	78.6%	16	48.5%
2011	30	25	83.3%	15	60.0%
2012	33	28	84.8%	14	50.0%
2013	29	25	86.2%	15	60.0%
2014	21	19	90.5%		
2015	36	34	94.4%		
2016	30	28	93.3%		
2017	37	34	91.9%		
2018	36	35	97.2%		
2019	35	31	88.6%		
Total	574	515	89.7%	178	52.4%

Data Source: National Student Clearinghouse; data includes all students ever enrolled in Upward Bound even if exited for academic or other reasons.