

# “PADRES COMPROMETIDOS” MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

A parental involvement program for Latino parents

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Promoting the Social, Economic and Civic Advancement of Latino Families in Middle Tennessee  
Promoviendo el Progreso Social, Económico y Cívico de las Familias Latinas en el Centro de Tennessee

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LATEST NEWS

COMING UP

### Roundtable (Date Changed!)

## Effects of the Economic Downturn on Mexican Immigration to the United States

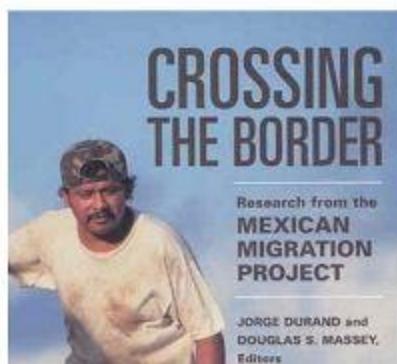
First Amendment Center, September 7th, 5:00 p.m.

Conexión Américas is proud to partner with **The Center for Latin American Studies at Vanderbilt**, along with **The Wilson Center**, to host a roundtable discussion on the effects of the recent economic downturn on Mexican immigration to the United States. The panel will bring together leading experts to analyze the interrelation of immigration, economic crisis, and increased border security, and what this means for Mexico as well.

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"Discussion of Mexican migration to the United States is often infused with ideological rhetoric untested

Our mission is to help Latino families realize their aspirations for social and economic advancement by promoting their integration into the Middle Tennessee community



Research & anecdotes from the Consejo Hispano concluded that:

- Parents are reluctant to enter and participate in schools due to a variety of reasons
- Help is particularly needed for middle and high school aged students
- Shortage of interpreters
- Rough transition to USA for immigrants
- Culture of fear among immigrant families

Research Source: Source: Donato, Katharine M. and Melissa Marschall (2007). *Immigrant Parent Involvement in Schools, Communities and Politics*. A Proposal to the National Science Foundation.



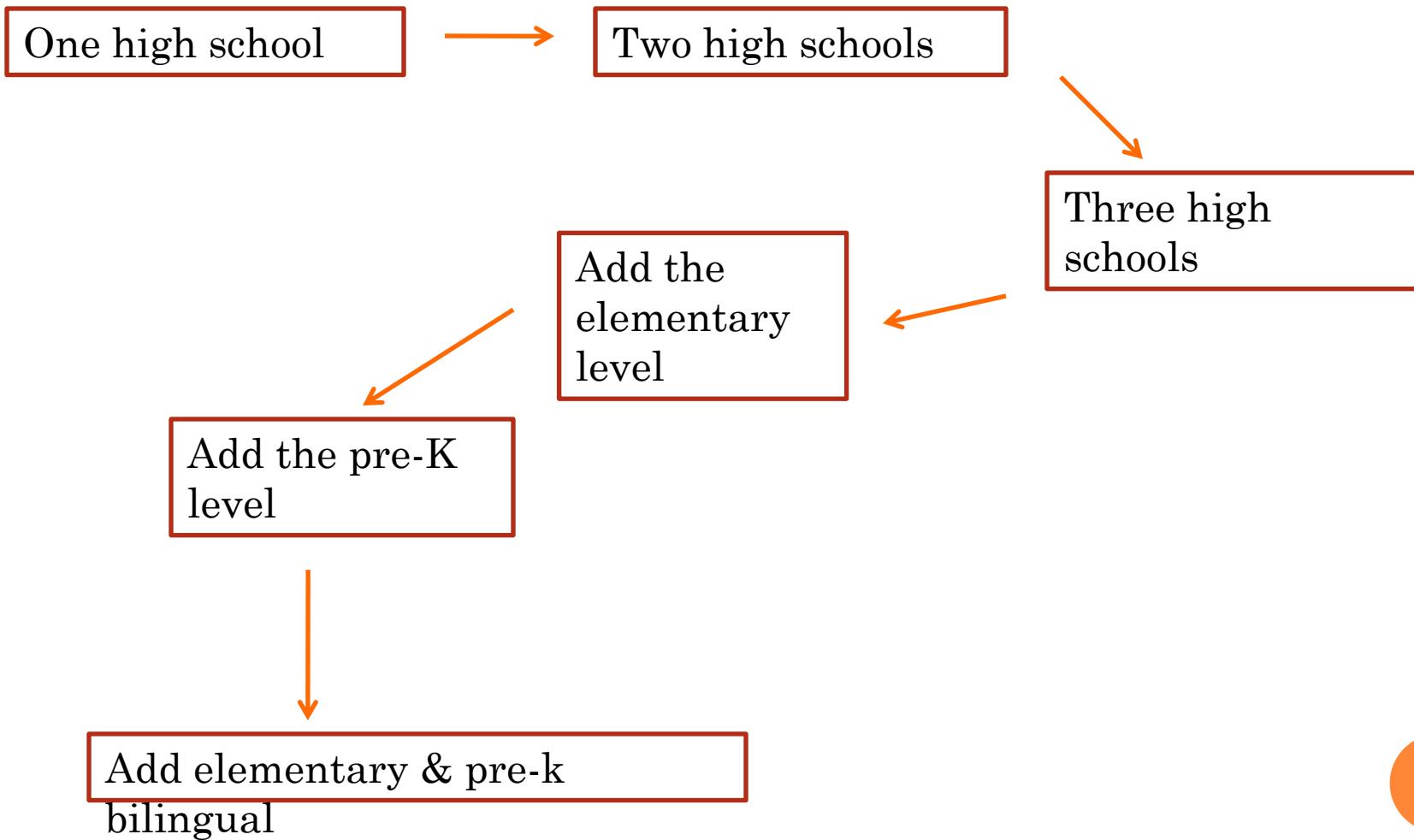
A 9 week series of workshops conducted in Spanish



