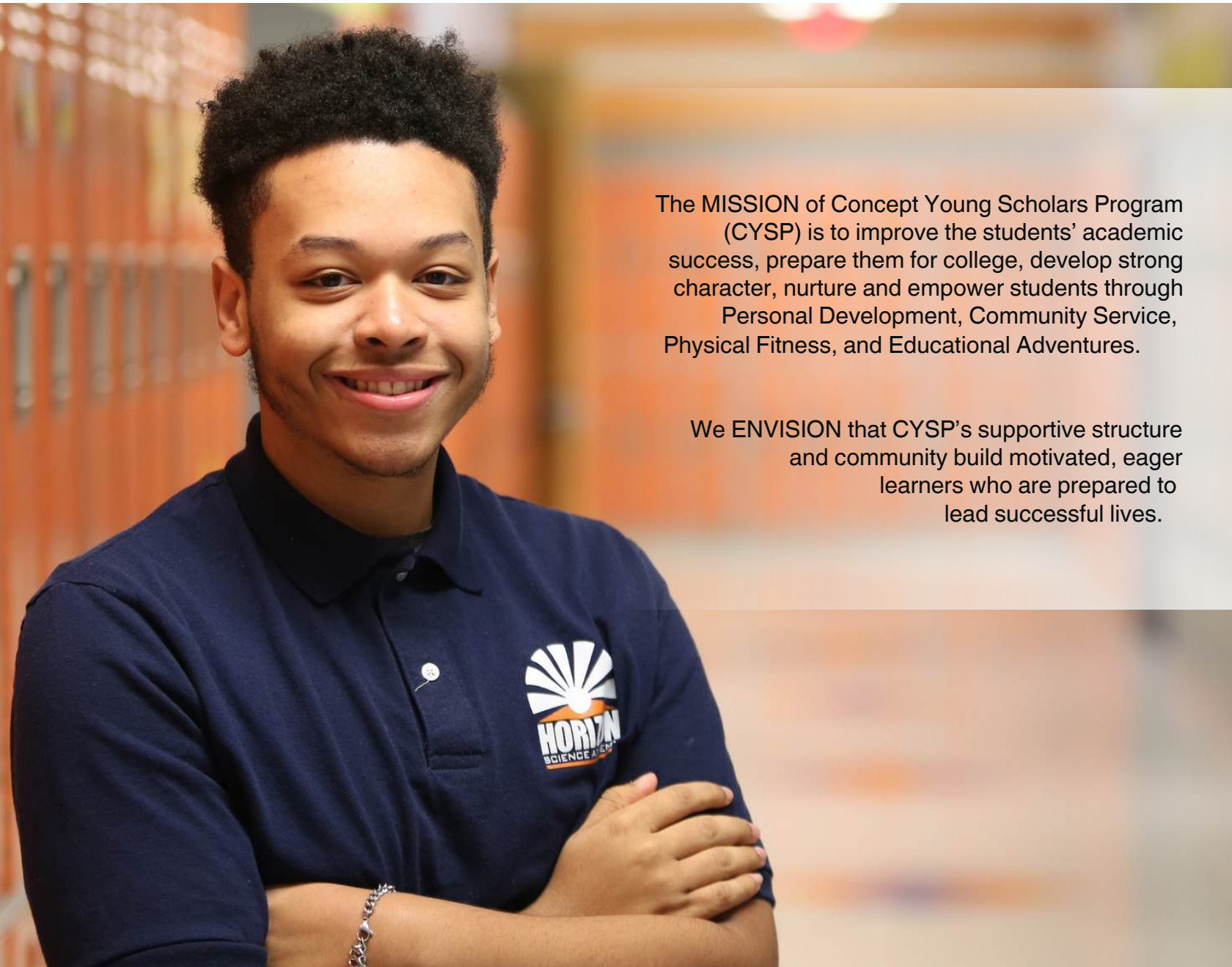




# Concept Young Scholars Program

## Empowering Future Generations



The MISSION of Concept Young Scholars Program (CYSP) is to improve the students' academic success, prepare them for college, develop strong character, nurture and empower students through Personal Development, Community Service, Physical Fitness, and Educational Adventures.

