SCHOOLS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY

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CRITICAL ISSUES



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- Increasingly diverse populations of children
- Teachers underprepared for diversity
- Cultural gap between teachers and students
- Achievement gap
- Limitations of traditional teacher education

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY



WHITELY NEIGHBORHOOD

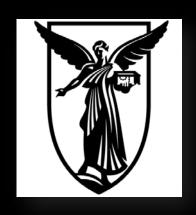
- Historically African American
- Population ~ 2,530
- 98% free and reduced lunch
- Strongly mobilized
- Heavily faith-based

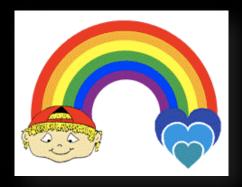


COMMUNITY PARTNERS











PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Immersive, community-based teacher education places candidates in the community for a full semester of integrated coursework

Community-based organizations provide learning spaces where the context of the community can be experienced

Elementary, early childhood, after school enrichment programs provide practicum experiences for candidates

Neighborhood mentors serve as cultural ambassadors to the community, inviting candidates to church, family gatherings, and other community events

COURSEWORK

Teaching in the Elementary / Early Childhood Classroom

Classroom Management

Literacy Education

Child Development

Children's Literature

Educational Technology

Early and Elementary Education for Social Justice

Teaching Social Studies

Educational Foundations

PEDAGOGY



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Integrated Curriculum

Topics are explored thematically across content areas.

Community Learning

 Experiences with community members and mentors allow contextual cognizance to unfold.

Critical Service Learning

 Service alongside members of the community is deconstructed within frames of racism, classism, power and privilege.

Dialogue Journals

 Weekly personal reflections and exchange between candidates and faculty

Courageous Conversation

 Weekly dialogue between faculty, candidates are structured in order to co-process experiences throughout the semester.

Conceptual Framework and Community Stories

 Candidates develop emerging conceptual frameworks, and digital community stories in order to document their learning.

PROGRAM IMPACT



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Teacher Candidates

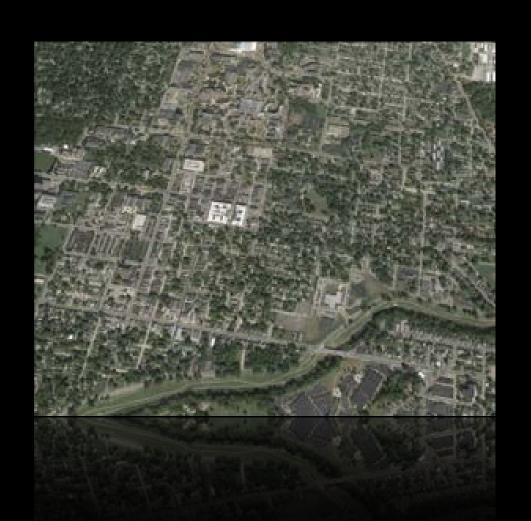


Community



P-5 Student Learning

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY IMPACT

2009



- Fundraising for the Roy C. Buley Community Center
- Collection of communityidentified need

2010



- MuncieP3 Grant
- Development of curriculum for Saturday School

2011

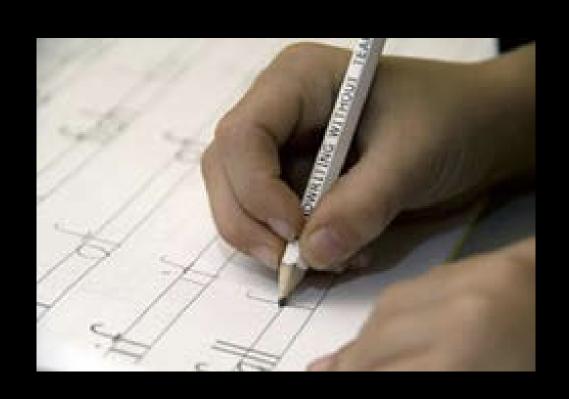


- Development of 1st grade after school curriculum
- Grant for shared school/community wellness park

