

FUTURE FORWARD



Future Forward is a pilot program serving 25 Spanish speaking 5th and 6th grade limited English proficient students in Harrisonburg City through year round advocacy and supplemental educational support. The goal of Future Forward is to ensure that all its students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma or complete a GED that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

SERVICES

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- 3 Tutoring
- 4 Summer Enrichment

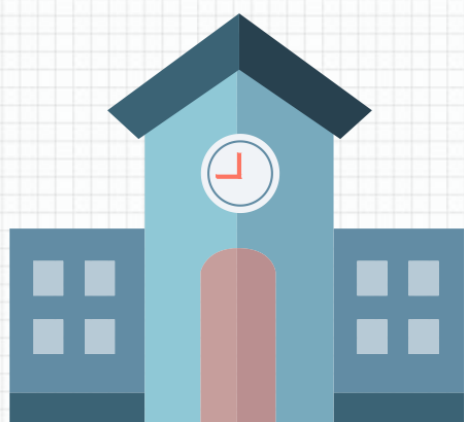
Advocacy & Student Empowerment

Future Forward strives to increase parent comfort and self-sufficiency with the school system until they are able to act as their own advocate for their child's education. Future Forward Advocates conduct frequent home visits, help families navigate the US educational system, connect families with community resources, and help families understand their individual rights to access educational, health and social services.



Future Forward Advocates empower students to set ambitious educational goals and reach them, supporting students to achieve their full potential. Advocates help students develop personal action plans that account for their current academic standing, their future educational goals, and the barriers to achieving those goals.

Interpretation/Translation/Transportation



Advocates offer interpretation services for school conferences and meetings and translation of school correspondence, documents and forms. Staff also provide transportation to and interpretation for any appointment directly related to a student's health or well-being (i.e. doctor/dental/social service appointments), and assist with translation of documents and applications from the Virginia Department of Social Services (i.e. Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF).

Tutoring

Future Forward supports student learning and expands educational opportunities in and out of school by offering home and school-based tutoring. Advocates collaborate with students from James Madison University to offer an in-home tutoring program. All volunteers undergo a background check and are carefully matched with a Future Forward student whose needs are compatible with the volunteer's skills and interests. Tutors visit the home for a minimum of one hour twice per week to assist the student with homework, school projects, studying for tests, and reviewing SOL material.



Summer Enrichment

Advocates host a week-long STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) based camp to prevent summer learning loss and keep students engaged throughout the summer.

