

## High School Support Services Program

### Program Components Guide

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



Program Component	Description	Examples of Services	
<b>Academic Planning and Support</b>	Preparing students for high school graduation and career and postsecondary success through academic enrichment, skills development, and comprehensive support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College preparatory courses</li> <li>Concurrent/dual enrollment</li> <li>Course selection support</li> <li>Extra-curricular clubs and organizations</li> <li>Remediation and credit recovery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior seminar</li> <li>Service learning</li> <li>Study skills</li> <li>Test preparation</li> <li>Tutoring</li> </ul>
<b>Career and Postsecondary Exploration</b>	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"> <li>Career and postsecondary exposure</li> <li>Career and postsecondary interest surveys</li> <li>Career and postsecondary plan and goals</li> <li>Career counseling</li> <li>Career and postsecondary fairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connection between career goals and postsecondary path</li> <li>Identifying the best-fit college</li> <li>Resume preparation</li> <li>Work-based learning</li> </ul>
<b>Family Engagement and Partnership</b>	Equipping families with information and resources to become active partners in their student's career and postsecondary journey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building postsecondary knowledge</li> <li>Career &amp; postsecondary workshops and support sessions</li> <li>Opportunities for family engagement and involvement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing social networks by providing opportunities to connect with those who have career and postsecondary information</li> <li>Supporting language barriers</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Support and Resources</b>	Foster financial literacy, understanding of postsecondary costs, and financial aid options to make informed decisions about career and postsecondary paths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAFSA/CASFA application</li> <li>FAFSA/CASFA workshops</li> <li>Financial literacy</li> <li>Financial support for career &amp; postsecondary opportunities while in high school</li> <li>Personal Finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship search and application</li> <li>Scholarships awarded by the program</li> <li>Support through the verification process</li> <li>Understanding the costs and how to pay for college</li> <li>Understanding the financial aid options</li> </ul>
<b>Individualized Guidance/Mentorship</b>	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"> <li>Building connection and trust</li> <li>Building social capital</li> <li>Health and well-being</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental wellness support</li> <li>Sense of belonging</li> <li>Setting high expectations</li> </ul>
<b>Postsecondary Preparation and Enrollment</b>	Providing support and guidance to students as they navigate the complexities of the postsecondary process and ensuring a smooth transition to postsecondary and/or workforce development opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACT/SAT preparation</li> <li>Application fee waivers</li> <li>Career and technical education</li> <li>College application</li> <li>College essays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry-recognized credentials</li> <li>Pre/Youth apprenticeship programs</li> <li>Summer melt and summer bridge programs</li> <li>Transition to postsecondary</li> </ul>
<b>Novel or Innovative Support Services</b>	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 a compelling rationale for their effectiveness in supporting postsecondary preparedness and enrollment.		