

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor's (the Club) proposed Partners for Student Success Programs will serve middle schools, span schools and high schools. Through its successful **College Bound on Campus Program**, the Club will offer middle schools, span schools and high schools with a comprehensive array of college pathway programming and activities to select from that will support the college access needs of their students and parents. Academic case management, College Bound Workshops, college exposure activities and parent workshops will introduce and expose youth to college, help them develop and stay on their individual college path and guide them through the college, scholarship, and financial aid application process.

College Bound's activities are all age and grade appropriate and designed to assist youth at each stage of their academic development. Our **Middle School College Bound component** prepares youth for high school and helps them through the transition every step of the way. College Bound's **High School component** provides teens with comprehensive programming and activities to help them graduate and pursue post-secondary education.

In 2014, the Club began a pilot project with LAUSD to begin providing College Bound on six high school campuses through the creation of a College Bound Liaison at each school. The project enhanced our College Bound programming at our partner high schools, as well as supported Beyond the Bell service providers providing programming at Locke High School, Carson High School, Narbonne High School and Gardena High School. Through the pilot project, 100 students from each campus received academic case management, mentoring, and counseling through the Club's College Bound program. The College Bound Liaison at each school worked closely with the school's Guidance & College Counselor to provide college pathway support services and coordinate activities. Today our College Bound High School Liaison Project serves students by staffing college centers in six local high schools during the school day.

The Club's proposed **College Bound on Campus Program** offers LAUSD middle schools and high schools with a comprehensive package of all of College Bound's programming, services and activities. BGCLAH will work with each school to design a program that addresses the specific needs of its students and parents. A College Bound Academic Case Manager will be placed at the school for 5 hours a day, 5 days a week. They will provide services for 3 hours during the school day and 2 hours after school. The program consists of one-on-one Academic Case Management and weekly College Bound Workshops.

College Bound provides intensive and comprehensive **one-on-one academic case management** to provide youth with the guidance, support, and encouragement they need to achieve success in school and attain their educational goals. Academic Case Managers track academic progress, assist youth through challenges and barriers to their goals, and guide them on each step of their path towards high school graduation and post-secondary education. Case management sessions increase in frequency and intensity as youth get closer to high school graduation. In middle school, Academic Case Managers focus on developing strong study habits, improving academic performance, and preparing for success in high school. Case management for 6th and 7th graders focuses on academics and developing the vision of college. Youth are encouraged to take advantage of daily tutoring and build the habit of reading. Case managers begin working with youth to identify colleges and career fields. Towards the end of 8th grade, students begin developing their individual road map to college. A - G requirements are introduced and planning the next four years of classes begins. This 4-year plan is crucial to assuring highly at-risk youth are on track for both high school graduation and college eligibility. This is especially critical in light of the recent Harvard Study, which found that just 16% of LAUSD's class of 2011 passed the classes needed to attend California's

public universities. Youth are introduced to the UC/CSU required courses that are available at their high school and are encouraged to prepare for and take the PSAT. Case Management in High School focuses on ensuring youth are taking (and passing) the A-G courses, working towards graduation, developing their college resume, preparing for the SAT and ACT, and applying to college. By the time they are seniors, many youth are meeting with their Academic Case Managers almost daily as they prepare their personal statements, obtain letters of support, and complete applications for college, scholarships, and financial aid.

Weekly College Bound workshops cover a vast array of topics such as developing strong study habits, the A- G college requirements, how to apply to college, the difference between private and public universities, how to prepare a personal statement, how to choose a major, and much more. We offer a variety of **test prep services**, such as the Princeton Review SAT preparedness course, and the UCLA AP Readiness Program, all free of charge. The Club will work with the school to customize workshop topics to best fit the needs and college aspirations of the students and their parents.

Students from schools located close to our Club sites can access a host of resources to support their college pathway *Toast Masters* classes help youth improve their public speaking skills to prepare them for success in college and job interviews. These services and resources are not readily available or accessible to the majority of our youth, and are often the difference between a community college and a university for many. Weekly *Writer's Workshops* and *Power of the Pen* classes prepare youth for college level writing and provide an outlet for creativity. Our partnerships with local colleges provide students with the opportunity to take *college credit courses*, preparing them for the college experience and providing them with courses that improve their skills.

College Bound provides resources and support to address the financial barrier of college. **Access to and the obtaining financial aid and scholarships** for college are often the deciding factor for a student to pursue a 4-year university or a 2-year college. While well over 60% of our seniors meet the A-G requirements, several choose a Community College or alternate education path (Trade or Technical school) after high school. Often times this is due to financial limitations or family reasons. For many that choose this option, they re-apply to their "dream school" after two years of either Community College or alternative higher-education success. Youth receive one-on-one assistance through the complicated FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process. Staff identify scholarships and financial aid opportunities. The program maintains a list of over 400 scholarships/fellowships available. A monthly newsletter contains a list of upcoming scholarship deadlines. Youth are encouraged to utilize Fast Web, an online resource of college scholarships. Staff coordinate one-on-one or small group scholarship application workshops. In 2018, College Bound helped seniors obtain over \$7.62 million in FAFSA and \$1.21 million in scholarships.

