

91%

OF MEMBER
SCHOOLS
SUBMITTED DATA

684

TOTAL 8TH
GRADERS

90%

ENROLLED IN A
COLLEGE PREP
HIGH SCHOOL

79%

ACCEPTED INTO AT
LEAST ONE OF THEIR
TOP 3 HIGH SCHOOL
CHOICES

\$7,939,719

AWARDED IN
FINANCIAL AID

\$20,358

AVERAGE AID PER
STUDENT

- **42 of 46** eligible schools submitted data. 4 of our member schools are not eligible schools because:
 - **2 schools do not go up to 8th grade,**
 - **1 school is building up to the 8th grade,**
 - **1 school is 6th -12th grade.**
- **25 of 46** schools submitted financial aid data
- **3%** of students accepted to one of their top 3 high school choices did not enroll because of the following:
 - **Not enough financial aid**
 - **Long commute**
 - **Offer rescinded due to low grades to end 8th grade**
- Some member schools are in cities that do not have many high school options.

While **86%** of members help rank high school choices, providing adequate information and exposure to high school options early and often is a common theme for all member schools that submitted data.

The following activities and information are provided to students and families regarding high school preparation, admissions, and supports:

1. [Successful Student Profiles](#): Eighth graders attend panels or watch video recordings featuring current high school students and alums to gain insights into high school life and experiences. Lunches with graduates at future high schools are also organized.
2. [High School Prep Course](#): Schools offer high school prep courses focusing on the difference in high school schedules, rigors, and expectations.
3. [High School Fairs and Directories](#): Schools organize high school fairs, allowing students to explore various schools to ask questions regarding sports, grades, extracurriculars, academic supports, and more. A high school directory is provided, and more in-depth information is shared through family and student meetings.
4. [Individualized Support](#): Schools meet individually with students and their families to provide personalized guidance on high school options, tuition, academic support, athletics, clubs, and more.
5. [Financial Aid Process](#): Schools offer financial aid presentations, assistance with applications, and provide information about scholarships and other financial aid opportunities. Schools meet with families individually to discuss high school options, and associated costs, including net costs after financial aid and indirect expenses.
6. [High School Tours and Entrance Exams](#): Schools organize tours and entrance exam tutoring and provide information about each high school's services, administrators, and roles.
7. [School Culture & DEI Staff/Supports](#): Optional panels with school staff and current families to discuss the school's culture and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.
8. [High School Students Shadow days](#): Schools coordinate shadow days so students can experience a day at a prospective high school choice.

Schools employ various methods such as meetings, presentations, individualized support, and digital and paper materials to share information about high school preparation, admissions, financial aid, extracurricular activities, and academic support with students and families. Schools begin this process in lower grades, like inviting 7th graders to open houses or school fairs.