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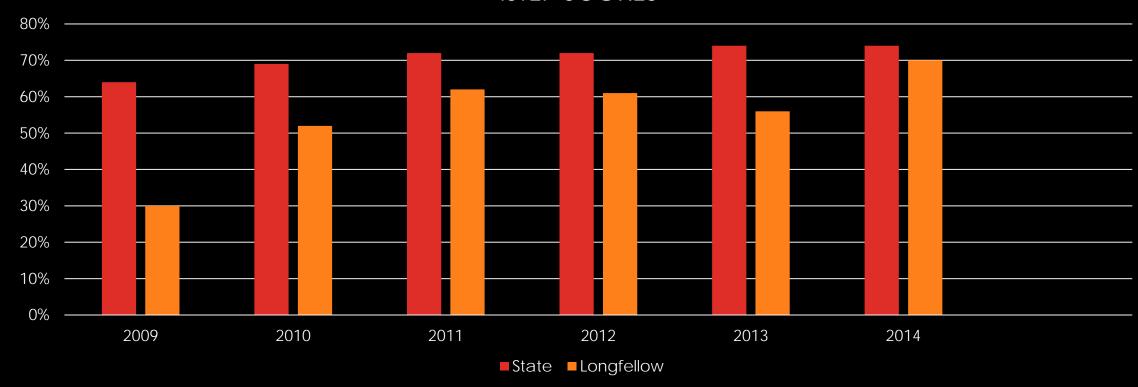
2014 2012 2013 2015 Civil Rights Unit Free Little Library Books Like Me Literacy Historic Shaffer Chapel **Event** Shaffer Chapel Museum **Digital Oral History** Books Like Me Website Canon of African Multicultural Book Fair XSTREAM American Children's Alliance for Community Literacy **Engaged Teacher Dream Unit** Preparation

