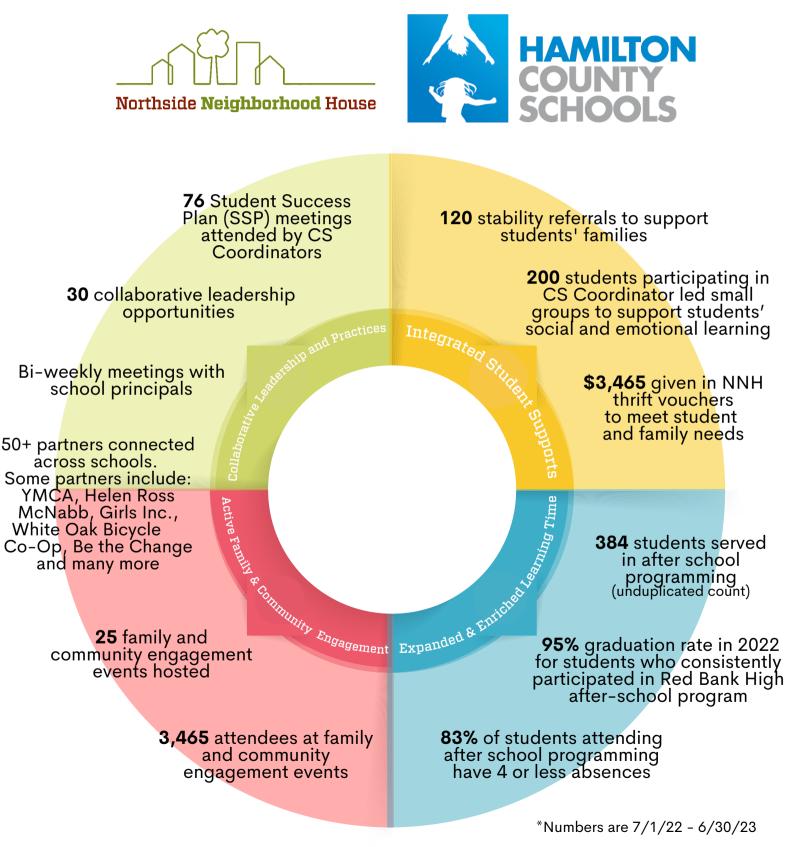
2022-2023 Impact Report: CommUNITY Schools



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Purpose of NNH CommUNITY Schools

The purpose of Northside Neighborhood House CommUNITY Schools is to serve as a resource hub that empowers, equips, and engages the community in a way that advocates for equity by promoting the education, well-being, and independence of all students, families, and individuals in the school footprint.



Stories and Highlights from our CS Programs

The CommUNITY School Coordinators have close connections with students. This often leads to Coordinators becoming aware of family hardships. As needs are discovered, individuals and families are often referred to NNH's Stability Program for assistance. As the NNH Case Manager went through a budget with a family seeking bill assistance, it was discovered that the family's limited budget was stretched due to the expense of using the laundromat to keep the family's clothes clean. NNH kept the family's lights on AND connected them to a NNH Thrift Store to secure a washer and dryer for the family, creating more stability for this family.

One focus of the afterschool time is to expose students to different enrichment activities. Club days at Soddy Daisy Middle School have become incredibly popular over the past year. Our NNH CS Coordinator has worked with different community members and parents to share their hobbies with students. Cooking, mountain biking, and yoga are several of the favorites. A new Disc Golf Club was started after the CS Coordinator helped secure a grant to purchase discs and chain baskets for the school.

Homework Diners are an exciting way to support both students and parents. The purpose is to provide students additional time with teachers to work on difficult skills and make up missing assignments. Meanwhile, parents can attend sessions focused on supporting their students, including workshops on different technology used by the schools. One mother shared "being at these helps me to connect to my daughter's teachers." While a father shared, "I've never known how to connect and know how my daughter is doing in school. Now I feel empowered to support her better."