



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?

UTLA believes every child has a right to attend a high-quality Sustainable Community School in their neighborhood. Around the country, community schools are having remarkable outcomes, such as: raising enrollment, attendance and graduation rates, increasing the number of students that go on to college, and decreasing the achievement gap, the dropout rate, and chronic absenteeism. Elements and programs of a successful community school are based on a needs assessment process, with all stakeholders involved.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OFTEN INCLUDE



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- the full engagement of educators, school staff, parents, students, and community members.
- strengthened curriculum that is engaging, culturally relevant and challenging, including a broad selection of classes and after-school programs in the arts, languages, and ethnic studies.
- educators who have a voice in professional development with the goal of the highest quality teaching. Improved student assessments that help teachers meet the needs of students.
- wrap-around services such as health care, eye care and social and emotional services provided year-round to the full community.
- positive discipline practices such as restorative justice and social and emotional learning supports.
- parent and community engagement and participation in planning and decision-making.

Basically, Community Schools leverage public schools to become hubs of educational, recreational, cultural, health and civic partnerships, improving the education of children in the community and furthering the revitalization of the entire community.