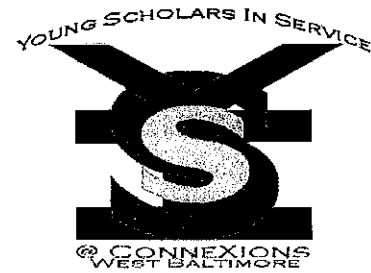


Young Scholars in Service (YSIS)



Baltimore Teacher Network and ConneXions has partnered to develop an academic, social and artistic community-learning center that enriches the lives of our students, their parents and families. The Young Scholars in Service (YSIS) after school enrichment program aims to be a cluster of academic clinics highlighting curriculum aligned with Maryland's College & Career Readiness Standards and Common Core. Supported by data, our specific areas of focus are mathematics and literacy in which students will receive the necessary additional support and resources they need to achieve proficiency and practical understanding. The goal is to educate, encourage and support students using research-based curriculum and an infusion of arts programming to enhance scholarship. College and Career Readiness and supplemental instruction coupled with artistic expression will promote academic learning and community service while illuminating lives within Baltimore City.

We have concluded that for the uplifting of our community as a whole, it is important that our young people accept ownership and responsibility for their actions by dedicating themselves to their community in the role of service. The program is housed on the Connexions campus that attracts neighborhood youth to its beautiful greenery and indoor library, auditorium and sports facilities. YSIS applies foundational knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to be successful in the performing arts professions; cultivate a cohort of student leaders with a demonstrated proclivity for peer teaching and social service; increase intrinsic motivation for lofty student achievement; develop marketable academic skills that result in post-secondary educational and professional opportunities; and increase community/corporate investment that maximizes and sustains student success and community involvement.

Three days a week (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday), students will participate in a 90-minute academic and arts enrichment program from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. On Saturday, the scholars will venture into the community and perform community service through theatrical expressions, cultural dance and West African drum, visual arts displays, vocal mini-concerts, and martial arts demonstrations at nursing homes, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, and senior living communities, etc.

Our goal is to use the arts as a means to increase the intellectual ability of our children, creating youth leaders who will take responsibility for themselves and their community. It is through YSIS that these 75-100 community youth have an alternative to the negative influences in this West Baltimore community.

Thank you for your support of Young Scholars In Service