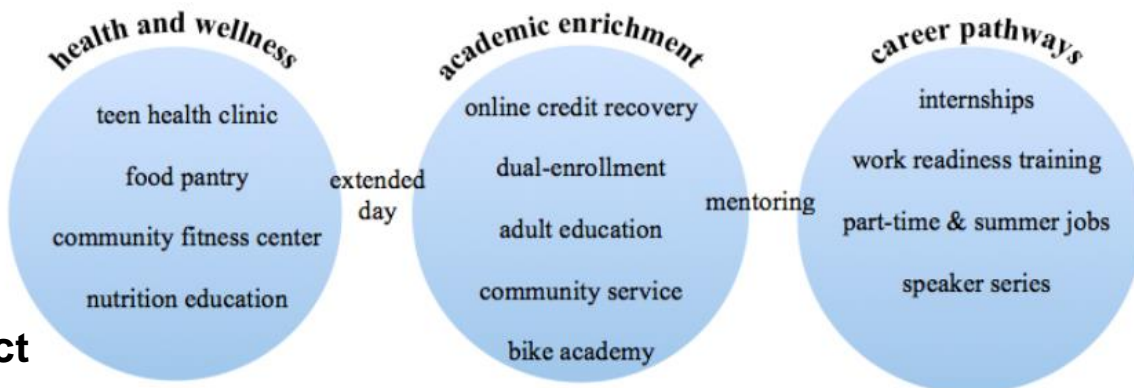




In addition to the district's allocated budget, the Career Academy has benefited from the Lowell Full Service Community School (FSCS) initiative, funded by a \$2.5 million US Department of Ed. grant from 2015-2020. Based at the Career Academy and Engagement Center and serving five additional schools, it supports at-risk youth through wraparound partner services.



## Impact

## Supporting Youth in Lowell Public Schools

2749

students, families, and community residents participate in wraparound programs annually

80%

of students who responded to a school survey said their participation in FSCS programs increased their awareness of services available in the community

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Community Partners: Elevate New England, CTI YouthBuild Lowell, MassHire Career Center, Bike Academy, Abisi Adult Education, Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Catie's Closet, Lowell Community Health Center, Christ Jubilee, Green Dragons, Mill City Grows, Apex Learning, UMass Lowell, Middlesex Community College, Project LEARN, Digital Ready



190

graduates supported by the Career Academy and Engagement Center alternative school programs since 2016 (including 48 in School Year 19-20)

300%

increase in number of graduates from the Career Academy between School Years '16-'20

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Schools Served through FSCS Funding: **The Career Academy**, The Engagement Center Program (includes LHS), Lincoln Elementary School, Bartlett CPS, Butler Middle School, Daley Middle School, Wang Middle School

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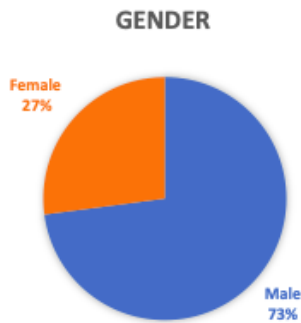
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# Student Demographics



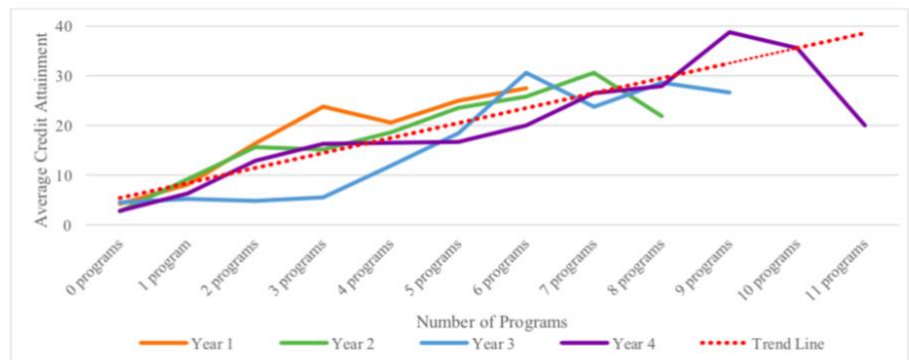
Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity (2018-19)		
Race	% of School	% of District
African American	10.2	7.9
Asian	15.3	28.7
Hispanic	46.6	33.1
Native American	0.0	0.1
White	23.7	26.4
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic	4.2	3.9

## Programs

Health & Wellness	Academic Enrichment	College & Career
Garden/nutrition education	Online Credit Recovery/ Engagement Center	Work Readiness Workshops/ Summer jobs
Food Pantry	Mentoring	Internships
Martial arts, fitness center	Bike Academy	Dual Enrollment
Teen Health	Service Learning	Pathways Coach/ MyCAP Plan

## Impact

A recent study by UMass Lowell's Center for Program Evaluation shows that students' involvement in the Career Academy's community school programming has a positive effect on their credit attainment.



## Sustainability



The Lowell FSCS initiative is actively seeking funding opportunities that target collective impact and student-centered learning models to continue to support the holistic needs of the community. **Since 2018, the Career Academy has been awarded additional grant funding totaling more than \$160,000** for innovation, college and career readiness, wellness, and dropout prevention programming through state funding opportunities. Additionally, many partners have committed to continuing activities at a reduced scope in the absence of the federal FSCS grant. However, **key components including the Program Manager position will require a long-term sustainability plan.**