Using Project Based Learning to Engage Youth in College & Career Readiness Exploration

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Central States SER promotes economic self-sufficiency and upward mobility for low-income community residents through education and employment.

PODER

Positive Outcomes Delivered through Education and Respect

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CENTRAL STATES

JOBS FOR PROGRESS, INC.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Soaring Beyond Expectations

Agenda

- Program Overview
- What is Project-Based Learning?
- Voice & Choice and Discovery Projects
- Incorporating College and Career Readiness
- Connecting with the Community
- Putting it to work!
- Resources
- Questions

Program Overview

- **Central States SER Mission**

  The mission of Central States SER –Jobs for Progress, Inc. is to promote economic self-sufficiency and upward mobility for low-income community residents through education and employment.

- **PODER Program Vision**

  The mission of the PODER Program is to assist in increasing student achievement and educational attainment while providing activities for family and community participation.

Project-Based Learning

- What does project-based Learning mean to you?

PBL: Key Components

A timeline that is short or long

An engaging launch

Academic rigor and alignment with standards

An inquiry

A demonstration of key knowledge and skills

Applied learning

An authentic audience

High-quality products or performance at the end

Voice and Choice

Options

Based on **Student Interest**

that are **Consistentantly**

within a **Positive Framework**.

Discovery Project

- Guest Speakers
- Academic based Field Trips
- Career Exploration
- College Readiness
- Skills Exploration
- STEAM
- Cross-disciplinary
- Staff & Student Strengths

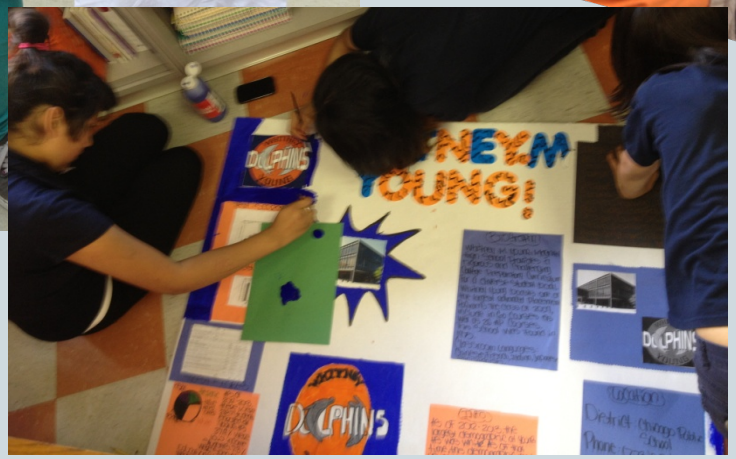
Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Check – In	Check – In	Check – In	Check – In	Check – In
Homework Assistance	Homework Assistance	Homework Assistance	Homework Assistance	Homework Assistance
Academic Tutorial	Discovery Project	Academic Tutorials	Discovery Project	<u>Rotating:</u> Discovery Project Community Connections Field Trip Recreation
Community Connections (Community Service Learning)		Community Connections (Community Service Learning)		
Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection
Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

21st Century Skills

- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Creativity and Innovation
- Communication & Collaboration
- Visual Literacy
- Scientific & Numerical Literacy
- Cross-Disciplinary Thinking
- Basic Literacy

College Readiness



Career Readiness: HAQ Assessment

- Personal Mindset
- Planning for Success
- Social Awareness
- Verbal Communication
- Collaboration
- Problem Solving

Novice	Emerging	Capable	Skilled	Expert	Not Observed
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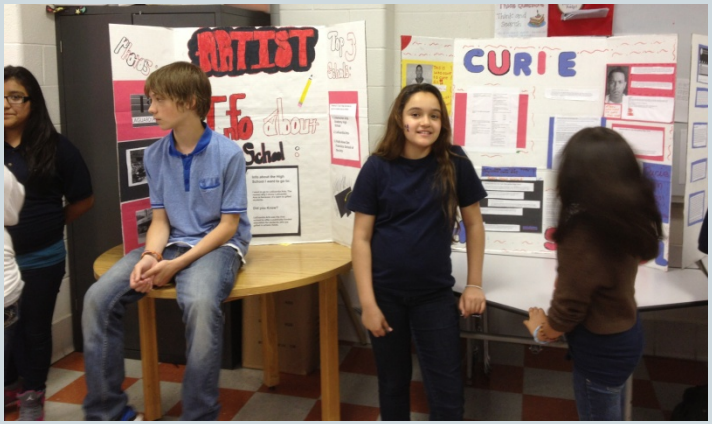
College Readiness



- Planning for success

Community Connections

•Teamwork and ability to collaborate with others in diverse group settings

Community Connections

•Visual Literacy

•Cross-Disciplinary Thinking

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Resources

- MHA Labs 21st Century Skill Assessments (HAQ)
- Center for Youth & Communities at Brandeis University based on Partnership for 21st Century Skills

Thank you!

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