School engagement is critical for improving the academic outcomes of students. This engagement is linked to higher academic achievement as measured by both school grades and scores on standardized tests.


**THINK**
Are students interested in the material? Do they challenge themselves or do the minimum?

**FEEL**
How do students feel about attending school? Do they want to go? Do they feel included?

**ACT**
Do students show up for school regularly? Do they complete homework? Do they participate in classroom activities?
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COMMITMENT TO HIGHEST QUALITY

United Way is working for genuine change in our community. We fund initiatives that are fiscally sound, targeted toward low-income households, and demonstrate the strongest outcomes. We’ve partnered with Diehl Consulting Group to provide program evaluation support.

COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Collaboration across programs, schools, and family members is key to fostering an environment of positive school engagement. As such, all grantees must demonstrate a partnership with a public school to qualify.

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