

Making College Dreams Possible

Northfield Community College Collaborative participant Nadine says the program has become like a family to her.

Partnering with Riverland Community College, the Northfield Community College Collaborative empowers all students to reach their college dreams – right from Northfield! The program provides educational resources and academic assistance conveniently in downtown Northfield. Courses are available online through Riverland, and sometimes professors from the college come to Northfield to teach.

The Northfield Community College Collaborative acts as a support system, Nadine explains. “I am married

with two kids, and I work,” she says. “The program is flexible, willing to work with my schedule and very understanding.”

Describing how the program has become a family of sorts, Nadine says, “You can rely on the staff even during difficult times. They are there for you if you just need someone to talk to.”

The initiative brings optimism to students, Nadine explains.

“The Northfield Community College Collaborative makes it possible for anyone to go to college. They open so many doors and help make connections.”

Not only does the Northfield Community College Collaborative provide academic support, it assists students with financial aid forms and answers various logistical questions. “I want to become a teacher, and they’re showing me the right steps to do that, like helping me plan classes and manage my time.”

The Northfield Community College Collaborative currently supports more than 25 students of a variety of backgrounds, ages and socioeconomic levels.

“The Northfield Community College Collaborative has made me optimistic about my future.”

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Every child. Cradle to career.

2018

With the support of over 150 community members, Northfield Promise is connecting and aligning resources and programs to collaborate toward measurable results in **10 benchmarks** throughout each child's life. Learn more about our structure and action teams at northfieldpromise.org.



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We, as a community, commit to working tirelessly to ensure that ALL Northfield children will:

10 BENCHMARKS

As we work toward 100 percent, here's where we stand.

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Be ready for kindergarten

84% of incoming kindergartners demonstrated most or all of the early kindergarten reading skills

81% of incoming kindergartners demonstrated most or all of the early kindergarten math skills

Be at grade level in reading and math by the end of 3rd grade



57% of Northfield Public Schools 3rd graders scored at or above proficiency levels in reading

Among low-income Northfield 3rd graders, 32% scored at or above proficiency levels in reading, compared to 71% of non-low-income 3rd graders

Be at grade level in reading and math by the end of 6th grade

65% of Northfield Public Schools 6th graders scored at or above proficiency levels in math

Among low-income Northfield 6th graders, 41% scored at or above proficiency levels in math, compared to 74% of non-low-income 6th graders

Have interest, goals and a vision for the future by the end of 8th grade

94% of Northfield's 8th graders reported that they know what they want to do after high school or have some idea



As a teacher, it is vital to hear students' hopes and dreams and build connections to what they are currently doing in school and their futures."

— Lisa Weis, Northfield Middle School teacher

Teaches Ramp-Up to Readiness,™ a school-wide career and college readiness program that features an engaging and interactive series of activities designed to help students graduate from high school ready for postsecondary success. Northfield Promise helped facilitate the selection of this new program.



"I like talking about my future and imagining what it might be like."

— Lauren Hendrickson, 7th grade student

Graduate from high school with a plan to reach his/her full potential

91% of Northfield Public Schools students graduated in four years

73% of low-income students graduated in four years



BEYOND

ACADEMIC
EARLY CHILDHOOD

ELEMENTARY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

NON-ACADEMIC

94% of area incoming kindergartners participated in preschool and/or daycare

Be connected to the community during the early childhood years

649 youth and 442 adults participated in Greenvale Park Community School programming, a flagship Northfield Promise initiative.



84% of all Northfield 5th graders reported they feel good about themselves



Exhibit physical, social and emotional well-being in elementary school



92% of all Northfield youth in grades 5–6 reported having support from adults other than their parents

Have a connection with a caring adult beyond his/her parents as she/he transitions to middle school



I don't have kids of my own, so I value getting to see my mentee grow and change. It's important that youth have a safe place to spend time and that they know adults can be there for them as friends – I hope to teach him things like that early in life."

— Paul O'Connell, mentor to a Northfield Public Schools 6th grader

Helps support Northfield youth by mentoring a student once a week.



73% of Northfield's male high school students reported they feel good about themselves

52% of female students reported they feel good about themselves

Exhibit physical, social and emotional well-being in high school



78% of non-low-income high school students reported they are involved in a sport, club or other group

57% of low-income students reported they are involved in a sport, club or other group



Report feeling connected and engaged in his/her high school and community



Last year, we helped 100+ youth with significant risk factors (homelessness, pregnant/parenting, in foster care, and more) work toward finishing high school and defining a postsecondary or career pathway.

For detailed local data on all 10 Northfield benchmarks, visit northfieldpromise.org.

Empowering Our Youngest Learners

Using a series of conversations with Northfield's in-home childcare providers, the Northfield Promise Ready for Kindergarten Team identified an opportunity to support providers – and some of our community's youngest learners – in early learning.

Through a pilot partnership with Mother Goose Time Early Learning Curriculum, local in-home childcare providers are offered daily curriculum kits and programming resources at a vastly discounted rate. The kits support skill-based learning through play and focus on learning skills such as emergent writing, science, music, counting and art expression.

23 local in-home childcare providers are now participating in the Mother Goose Time Early Learning Curriculum project, benefiting nearly 150 Northfield children.

Laura Brown is one of the providers putting the lessons into action.

"It is important to promote life skills and a sense of community at an early age," says Laura. "These lessons allow children to work together to learn the importance of accountability and group success."

Laura explains that she has been able to watch children grow and apply the skills they learn elsewhere. "Kids are putting vocabulary terms to use on their own. I even heard a child use the word 'stratosphere' while playing!"

The outcomes have been exciting. "It's wonderful to hear from parents that their children are better prepared to enter into kindergarten."



Laura Brown puts Mother Goose Time Early Learning Curriculum into action at her in-home childcare facility.

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