

United Way of Erie County is working to improve community conditions and create opportunities for a better life for everyone. We mobilize people and organizations from across the community who bring the passion, resources and expertise needed to get things done. Thanks to the generous community support we receive, United Way helps improve the lives of one out of every three people in Erie County each year. Last year, more than 100,000 friends and neighbors in our region were touched by United Way. Additional information about United Way of Erie County programs and initiatives can be found at www.UnitedWayErie.org

Education Impact Area

Community Level Outcomes and Indicators

Outcome: Children are prepared for kindergarten

Indicators:

- % children ready for kindergarten by school district; *source: school districts*
- % children ready for kindergarten county-wide average
- % children in publicly funded early childhood program; *source: Erie Vital Signs*
- % on time kindergarten registration by school district; *source: school districts*
- % on time kindergarten registration county-wide average

Outcome: Children are reading at 3rd grade level

Indicator:

- % children below proficient reading 3rd grade; *source: PSSA*

Outcome: Students are engaged in school and hopeful about their futures

Indicators:

- How interesting are most of your courses for you?
- During the last 4 weeks, how many whole days have you missed because you skipped or "cut"?
- How, thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you: enjoy being in school?
- How many times in the past year (12 months) have you been suspended from school?

Source: PA Youth Survey, 8th and 10th grades, county-wide data only

Outcome: Students of all ages articulate age-appropriate career paths.

Indicators:

- % of 8th graders with 3 or more career exploration projects completed by the end of 8th grade
- # and % of students earning Silver, Gold or Platinum WIN badges

Source: Career Street annual survey of Erie County 8th graders

Source: Each school district WIN data

Outcome: Students graduate from high school on time with a career plan and the skills necessary to be successful in post-secondary education

Indicators:

- % graduation rate by school district
- % graduation rate county-wide average

Source: school districts

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