



Horizons at Warner

Inspiring Minds • Building Community • Transforming Lives

“At Horizons, I’ve seen the twinkle in the eyes of a young boy who has suddenly come to understand the number line during a math lesson. I’ve seen middle school students crave hours alone with a book because Horizons is an escape into a world they’ve come to love—one that’s full of people that support and encourage them to be their best self.”

*Mary Kokinda,
Horizons Lead Teacher*



Did you know?

- Low-income students lose more than two months in reading achievement in the summer, while their middle-class peers make slight gains?
- Summer learning loss puts low-income students as many as three years behind by the 5th grade?
- Students who are 3 grades behind by 5th grade are six times more likely to drop out of high school?

What is Horizons?

Horizons at Warner offers low-income students in the Rochester City School District a six-week full-day summer enrichment program on the University of Rochester campus. Our goals are to:

- Prevent summer decline in students' school performance.
- Improve students' school attendance.
- Improve children's social and interpersonal skills.
- Provide a safe summer experience.
- Build self-esteem, resourcefulness, and self-advocacy.
- Raise children's and parents' educational expectations and aspirations.
- Encourage parents to become involved in their children's education and activities.



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Highlights:

- Creates a deep and abiding partnership with the public school system and the community
- Enhances the quality of University students' experiences by serving as a demonstration site in the preparation of teachers
- Allows University faculty and their students to work side by side as educators
- Promotes research-based innovations for education
- Serves as a site for teachers and graduate students to explore innovative teaching methods

Program Features:

- Two certified teachers and a teacher's assistant for every fifteen students
- Every student learns to swim
- Motivating and engaging reading and math lessons every day
- All students take an educational field trip every week
- Nutritious lunch and healthy snacks served daily
- Opportunities for sustained studies in such fields as optics, chemistry, rocketry, LEGO® Robotics, furniture design and construction, movie production, and cooking
- Parent workshops

Strategic Plan:

- Grow our enrollment to 135 by summer 2014
- Provide a consistent program where students return every summer from K-8 grade
- Develop stronger partnerships with the schools and families we serve
- Continue to network with community organizations for supporting services for Horizons students and their families
- Increase academic achievement and school year attendance of our Horizons students



Impact in Just Three Years!

Our 3-8th grade students have demonstrated 1-3 months growth in math and reading.

During the summer of 2012, our students read 541 books during independent reading time. In addition, over 1,500 books were distributed to students to take home.

Our average daily attendance is 92%.

Twelve new students passed the deep-end test last summer.

We have grown from 30 students in our first summer to serving 105 in this next summer.

The average rate of students returning to Horizons at Warner each summer is 96%.

Each summer our K-2 grade students demonstrated 2-5 months growth in oral reading fluency.

Horizons at Warner has initiated a year-round tutoring program to support the gains made during our summer program.

Over 250 volunteer hours were contributed by community members and University professors and students just this past summer.



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