

EAST

Middle School

656
students



SCHOOL CULTURE

INCREASED FEELINGS OF PRIDE AND SAFETY



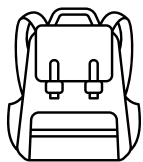
81% of student survey respondents agree that they feel welcome at East.



93% of staff survey respondents agree that the Community School Model adds value to East.



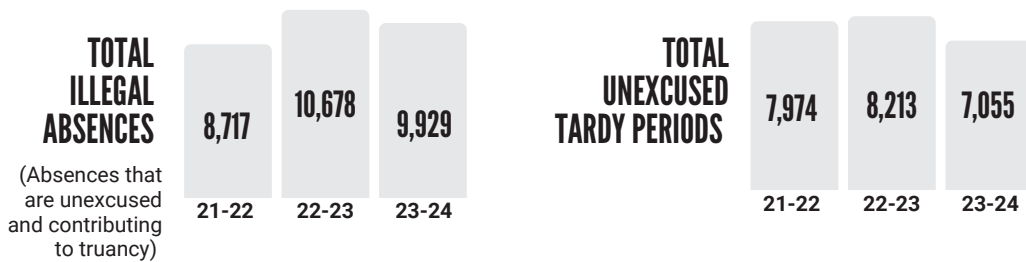
77% of staff, family and student survey respondents report a feeling of pride in attending or working at East.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

DECREASED TRUANCY INDICATORS

★ **14% DECREASE IN ONE YEAR!**



KEY TO SUCCESS

In the 23-24 school year, East utilized United Way funding to give all eight academic teams the opportunity for **community or classroom-based enrichment opportunities** that align with the core curriculum. Some enrichment experiences included visiting the Bayfront Maritime Museum, field trips to the Erie Playhouse, and a live performance by Kahil El'zabar's Ethnic Heritage Ensemble. Providing unique and consistent enrichment experiences for students makes them feel excited for and connected to school!



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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

INCREASED FAMILY PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

In the 23-24 school year, East:

- experienced a 9 point increase in the percentage of students whose guardians attended parent/teacher conferences
- held 51 student, staff and family engagement events
- hosted their first annual Family Bingo Night, which hit full capacity and was requested to be an annual event by family attendees



East Success Story: Writers in the Schools with Werner Books



In the fall of 2023, East partnered with locally-owned Werner Books and Slippery Rock University for the Writers in the Schools (WITS) program. Supervised by professor and Werner Books co-owner Dr. Lauren Shoemaker, senior creative writing students from SRU led a three-week workshop where East students contributed a spooky writing piece to a collective anthology. The program sparked a love for language arts and reading, and provided mentorship opportunities between the SRU and East students!



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

ROBUST PARTNERSHIPS MADE EAST'S YEAR A GREAT ONE !

In the 23-24 school year, East was grateful for:

- 86 volunteers contributing over 160 hours of time to events and programs
- Over \$3,400 of in-kind donations from 10 unique donors
- 71% of action plan strategies benefiting from a community partnership

SPECIAL THANKS

East would like to extend a special thank you to the **Mercyhurst University Social Work Program**, who aligned an intern supporting the community school initiative at East in the 23-24 school year. Through the partnership, the intern was able to not only support daily Community Closet and in-school programming, but also piloted a Check-In/Check-Out preventative attendance initiative, the Buddy Project. This partnership significantly impacted our work in removing non-academic barriers for students! East is also grateful for their lead partner **UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Safe Harbor** for their continued dedication and support for the Community School Model.