We ENVISION that CYSP's supportive structure and community build motivated, eager learners who are prepared to lead successful lives.

# IT IS TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

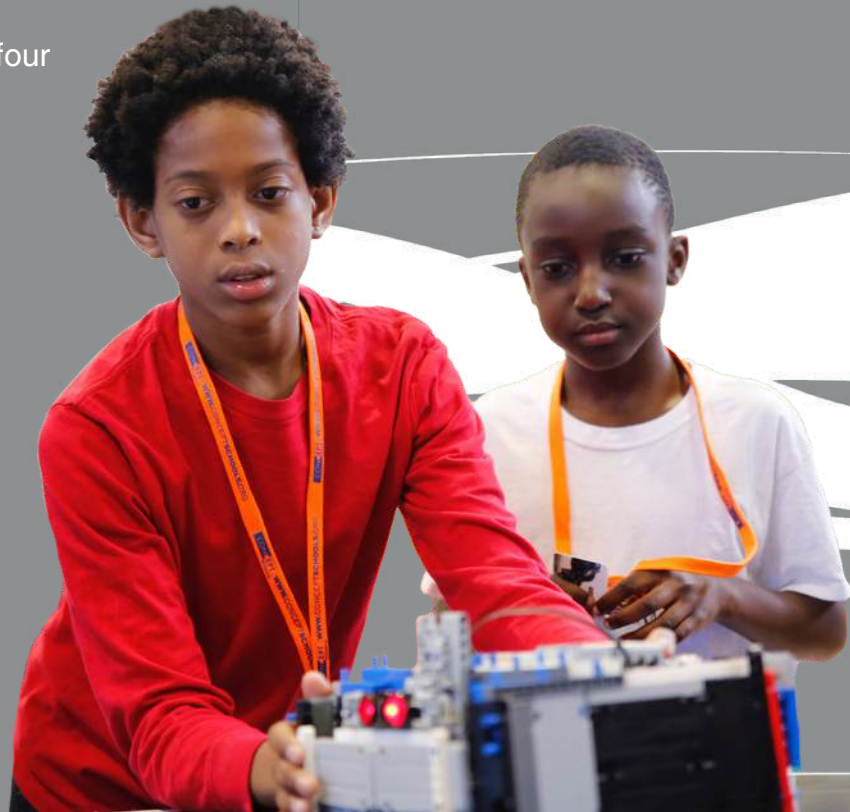
## CYSP Overview

The Concept Young Scholars Program (CYSP) is an enrichment program available to all students enrolled in 5th through 12th grade across the Concept Schools network.

CYSP works in parallel with Concept's rigorous STEM-focused and college-prep education and is designed to empower students and to enhance their self-confidence to be academically and socially successful in life.

CYSP scholars collaborate with a Concept advisor to develop actionable goals across four CYSP areas:

- Personal Development
- Community Service
- Physical Fitness
- Educational Adventures







## READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

### Personal Development

Through regular meetings with peers and their advisors, CYSP scholars develop self-awareness, self-management, and interpersonal skills to best prepare for success in this 21st century.

Elements of Personal Development may include:

- Progress Monitoring
- Participating in Extra-Curricular Activities
- Character Education
- Enhancing Reading & Writing Skills
- Weekend & Enrichment Programs
- Standardized Test Preparation
- College & Scholarship Applications



## NOW, LET'S REACH OUT TO OTHERS

### Community Service

Community service comes in many forms, and through their experiences, CYSP scholars cultivate a sense of social and civic responsibility. Scholars develop a sense of satisfaction that will help them foster a better environment for themselves, for their community, and the world.

Elements of Community Service may include:

- Community Service

## BE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

### Physical Fitness

Establishing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle is an essential component of CYSP. CYSP challenges scholars to set and achieve measurable goals in physical activities. Scholars will improve the quality of their lives through participation in these activities.

Elements of Physical Fitness may include:

- Personal Physical Activities



## IT'S TIME TO EXPLORE

### Educational Adventures

As CYSP scholars participate in educational adventures, they are exposed to communities and situations that raise their social and cultural awareness. Scholars collaborate with one another to organize and actualize their experiences.

