

# What is Say Yes Cleveland?



## Family Support Specialists

to connect students and families with the services they need

## Support Services

like afterschool and summer programs, free legal assistance, and mental health services, all CMSD and partner charter schools (104 buildings as of 2023).

## College Tuition Scholarships

available to all CMSD students who live within the city of Cleveland or CMSD boundaries, and have been enrolled in a CMSD (or partner charter) high school, from 9th grade through graduation

## Say Yes Scholarships

can be used at all public Ohio universities, community colleges, and Pell-eligible career certification programs, as well as over 100 private colleges and universities across the nation.



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## About

- Say Yes Cleveland launched in January 2019 to provide two big things for Cleveland students:
  - Postsecondary tuition scholarships for all eligible CMSD or charter graduates for the next 25 years.
  - Support services in CMSD and partner charter schools to help students (and families) say on track to success.



## Scholarships

- Available to eligible CMSD and charter high school graduates.
  - Must enroll in CMSD or partner charter for all of high school
  - Must live within CMSD boundaries for all of high school
- SYC Scholarships cover tuition gaps after federal and state grants
- Can be used at all Ohio public 2 and 4-year colleges and career training centers, plus 120 private colleges and universities across the country
- Say Yes Scholarship Fund has raised \$95 million (toward a \$125 million goal to cover at least 25 years) from Greater Cleveland's philanthropy, businesses, families, and individuals.
- 1,359 Say Yes Cleveland scholars currently enrolled in college or career training (from CMSD classes of 2019, '20, and '21).
  - 78 graduates from certificate programs, 2-year colleges and even 4-year colleges
  - Say Yes has paid out \$5 million+ in tuition scholarships already



## Support Services

- Say Yes Family Support Specialist (FSS) is in each school to connect students and families to needed free services, including free legal assistance; food, clothing, and hygiene supplies assistance; mental and physical health services, and more.
- The Say Yes Postsecondary Planning System (PPS) uses data tracking and surveys to help FSS's identify students who are off-track, or who need an urgent intervention or assistance.
- Say Yes support services have expanded since 2019 and are now in all CMSD and partner charter schools – 104 buildings as of Fall 2022.



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