

OUR VISION

Universal Schools thrive on High Expectations, Rigor and Respect that have a positive effect on our school culture, climate, student attitudes, overall school performance, and parent and community engagement. Universal Schools promote a culture of excellence, teamwork and ownership for results – NO EXCUSES!!!

CENTER LOCATIONS

Universal Audenried Charter High School

3301 Tasker Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Universal Bluford Charter School (K-6)

5720 Media Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131
Phone: 215-581-5502 | Fax: 215-851-5725

Universal Daroff Charter School (K-8)

5630 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139
Phone: 215-471-2905 | Fax: 215-471-3159

Universal UICS Charter School (K-8)

801 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146
Phone: 215-732-2876 | Fax: 215-732-8066

2100 South 24th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Phone: 215-952-8611 | Fax: 215-952-8520

Keeping the Promise

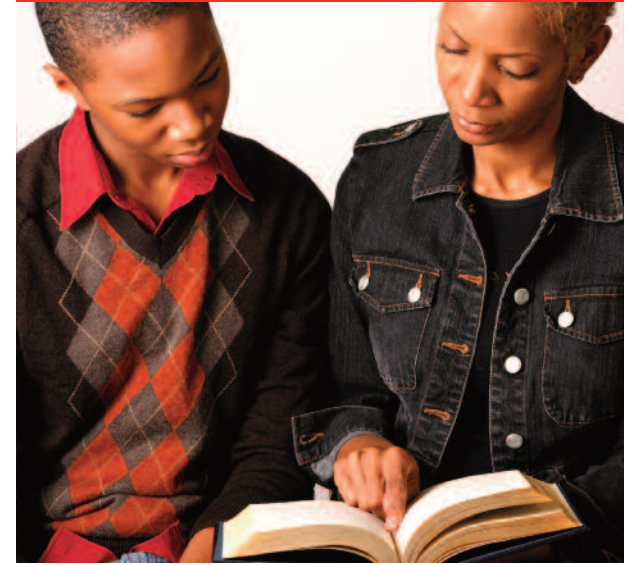


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UNIVERSAL COMPANIES



FAMILY STUDENT RESOURCE CENTERS



Student Family Resource Centers = Improved Student Achievement

The purpose of the Universal Family and Student Resource Centers (FSRCs) is to consolidate and organize the schools' non-academic functions to offer a comprehensive array of school based services and supports to improve student achievement.

Since organized community engagement significantly adds value to teaching and student learning, FSRCs will also be responsible for engaging community stakeholders at all levels of the school operations and making the school a focal point of community activities.

Integrated Service Model



Connecting Parents & Schools to Increase Student Achievement

FSRC Services

All our schools have Family Student Resource Centers where students, parents and guardians can receive direct or referred services, including counseling for family and youth. Case management is provided for students at risk and families in need. Apart from school related services and supports FSRCs offer job training and information about job opportunities, affordable housing, rentals and home ownership. The work of each center focuses on the following areas:

Case Management

The Center provides direct student and family intake assessments, school-based social services, academic interventions and support, counseling (i.e. school and home), referral services (i.e. behavioral health, etc.).

Students At Risk

To increase academic outcomes, all students at an immediate risk of failure are assigned a case manager who will assess the student and identify the issues that impact his/her academic progress, exploring a variety of solutions, which will include additional supports for the student's family.

Crisis Intervention

Utilizing key indicators (i.e. school lateness, absences, no school uniform, etc.), FSRC staff will identify students in need of support and interview these students to determine what, if any, barriers to learning exist and work on removing these barriers before they escalate to crisis level.

Support School Climate and Culture

FSRCs support and extend the school's activities on school climate and culture through their parent and community outreach, programs and events.

Community/Parent Outreach

FSRCs increase communication and collaboration between the school, parents and community stakeholders. They manage:

- All School External Partnerships;
- Structured Communication with the School and School Advisory Councils, Board of Trustees, Parent Teacher Associations, etc.;
- School Hotline and Suggestion Box;
- All Social Network Efforts (i.e. School Calendar, Twitter, Face Book, MySpace, etc.);
- School Marketing (i.e. Quarterly Universal Newsletter and Universal Messaging in the School, specifically African American Wall of Appreciation, About Universal Wall, and Universal Messages of No Excuses and High Expectations for every student.

Sponsored School Events/Programs

FSRCs are responsible for:

- Summer Family Events i.e. Barbeques, Community days, etc.
- School Open House Meetings, Tours, Parent Engagement
- Coordination of School Concerts
- School Guest Speaking Lecture Series
- Student Mentorship Program
- Homework Study Programs
- Parenting Classes and Seminars
- Job Preparation and Job Placement
- College Courses
- GED/ABE
- Financial Literacy Classes
- Health Seminars