Elements of Educational Adventure may include:

- Overnight Activities
- Trips & Camps
- Cultural Exposure
- College & University Visits
- College Readiness & Career Exposure





## CYSP Plus

Harvard University researchers indicate that family engagement is critically important to student achievement by:

- Improving children's literacy
- Promoting high-quality work habits and task orientation
- Preparing youth for college
- Supporting the development of social skills
- Increasing high-school graduation rates, especially students from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE Parent Engagement

CYSP Plus is an optional component where The parents and guardians of CYSP scholars engage in their students' growth and development.

Parents and guardians who participate in CYSP activities with their students may also be honored, and CYSP scholars may earn additional recognition and prizes for their family's level of involvement.

Elements of Parent Engagement may include:

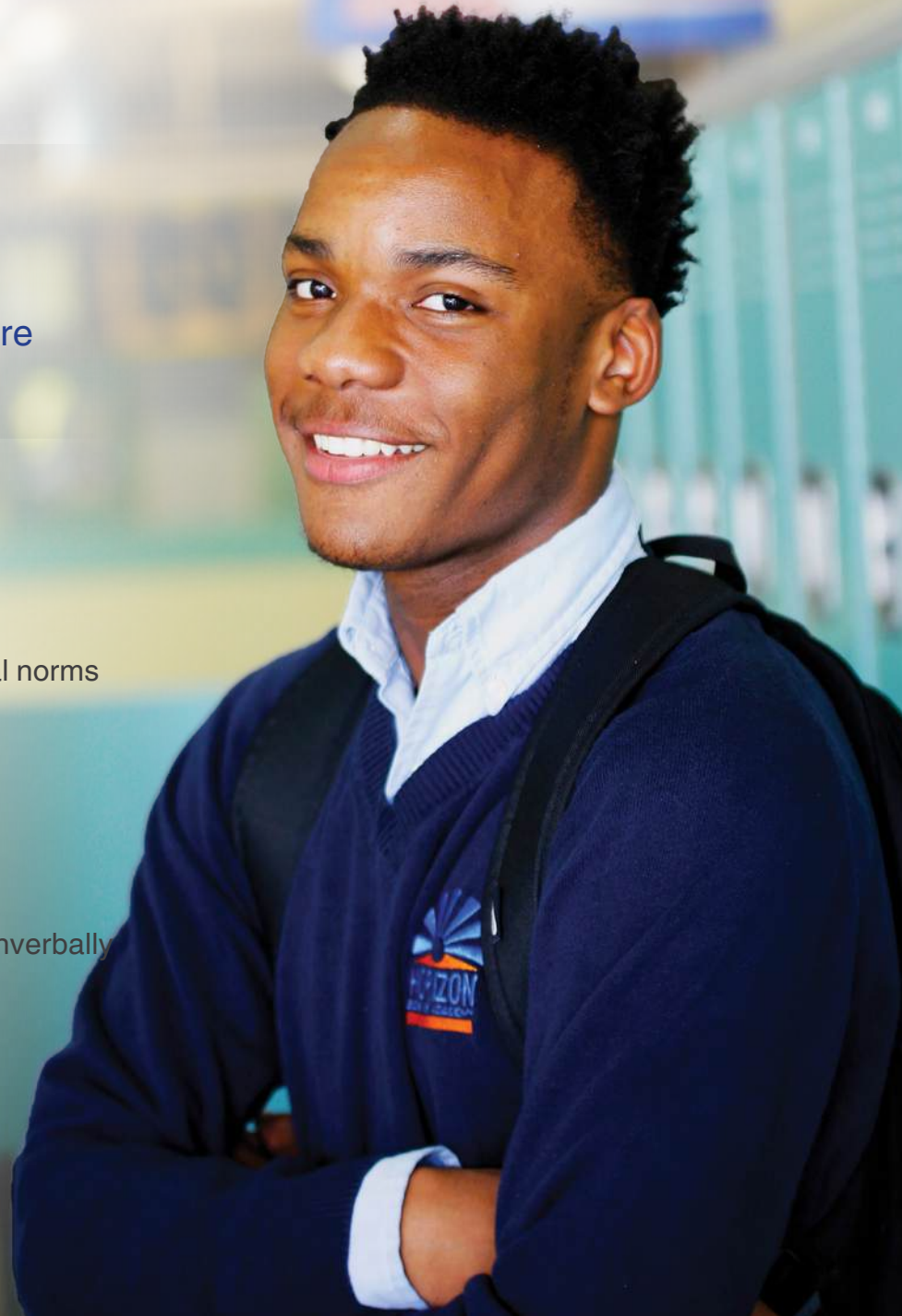
- Attending CYSP Progress-Reflections Meetings
- Attending College & University Visits
- Participating in CYSP Community Service Events
- Engaging in School Programs
- Home Visit



