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Highlights

- Earned a B on the 2018 State Report Card.
- Newsweek: One of America's Top High Schools (Beating the Odds), ranked 251 out of 500 school across the country.
- 100% A in Gap Closing component of the report card. This shows how well YEC met performance expectations for our students (who are considered economically disadvantaged, Black, Hispanic) in English Language Arts, Math and Graduation.
- Recipient of EOEP (Eastern Ohio Education Partnership) Post Secondary/Matriculation Excellence in Education Award for 2018.

For more information on how to enroll your student in YREC, contact:

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YREC
A Brief History:

A partnership between Youngstown City School District and Youngstown State University, along with financial support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Jobs For The Future, Youngstown Early College (YEC) was established in 2004. The first class was selected by lottery admission, enrolling 75 ninth graders. Since then, each year student enrollment has increased to its 2019-2020 enrollment of 281 students. Students are expected to graduate in four years with a minimum of 30 semester hours or a maximum of 60 semester hours, which can result in an Associates Degree.

In 2018, in recognition of a generous donation made by the Rayen Family, YEC was renamed the Youngstown Rayen Early College (YREC). YREC is a small school, rigorous, academic environment that enhances a student’s overall academic and social-emotional well being. Our school removes demographic barriers that prevent students from achieving post-secondary success. Access to a college education creates a quality pipeline to Youngstown's community workforce.

Who is YREC?

Our mission is to prepare and develop college and career ready students in a rigorous yet supportive environment that embraces acceleration, personal development, increasing academic skill, college enrollment, and degree completion in order to become citizens that impact any community.

We are an urban public high school serving statistically underserved students in higher education such as low income, ethnicity, English language learners and first generation for grades 9-12. We provide a rigorous and supportive environment that affords scholars the opportunity to simultaneously pursue a high school diploma and a AA or up to two years of credit toward a Bachelor’s degree. Our building provides 70,000 square feet of space that provides:

- Campus Like Work Spaces
- 11th and 12th Student Lounge
- College Advisement Dept-The Hub
- Mindfulness Center
- Student Leadership Teams

COMING SOON! Maker Space (Awarded $15,000 thus far)

Why Choose YREC?

Our students excel academically.

- **Five-year high school graduation rates:**
  - YREC = 100%
  - Youngstown City = 78.5%
  - State of Ohio = 86.1%
  (As reported in the 2018 Ohio State Report Card).

- **Five-Year high school GPAs:**
  - Average: 3.41
    - Hispanic: 3.61
    - White: 3.52
    - African American: 3.37

- **Upward trend in AA degree completion rates:**
  - 2008: 4%
  - 2012: 28%
  - 2018: 60%

  85% of YREC scholars matriculate to college immediately after high school*

  46% graduate with one or more degrees*

  *According to the National Student Clearinghouse, 2018

- **Graduate With College Credit**
  - 100% of all YREC scholars have earned college credit compared to the national ECHS average of 94% (Webb & Gerwin (2014)).
  - 85% of YREC graduates earn 25 college credits or more.
  - The average number of college credits available to YREC scholars upon graduation is 68 college credits.
  - Graduates earn an average of 59.79 college credits upon graduating from high school.

Experience the World

YREC provides meaningful experiences for our scholars by teaching critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and global competence. We are committed to making these experiences accessible to as many scholars as possible. Our students have traveled to France, Spain, Italy, Washington D.C, New York and Costa Rica.

### Demographics

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- Black: 66%
- White: 14%
- Hispanic: 15%
- Multiracial: 5%