Supplemental activities are available to enhance the College Bound on Campus program. These include:

- **Cash for College Event** provides students and parents with information, guidance and access to resources and services that will help them complete the FAFSA and obtain financial aid for college.
- **College Visits** help youth believe that college is attainable. They are held during the summer or on Saturdays during the school year. Students participate in a campus tour, meet current students and faculty and participate in activities that expose them to college and experience first-hand taste of university life. The half day trips bring students to local colleges and universities like USC and

UCLA. Full day trips bring students to Southern California schools that are further away like CSU San Diego and UC Santa Barbara. The Club works with schools and students to identify the college campuses to visit.

- A one-day **Senior Retreat** for recently graduated seniors is held at a local college or university. The retreat provides graduates with workshops, presenters and activities that prepare them for college. One Academic Case Manager and one Assistant Academic Case Manager will chaperone the event, facilitate workshops and coordinate the activities with partner organizations. Included in the package is the transportation, materials and food.
- **Parent Workshops** increase parents' and caregivers' knowledge of high school graduation requirements, and empower them to help their child along their individual college path. Parents learn about the options and resources available to support their child and how to navigate the college and financial aid application process. Workshops are available in Spanish for schools with a large English Language Learner student population.

PRICE SCHEDULE

The **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor's (BGCLAH) College Bound** provides a comprehensive array of college pathway programming and activities that middle schools and high schools in LAUSD can select from to support the college access needs of their students and parents. Academic case management, College Bound Workshops, college exposure activities and parent workshops will introduce and expose youth to college, help them develop and stay on their individual college path and guide them through the college, scholarship, and financial aid application process.

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COLLEGE BOUND ON CAMPUS (\$33,250)

College Bound on Campus offers LAUSD middle schools and high schools with a comprehensive package of all of College Bound's programming, services and activities. BGCLAH will work with each school to design a program that addresses the specific needs of its students and parents. A College Bound Academic Case Manager will be placed at the school for 5 hours a day, 5 days a week. They will provide services for 3 hours during the school day and 2 hours after school. Through the College Bound on Campus package BGCLAH will provide:

ACADEMIC CASE MANAGEMENT

Students served: 125

Description:

College Bound provides intensive and comprehensive one-on-one academic case management to provide youth with the guidance, support, and encouragement they need to achieve success in school and attain their educational goals. Academic Case Managers track academic progress, assist youth through challenges and barriers to their goals and guide them on each step of their path towards high school graduation and post-secondary education. Case management sessions increase in frequency and intensity as youth get closer to high school graduation.

WEEKLY COLLEGE BOUND WORKSHOPS

Students served: 25 – 40/workshop

Description:

College Bound workshops cover a vast array of topics such as developing strong study habits, the A- G college requirements, how to apply to college, the difference between private and public universities, how to prepare a personal statement, how to choose a major, and much more. BGCLAH can offer Writer's Workshops, and a variety of test prep services, all free of charge. BGCLAH will work with the school to customize workshop topics to best fit the needs and college aspirations of the students and their parents.

SUPPLEMENTAL COLLEGE BOUND SERVICES

The following activities will enhance the College Bound on Campus program.

SENIOR RETREAT

Cost: \$3,000

Students served: 100

Description:

BGCLAH will plan and implement a one day retreat for recently graduated seniors at a local college or university. The retreat will provide graduates with workshops, presenters and activities that prepare them for college. One Academic Case Manager and one Assistant Academic Case Manager will chaperone the event, facilitate workshops and coordinate the activities with partner organizations. Included in the package is the transportation, materials and food.

COLLEGE VISITS

Cost: half day trip = \$700

Full day trip = \$1,500

Students served: 40/trip

Description:

BGCLAH will provide college visits during the summer or on Saturdays during the school year. Students will participate in a campus tour, meet current students and faculty and participate in activities that expose them to college and experience first hand taste of university life. The half day trips will be to local colleges and universities like USC and UCLA. Full day trips will be to Southern California schools that are further away like CSU San Diego and UC Santa Barbara. The BGCLAH will work with the school and students to identify the schools to be visited.

CASH FOR COLLEGE EVENT

Cost: \$750

Students served: 60 to 100 youth and parents

Description:

The BGCLAH will plan and implement a Cash for College event to provide students and parents with information, guidance and access to resources and services that will help them complete the FAFSA and obtain financial aid for college.

COLLEGE BOUND PARENT WORKSHOPS

Cost: \$1,200

Parents served: 40

Description:

BGCLAH will plan and implement eight College Bound workshops for parents to increase their knowledge of high school graduation requirements, how to help their child along their individual college path, the options and resources available to support them and the college and financial aid application process. Topics will be tailored to the age of the children and to the needs of the parents. BGCLAH will offer Spanish workshops in schools with a large English Language Learner student population.