



**CENTER FOR
CITIES+SCHOOLS**
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY



Y-PLAN OAKLAND BY THE NUMBERS 2015-16

129
STUDENTS

4
TEACHERS

2
CIVIC CLIENTS

2
SCHOOLS

5
CLASSES

*Developing college,
career, and community
readiness*

1
PROJECT

*Building healthy,
joyful, and sustainable
communities*

Y-PLAN is a cross-sector, multi-disciplinary strategy that empowers young people to effect community change through Common Core aligned project-based civic learning experiences.



Y-PLAN: Youth-Plan, Learn, Act, Now! 2015-16 Oakland Partnership

Overview

The Y-PLAN (Youth - Plan, Learn, Act Now!) is a unique, award-winning educational strategy that empowers young people to tackle real-world problems in their communities through project-based civic learning experiences. Rather than being another add-on to already demanding school activities, Y-PLAN is aligned to the Common Core and fulfills Linked Learning Pathway and Academy requirements as an (a) integrated project and (b) innovative form of in-school civic work based learning.

CC+S is building on over 8 years of partnership with OUSD and the City of Oakland to scale and deepen Y-PLAN across three high schools, engaging 129 students in the 2015-16 Academic Year.

Y-PLAN Oakland Healthy Cities Initiative 2015-16 at a Glance					
High School	Academic Fit	Students	Teachers	Client	Project
MetWest High School	9 th Grade Humanities	41	Whitney Dwyer Sonia Hansra	City of Oakland Association of Bay Area Gov't	<i>Creating an Equitable, Youth-Friendly Downtown Oakland</i>
Skyline High School	10 th Grade Alternative Energy 12 th Grade Sustainable Systems	88	Dale Feiss Ana Gomberg	City of Oakland Association of Bay Area Gov't	<i>Creating an Equitable and Sustainable Downtown Oakland.</i>



Y-PLAN Planning Projects:

- **MetWest High School:** Making Downtown Oakland a more equitable and accessible place for all people.
- **Skyline High School, 10th Grade:** Reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions related to Downtown activities.
- **Skyline High School, 12th Grade:** Resilience to and adaptations for climate change in Downtown Oakland.

Why Y-PLAN? What we offer to Oakland/OUSD

Y-PLAN offers a strategy for rigorous civic work based learning *inside* the classroom, connected to core curriculum and academic goals, and dramatically expanding the number of students engaged in high quality Work Based Learning experiences. Y-PLAN flips the script and engages the often-overlooked *civic sector* as partners. Students serve as consultants to leaders from Mayors to Public Health Directors, creating reciprocal and mutually beneficial relationships that keep new and important community partners and employer coming back to the table.

"Y-PLAN provided a means for me to achieve the large-scale, project-based learning that I have been striving for. It offered me an opportunity to push skills like teamwork and collaboration that are hard to make truly authentic in a classroom assignment." – Y-PLAN Health Academy Teacher

Y-PLAN is a **best-practice model of public participation**. It isn't just contributing to a specific project; **it's transforming the process.**
–City Manager

I learned the difference between **equality and equity**. I've also learned us teens, have the power to change and to improve our school and our community." – Y-PLAN Student