# PORTRAIT OF CYSP SCHOLAR

CYSP scholars are the future leaders who build relationships and understand the importance of serving others in order to inspire action and accomplishment.

- Taking ownership of their learning
- Having a deep sense of respect for societal norms
- Taking responsibility for their actions
- Engaging with their communities
- Demonstrating empathy and compassion
- Effectively communicating verbally and nonverbally
- Adapting and persisting when challenged







# PROGRESS MONITORING

## Personal Goal Setting

CYSP scholars set personal goals that are meaningful and attainable to reach by the end of each school year. Scholars track their growth and meet with their advisors on a regular basis to discuss their personal progress.

## Summative CYSP Report

Scholars have access to the CYSP report that details their personal growth in each of the four CYSP areas at any time. These reports are available to scholars and families through Concept Schools' PowerSchool account.

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Scholar  
Grade 8  
Year 2025-2026  
Current Status  
Advisor



Young Scholars Program

### SCHOLAR REPORT CARD



	Point	Current	Min	Max	Total Points
Book Completion	10	0	2	20	0
Character Education	10	0	4	15	0
College and Scholarship Applications	5	0	8	6	0
College and University Visits	12	0	4	4	0
Community Services	8	4.3	3	20	34
Cultural Exposure	10	0	1	5	0
In Town Educational Trip	8	0	1	4	0
Leadership Role	50	0	4	4	0
Out of Town Trip	20	1	1	8	20
Overnight Activities	30	0	10	10	0
Participating in Extra-Curricular Activities	5	4.5	10	80	22.5
Personal Physical Activities	3	17	15	50	51
Progress Reflection	8	0	8	20	0
Standardized Test Preparation	5	0.5	30	80	2.5
Weekend Enrichment Program	30	0	20	20	0
Home Visit (for Plus)	0	0	1	20	0
Parent Engagement (for Plus)	0	0	3	20	0
Bonus Activity (Academic Competition)	100	0	1	1	0

Total Points: 130





## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Annual CYSP Awards

While CYSP empowers scholars and enhances their self-confidence to be academically and socially successful in life beyond the classroom, Concept Schools recognizes scholars for their annual CYSP performance.

Based upon their level of CYSP proficiency, scholars may earn a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal award at the end of the academic school year. All CYSP scholars who reach their goals also receive a certification of completion from Concept Schools. For more information, contact your local school principal, CYSP Coordinator, or, [www.cysp.us](http://www.cysp.us).





# THE IMPACT OF CYSP

CYSP helped me become a better person, taught me how to be patient and how to be more conversational with people. It made me feel good about myself.

- CYSP Scholar



Participation in the CYSP has a positive effect on the behaviors, attitudes, and academic performances of CYSP scholars.

- CYSP Advisor

CYSP is a great way to communicate with other types of people and improve personally. Having these goals made my life more organized.

- CYSP Scholar







By participating in CYSP, my daughter is now more outgoing, and it brings me joy to see her beginning to flourish.

*- CYSP Parent*

CYSP is a model program that readies young hearts and minds for the next phase of their journey.

*- CYSP Parent*



CYSP provides an amazing opportunity for parents and schools to collaborate on developing well-rounded young men and women.

*-CYSP Parent*





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