

We Have an Extraordinary Opportunity to Reshape Pittsburgh's Future

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**Pittsburgh Public Schools Education Committee Presentation
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Agenda

- Review of important enhancements to the scholarship
- Information about our Classes of 2008 and 2009 Promise Scholars
- Retention, outreach, and supports

Since the launch of the Promise, three important enhancements to the scholarship have been made that benefit students while retaining high expectations

Graduating Class	2008	2009	2010-2011	2012
High School GPA Based on cumulated unweighted high school GPA	2.0	2.25 ①	2.5	2.5
High School Attendance Based on suspensions and unexcused absences	None	85%	90%	90%
Scholarship Amount	\$5,000 max \$1,000 min	\$5,000 max \$1,000 min	\$5,000 max \$1,000 min	\$10,000 max \$2,000 min
Eligible Post- Secondary Schools	Approximately 100	Over 300 ② including many workforce certification programs	Over 300 including many workforce certification programs	Over 300 including many workforce certification programs
Scholarship Calculation	Applied after federal and state grants towards tuition and mandatory fees only	Applied after federal and state grants and school scholarships towards total cost of attendance ③	Applied after federal and state grants and school scholarships towards total cost of attendance	Applied after federal and state grants and school scholarships towards total cost of attendance
GPA to maintain scholarship	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

① The GPA criteria for the Class of 2009 was eased from 2.5 to 2.25.

② The eligible-school list was expanded to include all colleges and universities in PA as well as many non-degree workforce certification programs.

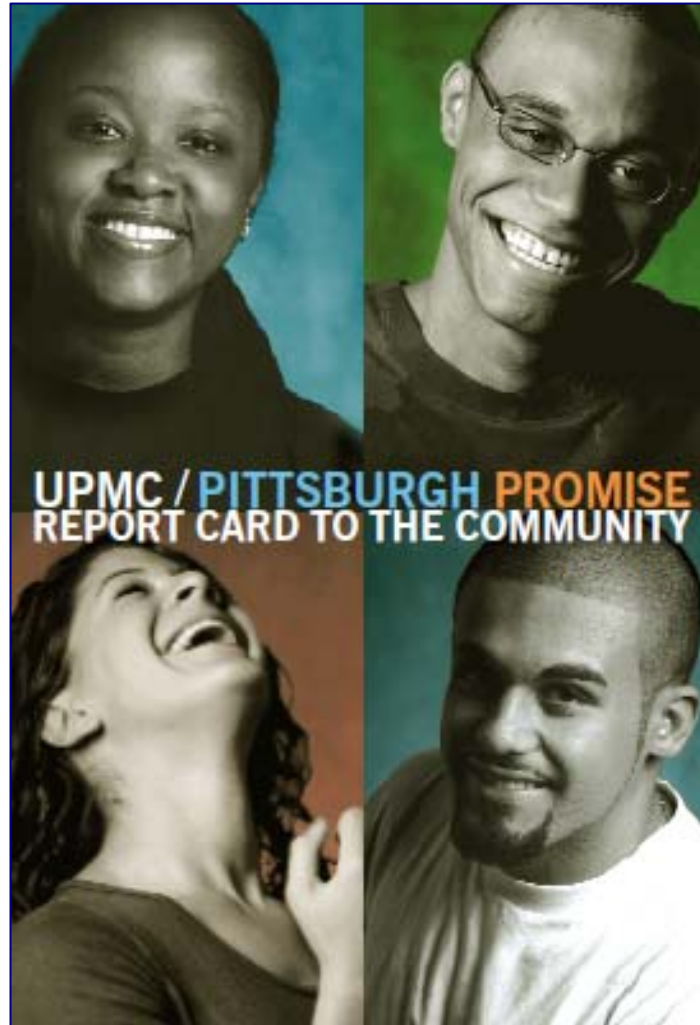
③ The scholarship calculation was modified to utilize school scholarships prior to the Promise as well as cover costs related to books, room and board.

Long-term goals of The Pittsburgh Promise

- Mitigate and reverse the population declines in the City of Pittsburgh and the enrollment declines in Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Grow the high school completion rates, college readiness, and post high school success of all students in Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Deploy a well-prepared and energized work force and an eager core of community volunteers

Focus of today's information

Update on our Promise scholars



We have implemented several outreach and support programs

- School assemblies and parent meetings
- Financial literacy workshops
- IdeaPod Magazine
- CCAC counselors specifically for the Promise Scholars
- Promise Extension program at CCAC (piloted in 2009)
- Promise-Plus program at IUP (planning phase)
- Aggressive summer intervention with struggling 10th grade students (planning phase)