Led by parent facilitators



# STORY OF PAP



# A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR SCHOOL/POPULATION....

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Glencliff High School website. At the top, there's a banner featuring the school's name "GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL" in large white letters on a blue background, with a crest and a building image. Below the banner is a red navigation bar with links for Programs, Activities, Parents and Students, Faculty, Calendar & News, and Our School. Underneath the navigation bar are links for Home, Contact, Site Map, Search, and a "Go" button. On the left side, there's a sidebar with "MNPS Announcements" and links to various school news items like Parent Portal, GHS Prom 2011 Request List, New Standard Dress Code, TennCare Check Ups, and Glencliff School Improvement Plan. There are also links for social media (Facebook and Twitter) and School Events/Athletic Events/School Profile. The main content area features a large image of the school building and a central graphic for "The Academies of Nashville GLENCLIFF".

**GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL**

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**MNPS Announcements**

The Open Enrollment period runs March 1-31. Applications and a full list of schools available are posted online. [Click here](#) for more. [Período de Inscripción Abierta](#)

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THE FORD ACADEMY OF BUSINESS

MNPS

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THE ACADEMIES OF NASHVILLE

**GLENCLIFF**

THE ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY & MARKETING

THE ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL & URBAN PLANNING

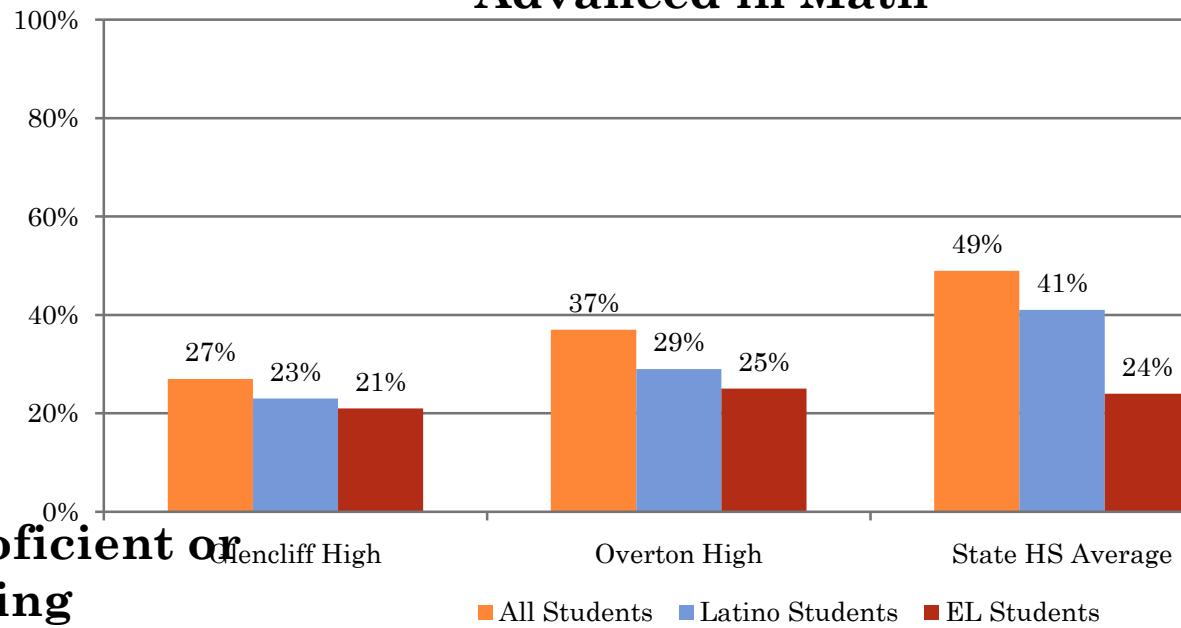
THE ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH

- Over 40 languages spoken at home by students at GHS
- Over 400 Latino students = 30% of the population
- 83% FARL
- 73% graduation rate for all students
- 59% graduation rate for Latinos

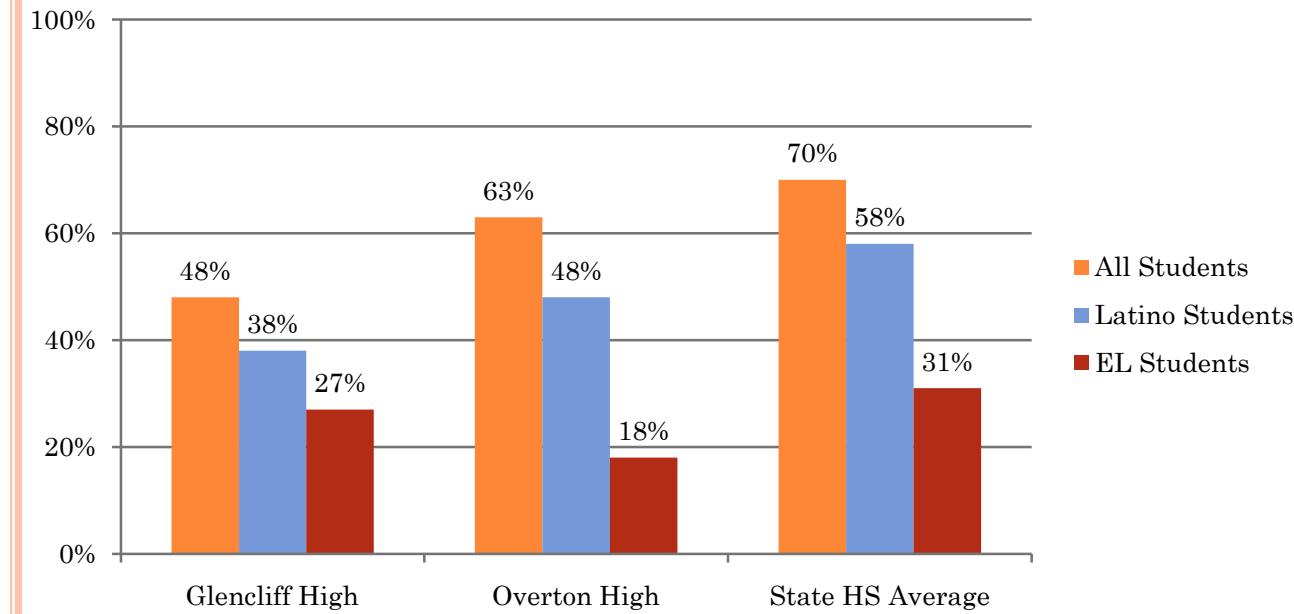


## % of Students scoring Proficient or Advanced in Math

NCLB DATA



## % of Students scoring Proficient or Advanced in Reading



# MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

## TOPICS :

1. Understanding your Adolescent
2. Family Strengths
3. Modeling Positive Behavior
4. Committed Parents
5. How the School System Functions
6. Checklist for College Preparation



