

Moving UP

Supporting the transition to middle & high school

Whether moving up from elementary school to middle school or from middle school to high school, these transitions are big adjustments for students and their families. With UP for Learning, these transitions can also provide opportunities for building new relationships and connections through Youth-Adult Partnership. In this program, students and families will engage in conversations and action to help make the move up to a new school positive and successful for everyone involved.

What does this look like?

UP's programs are customized to meet the needs of teams. Our past work supporting successful school transitions has included:

- 2-3 half-day retreats for school teams, bringing together youth and adults, focusing on what excites and what concerns students about the school transition.
- Fostering connections between younger and older students from different schools to help build relationships and address questions about the shift to a new school.
- An evening parent/caregiver dialogue night, supporting students in engaging with the important adults in their life around the joys and concerns that come with this change.
- Support collecting and analyzing data from students and their parents/caregivers, with the goal of fostering more meaningful conversations about the move.
- Virtual coaching sessions to support the work throughout the process.



Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning



Who Should Participate?

A representative team of upper elementary or middle school youth who will be moving up to a new school next year, as well as adults interested in exploring that process in partnership with them. Teams typically consist of 2-4 adults and 10-15 youth partners.

- Contact: Pat LaClair, pat@upforlearning.org
- Cost: \$6,500



*"UP for Learning and their student-led initiatives really crack the code in **bringing students, parents, teachers together to have fruitful, productive and caring conversations** about issues that matter."*

—parent of a 5th grade student, Ferrisburgh Central School

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