

# AmeriCorps Promise Fellows:



## Closing the Graduation and Attendance Gaps in Minnesota

Across Minnesota, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows serve students in grades 6–12 with supports designed to keep them engaged in school, attending daily and on a path to graduation.

**1159**  
**Youth Served**  
in 2022/23

**5-10**  
the number of additional  
days of school attended by  
students who receive the  
support of a Promise Fellow  
(according to a 2022 Impact Study)

### Promise Fellow strategies for student engagement:

**Caring Adult Mentoring**



**Service & Service-Learning**



**Out of School Supports**

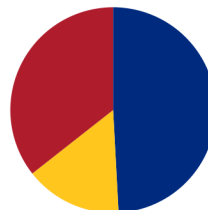


Graduating from high school opens the doors of opportunity for young people—leading to higher levels of employment, increased wages and better health.

Earnings increase with more educational attainment; on average, "full-time workers age 25 and over without a high school diploma had median weekly earnings of \$689, compared with \$838 for high school graduates (no college) (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022.)"



**Serving students Statewide**



**Greater MN: 21 sites**

**Suburban: 9 sites**

**Metro: 29 sites**

**Our Ask: HF 3535/SF 3832:** \$1 million per year to supplement federal funding and provide youth with evidence-based interventions during their transitional years.

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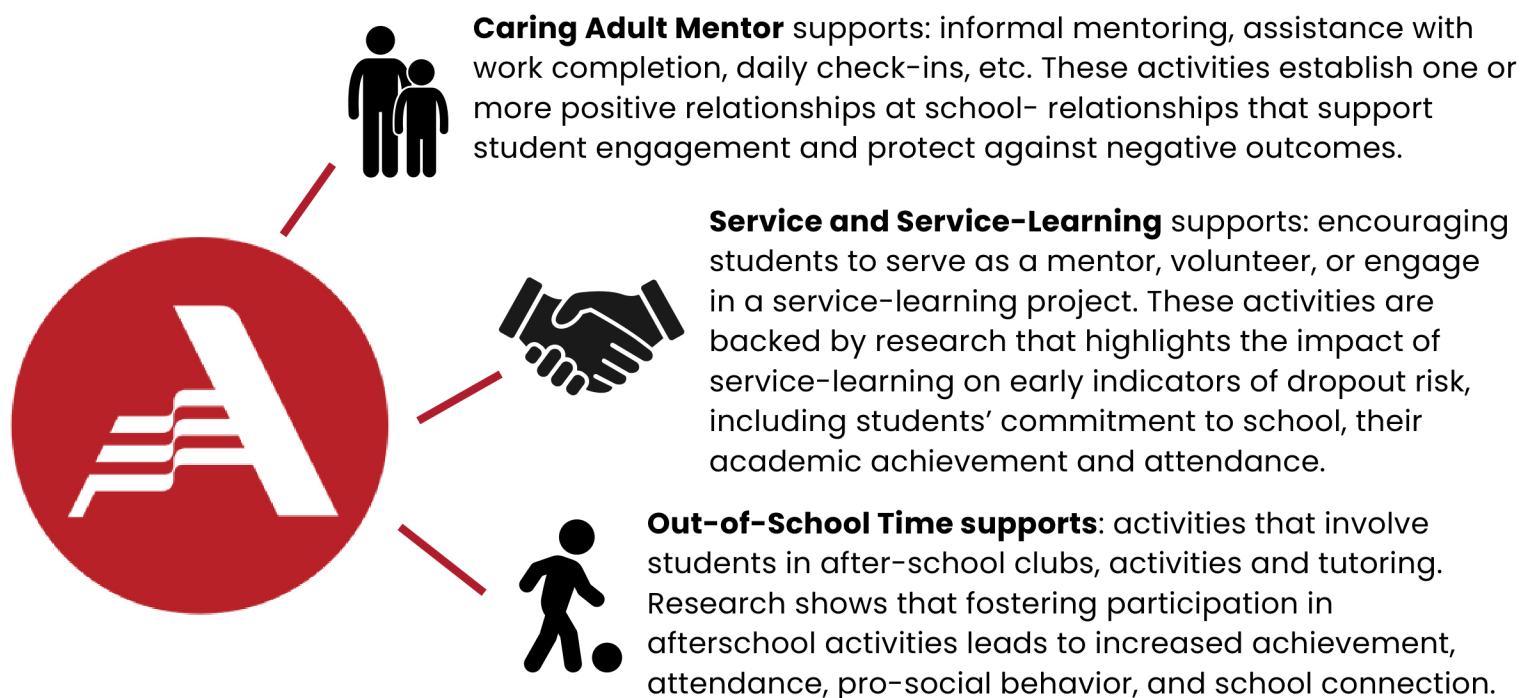
# AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Model

## Early Warning Indicators

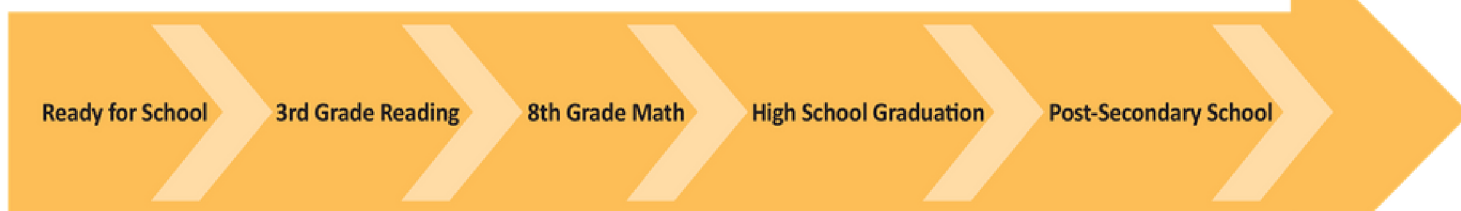
Promise Fellows work with students in grades 6-12 to develop a plan to keep them engaged in school and on-track for high school graduation, drawing on a menu of research-based, data-driven activities informed by leading research in dropout prevention. Research by Dr. Balfanz at Johns Hopkins University shows that by using the Early Warning Indicators of disengagement from school; Attendance, Behavior, and Course Performance (the ABCs), students can be identified during middle school as having a 75% or more likelihood of dropping out of school. Promise Fellows work with site-based Youth Success Teams to identify youth to receive support using the ABCs.

## Evidence-based Interventions

Promise Fellows implement interventions aligned with the National Dropout Prevention Center's "Basic Core Strategies" identified as most effective in reducing school dropout.



## State Investment in Evidence-Based Supports for Youth



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