VIDEO OF MOM

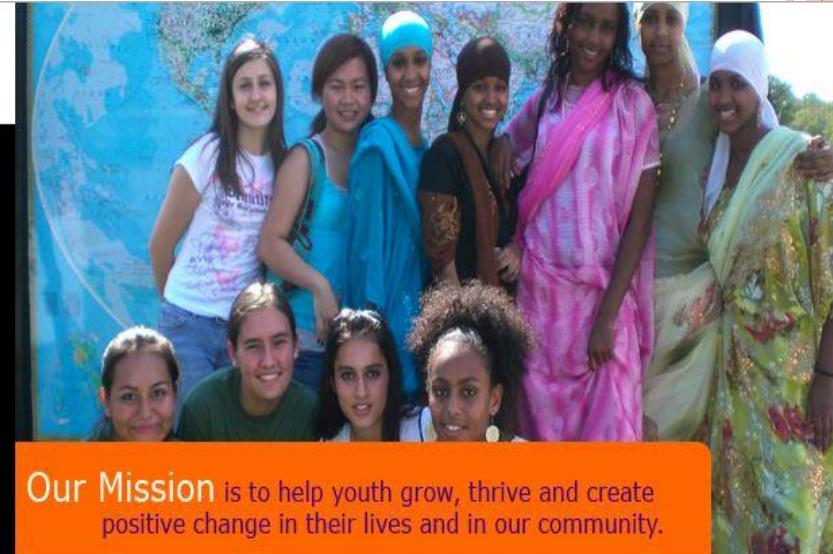


# FACILITATORS & TRAINING



# TEEN AND CHILD PROGRAMMING

- Community partners such as Oasis Center
- Issues such as acculturation, identity, gangs & drugs, goals & college prep
- Adventure Science Center
- Teen art project with Latino artist Jairo Prado



**Our Mission** is to help youth grow, thrive and create positive change in their lives and in our community.



# DIALOGUE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Same kinds of questions:

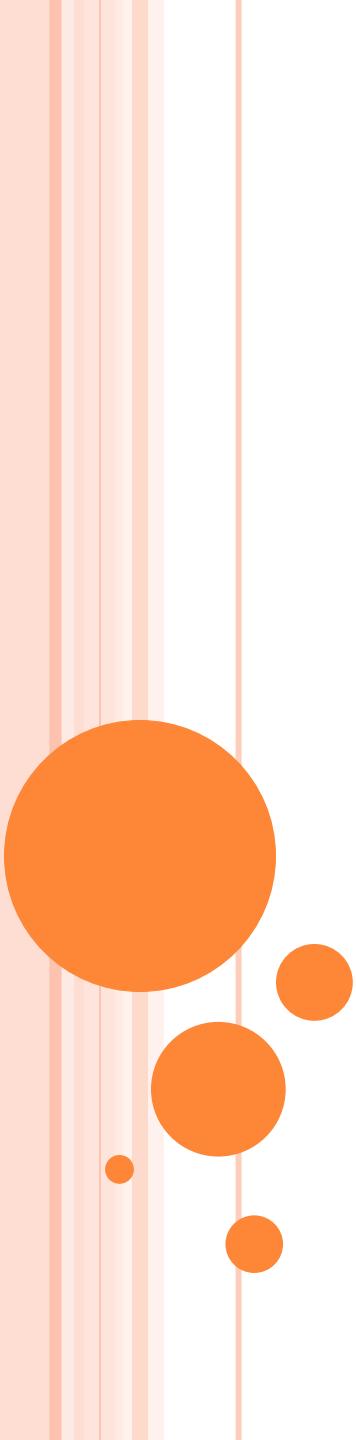
1. Security
2. Conduct
3. Relationships
4. Discrimination
5. Gangs
6. Drugs & Alcohol
7. Discipline



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# GRADUATION





## EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES:

- THE IGRIEGA
- CAMINO AL ÉXITO
- THE LETTER
- HOMEWORK
- POSITIVE DISCIPLINE “The Hand”

