What About Parents?

Parents and guardians are very important to the Upward Bound administration. We encourage parents to join Parent’s Upward Bound (PUB) in order to:

- Attend academic and financial aid workshops.
- Serve as chaperones for cultural activities and field trips.
- Reinforce student participation.

Study Center

Study Center sessions are held at Wayne State University, Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School and East English Village Preparatory Academy on Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Saturday sessions occur only on the Wayne State University campus from 9:00 am-1:15 pm. Students are tutored in the academic subjects of Math, English, Science and Foreign Language. Students may attend the Study Center sessions, on or off campus, during the week for two hours per day every Tuesday and Thursday and/or Saturday sessions for four hours, for a minimum requirement of 4-8 hours per week. Study centers are supervised by a Coordinator, staffed with Counselors and Tutors and monitored by TRIO Upward Bound administration.
What We Do

Upward Bound is a federally funded TRIO program hosted by Wayne State University with a goal to prepare students for high school graduation and college completion. The Wayne State University Upward Bound Program is a tutorial and counseling program for high school students who would like to go to college, but may have trouble attending due to lack of financial aid knowledge and academic need or inadequate high school preparation. The Wayne State University Upward Bound Program exposes Detroit students to a variety of colleges and universities throughout the country. Upward Bound helps students develop the necessary skills needed to secure a brighter future through education and provides a wide range of academic support services for high school students in the Detroit area.

The program has two components: a six-week summer instructional phase and an eight-month academic year, after-school tutorial and counseling phase.

Why is Upward Bound Important?

The Wayne State University Upward Bound Program assists students who may be unsure of themselves, and lack motivation or the ability to deal with a distracting environment. Services are provided to low-income and first generation college students that may not have an opportunity for a college education, but need guidance in identifying their career goals and becoming successful college graduates.

Eligibility Requirements:

- You are currently in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade
- Your parents did not graduate from a four-year college or university, and/or
- Your parents’ taxable income for the prior year is within federal guidelines.
- You plan to attend college immediately following high school completion.
- You attend a Detroit Public Community District High School or live within the target school area.
- You can participate fully in both the Academic and Summer phases of the program.

6 Week Summer Instructional Program

- The Summer Program is on the campus of Wayne State University, utilizing WSU’s laboratories, classrooms, dining and recreational facilities.
- Students live on campus five days per week (Sunday evening through Friday afternoon).
- Participants attend scheduled academic, social, cultural and recreational activities.
- Students benefit from cultural activities at the end of the summer and visit various colleges and universities.
- Students receive intensive instruction in pre-college academic courses, ACT/SAT Test Prep, electives, and workshops taught by certified DPSCD teachers and/or college instructors.
- Students are eligible for 200 hours (10 credits), Out-Of-Class Learning Experience (OCLE) upon successful completion of the Summer program.