

An alliance that unifies partners to increase the graduation rate and prepare young people for future opportunities.

In 2006, despite slight increases over the years, Philadelphia's high school graduation rate was among the lowest in the nation at 52 percent. Project U-Turn was launched to address Philadelphia's dropout crisis by raising awareness, implementing specific solutions, monitoring accountability and evaluating impact.

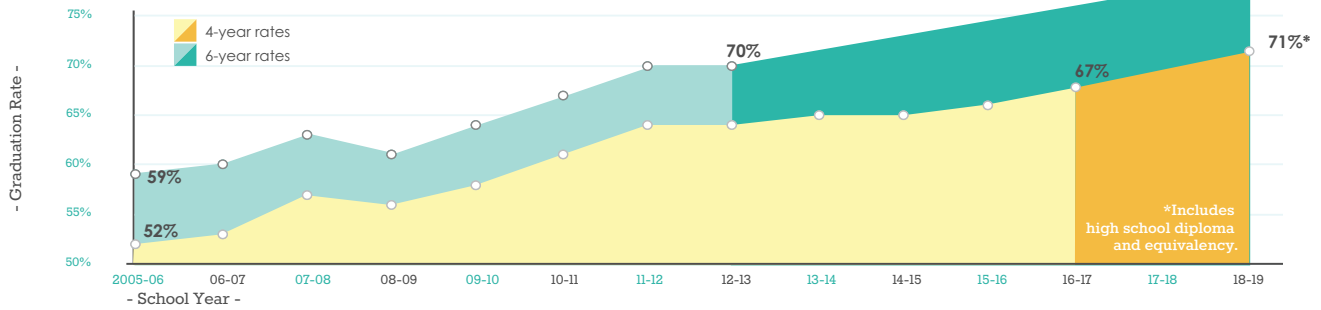
Today, this citywide collaborative effort is led by a steering

committee with cross-sector system leaders who advance the collaborative's agenda. In addition, the alliance includes action teams that execute the plan, and top level officials that align system-level goals with citywide priorities.

Philadelphia Youth Network staff provides convening, evaluation and management support for the collaborative, ensuring that partners' efforts are maximized to accomplish shared goals.

SINCE PROJECT U-TURN BEGAN:

Graduation Rates as reported by the School District of Philadelphia



IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS:

RENEWED COMMITMENT

Goal #1: Re-Engagement

To increase the number of young people who re-engage to 70% and ensure 50% of re-engaged young people earn their high school degree/equivalency through high quality programs.

STRATEGIES

1. Establish a shared vision, measurement and accountability process to support high-quality youth re-engagement programs.
2. Refine existing models and develop new approaches to better meet the unique educational needs of students who have re-engaged.
3. Increase and improve connections between re-engagement and post-secondary opportunities for disconnected and re-engaged youth.

Goal #2: Dropout Prevention

To reduce the number of students who disconnect from high school to 20%.

STRATEGIES

1. Promote adoption of early warning dropout indicators and related intervention strategies to reduce the likelihood of disengagement.
2. Institute more high-quality options enabling students to complete high school ready for college and career success.
3. Increase access to in- and out-of-school engagement opportunities based on student input.

PROJECT U-TURN MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Brown's Super Stores, Inc.
- Center for Literacy
- Community College of Philadelphia*
- Congreso*
- Department of Human Services*
 - Education Support Center
- District I199C Training and Upgrading Fund
- JEVS Human Services*
- Mayor's Commission on Literacy
- Mayor's Office of Education*
- National League of Cities
- Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
- Philadelphia Education Fund
- Philadelphia Housing Authority
- Philadelphia Water Department
- Philadelphia Works, Inc.
- Public Citizens for Children and Youth*
- Philadelphia Youth Network*
- School District of Philadelphia:
 - Opportunity Network*
 - Office of Early Childhood Education
 - Office of Strategic Analytics
 - Office of Truancy
- United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
- William Penn Foundation*
- YESPhilly
- YouthBuild Philly
- Youth Commission
- Youth United for Change
- Youth/Young Adult Representatives*

As of December 2017

*Project U-Turn Steering Committee