## *El Camino al éxito*



Miss \_\_\_\_\_:

Tantas cosas he aprendido de usted en este año. Desearía que no tuviera que irse, pero todo pasa por una razón. Sé que le vienen cosas muy buenas en su vida, y sé que no se va olvidar de nosotros como nosotros no vamos a olvidarla. Sobre todo por sus enseñanzas y su carácter ha sido la más activa y afectiva. He aprendido de usted no solo Ingles II, pero las formas correctas de la vida que es algo que he valorado mucho este año. El año pasado estaba planeando abandonar la escuela preparatoria ya no quería asistir a la escuela y pensaba que no necesitaba asistir mas. Comentarios que usted hizo acerca de mi inteligencia y como me motivaba para sobrepasar obstáculos imposibles me ayudaron a concluir que tengo una gran oportunidad en mi vida. Su efecto, sus enseñanzas tuvieron un gran impacto en mí. Como le dije, quisiera que no se fuera, pero al saber que su vida va a mejorar, que va a ser feliz y va tener una vida plena, hace que todo valga la pena.

Con cariño,  
Lorenzo

PS: Búsqueme en el futuro,  
estará jugando fútbol en la universidad  
así que no será difícil de encontrar.

## PREGUNTAS PARA DIALOGAR

¿QUÉ LE FALTABA EN LA VIDA A ESTE ESTUDIANTE QUE LA MAESTRA LE PUDO OFRECER?

¿QUÉ EFECTO TUVO LAS PALABRAS DE LA MAESTRA EN LAS ASPIRACIONES ACADÉMICAS DE LORENZO?

¿QUÉ NOS ENSEÑA COMO PADRES EL PODER Y EL EFECTO QUE TIENEN NUESTRAS ACCIONES Y PALABRAS SOBRE EL FUTURO DE NUESTROS HIJOS?

## Capítulo UNO: Comprender a su adolescente

Yo soy \_\_\_\_\_ y mi meta para esta semana es:  
voy a cultivar el éxito escolar de mis hijos.

Seleccione una de las opciones abajo para practicar en casa esta semana:

- Reconocer y reforzar una característica positiva de mi hijo.
- Hablar con mis hijos sobre los valores que son importantes para mi y mi familia.
- Hablar con mis hijos sobre las reglas de la casa. Dejarles tomar parte en el proceso de crear reglas y consecuencias justas que son aceptables para mi y para ellos.
- Hablar con mis hijos sobre sus sueños y las opciones que tienen en el futuro. Decirles que quiero que se gradúen de la high school y vayan a la universidad.
- Recordar que la opinión que tengo sobre mis hijos es muy importante para ellos. Cuando hablo con ellos, voy a enfocar en mandar mensajes positivos.

Decirles Sí se puede. Voy a decirles:

- "te quiero"
- "tú eres tú, y yo aprecio y reconozco tus talentos únicos"
- "estás madurando, ¿cuál es tu opinión sobre este asunto?"

- Otro: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Y el resultado fue?



Día 1



# ATTENDANCE, ETC

## Middle/High School:

From September 2008 to Spring 2011

210 parents attended    124 graduated

## Elementary & Pre-K:

90 parents attended    60 graduated

"The parents that we have been able to reach are typically those of some of the most at-risk, disengaged populations. A quick look at our data will show that these are, by far, the areas of highest need in my school [...] I have seen that this has been a high yield strategy for engaging Hispanic and ELL populations."

-Overton HS Principal



# THE RESULTS SHOW...

Question	% Yes before program	% Yes after program
I know how to help maintain my child's interest in graduating from high school	14%	100%
I understand what standardized tests and GPA are	14%	100%
I understand the requirements to enroll in a university	14%	100%
I know how to help my child with his/her homework	29%	100%
I feel more prepared to meet with my child's teacher	14%	100%
I feel welcome in my child's school	57%	75%
I believe that my child's success depends on my participation in his/her school	100%	100%



## AREAS FOR GROWTH....

- More schools
- Attendance/ retention
- English version
- School/faculty understanding/ true buy-in
- Leadership portion for parents → jump to be truly active parents
- Awareness vs. concrete tools



# Q & A TIME...

Do you have any questions?

How can we help each other?



Thanks for coming  
today!

