



# Earl Boyles SUN Community School

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## Program Overview

Earl Boyles SUN Community School (SUN CS) is an elementary school in the suburban David Douglas School District, home to over 10,000 students. The Earl Boyles SUN Community School is managed by a local non-profit organization, Metropolitan Family Service, who manages 12 SUN Community Schools as part of the Multnomah County's larger SUN Community School initiative.

In 2010 Earl Boyles SUN offered 34 different extended day opportunities serving over 260 children throughout the year. Thirty-percent of the extended day offerings are academically related, targeting students not meeting attendance or benchmark goals. Through the extended day efforts, the Earl Boyles SUN CS brokers many partnerships with other youth-serving organizations (such as AKA Science, Chess for Success, 4-H, Multnomah County Library and Mount Hood Community College, to name a few) as well as brokering access to necessary basic needs services for families. Earl Boyles SUN CS is a summer meal site for the school District; in 2010 they served a hot lunch and provided enrichment activities through the entire summer.

Earl Boyles SUN Community School is one of 60 SUN Community School sites in Multnomah County. Located in neighborhood schools, SUN Community schools coordinate and provide educational, recreational, and social and health services. SUN Community Schools build on positive assets already in communities and tailor events, classes, services and activities to what the local community wants. SUN CS relies on and fosters community partnerships to provide five key activities in the school building: extended day academic and enrichment programs that are linked to the school day; family involvement; health and social services for students, family and the community; community events and adult education.

SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, City of Portland Parks & Recreation, the Portland Children's Levy, local school districts and non-profit organizations.

***“To me SUN is everything. They help me with homework, give me friends,  
let me play basketball and provide clothes.”***

student

### **Fast Facts**

- In 2010 Earl Boyles had 432 K-5 students, of whom 50% were children of color and 26% were English Language Learners
- 77% of the students at Earl Boyles participate in free and reduced lunch meals
- Earl Boyles SUN Community School offers an array of extended day opportunities for over 260 youth annually; activities are academically focused as well as enrichment/recreation
- 91% of students regularly participating in SUN CS at Earl Boyles improved their math benchmark scores; 79% improved reading benchmark scores
- Earl Boyles SUN CS offers an after school Supper Program, which feeds an average of 80 students a hot meal each program day
- Funding for Earl Boyles SUN CS is from Multnomah County, and is part of a larger SUN Community School funding collaborative that includes resource contributions by the City of Portland, the Portland Children’s Levy, Multnomah County, 21CCLC, school districts and non-profits.

### **Promising Practices**

- Earl Boyles SUN CS has a long-tenured Site Manager who has forged deep relationships in the school – with the staff, principal and the families whose children attend Earl Boyles
- This partnership has led to increased family involvement in the school as a whole, and she creates opportunities for parents from many cultural communities to join school projects thus supporting their children’s education
- One example of the strong partnership between the SUN Community School and the academic school day is the “Study Island” reading and math support classes. This is a partnership where Title I funds and curriculum are utilized to support students during after-school hours. School Educational Assistants are paid through Title I funds to instruct the classes. The students attending the classes showed increases in their OAKS and/or DIBELS Scores
- SUN Community Schools are part of the broader SUN Service System, a unique city-county-school partnership designed to align and integrate social and support services for school-age children, youth and families