IMPACT ON P-5 STUDENT LEARNING

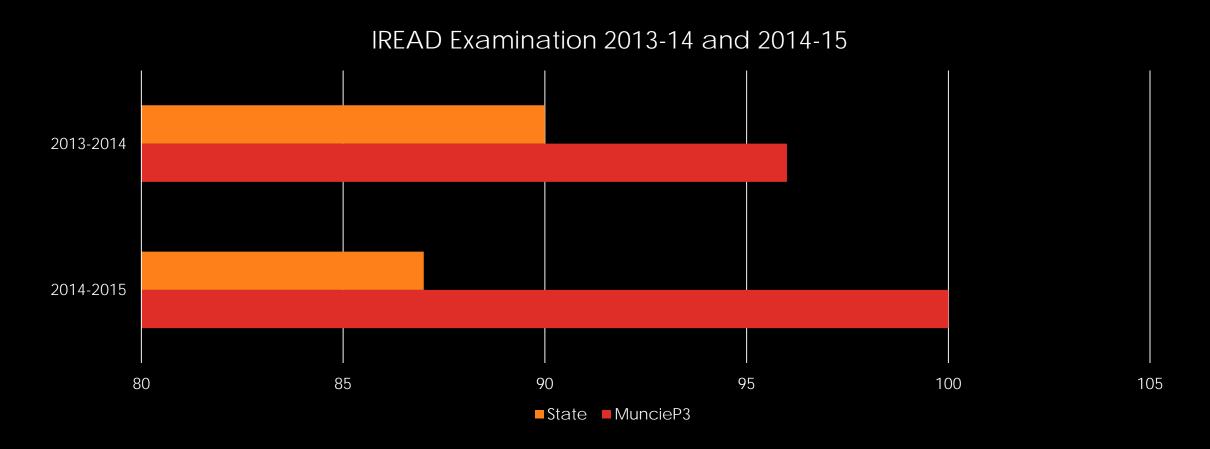


IMPACT ON P-5 STUDENT LEARNING





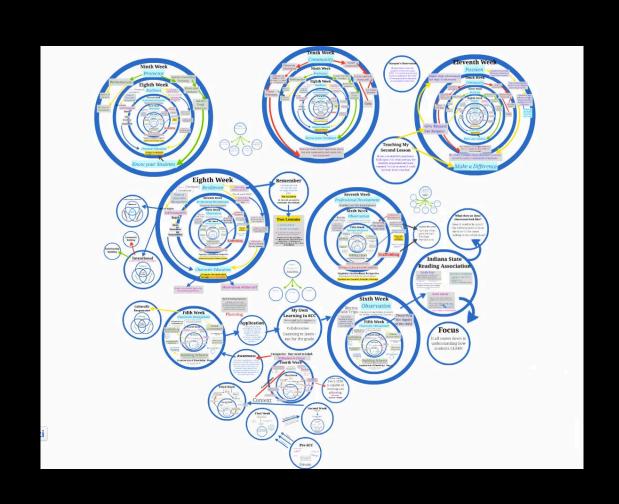
IMPACT ON P-5 STUDENT LEARNING



IMPACT ON CANDIDATES



CONCEPTUAL CHANGE



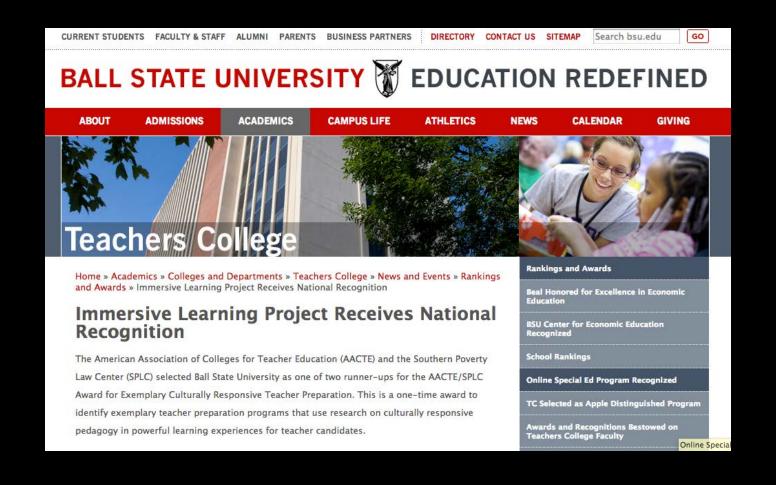
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TEACHER CANDIDATE ATTITUDES

• "I thought I was going in to this experience to help save kids and families ... what I never expected and what I have come to realize is that they saved me."

NATIONAL AWARDS

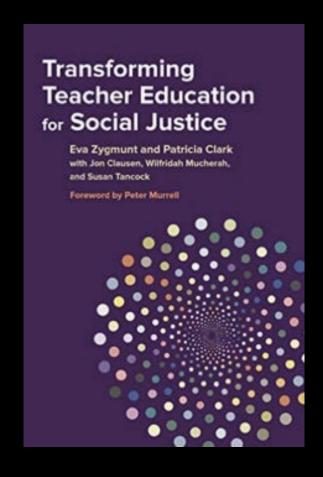


NATIONAL AWARDS



American Educational Research Association Division K Award for Innovation in Research on Diversity in Teacher Education

TRANSFORMING TEACHER EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



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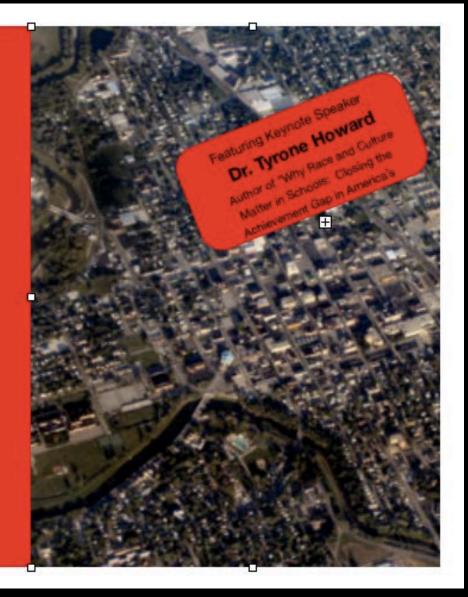
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