

High School Support Services Program Program Components Guide



The High School Support Services Program aims to increase postsecondary preparedness and enrollment for Denver residents and low-income high school students. The Prosperity Denver Fund will invest in organizations providing support services that align with the program components and goal.

Program Component	Description	Examples of Programming and Strategies	
Academic Planning and Support	Preparing students for high school graduation and postsecondary success through academic enrichment, skills development, and comprehensive support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College preparatory courses Concurrent/dual enrollment Course selection support Extra-curricular clubs and organizations Remediation and credit recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior seminar Service Learning Study skills Test Preparation Tutoring
Career and Postsecondary Exploration	Empowering students to discover their passions and potential by aligning interests, strengths, and values with fulfilling career and postsecondary pathways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career and postsecondary exposure Career and postsecondary interest surveys Career and postsecondary plan and goals Career counseling Career fairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College fairs and visits Connection between career goals and postsecondary path Identifying the best fit college Internships and job shadowing Resume preparation
Family Engagement and Partnership	Equipping families with information and resources to become active partners in their student's career and postsecondary journey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building college knowledge College workshops and support sessions Enhancing opportunities for engagement and involvement Family meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing social networks by providing opportunities to connect with those who have college information Supporting language barriers
Financial Support and Resources	Foster financial literacy, an understanding of postsecondary costs, and financial aid options to make informed decisions about postsecondary and career paths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAFSA/CASFA application FAFSA/CASFA workshops Financial literacy How to pay for college Personal Finance Scholarship search and application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships awarded by the program Support through the verification process Understanding the costs of college Understanding the financial aid options
Individualized Guidance/Mentorship	Individualized support to address students' academic, social, and emotional well-being and equip them with the skills to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building connection and trust Building social capital Health and well-being 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental wellness supports Self-awareness Sense of belonging Setting high expectations
Postsecondary Preparation and Enrollment	Providing support and guidance to students as they navigate the complexities of the postsecondary process and ensuring a smooth transition to higher education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT/SAT preparation Application fee waivers College application College essays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer melt and summer bridge programs Transition from secondary to postsecondary
Novel or Innovative Support Services	Innovative programs and promising practices that create pathways to postsecondary success and guide future program development. These strategies may not align directly with the main program components, but there is compelling rationale for their effectiveness in supporting postsecondary preparedness and enrollment.		