

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL



United Way
of the Greater
Clarksville Region

DID YOU KNOW?

- 46% of children start school without adequate language, literacy, social and emotional skills
- 67% of fourth-graders can't read proficiently
- Only 20% of 8th graders are ready for high school
- Some 25% of high school students don't graduate on time
- 15% of 18 to 24 year-olds aren't working or in school

United Way is working to cut in half the number of high school dropouts by 2018. It's central to our mission to improve education. It's a big job.

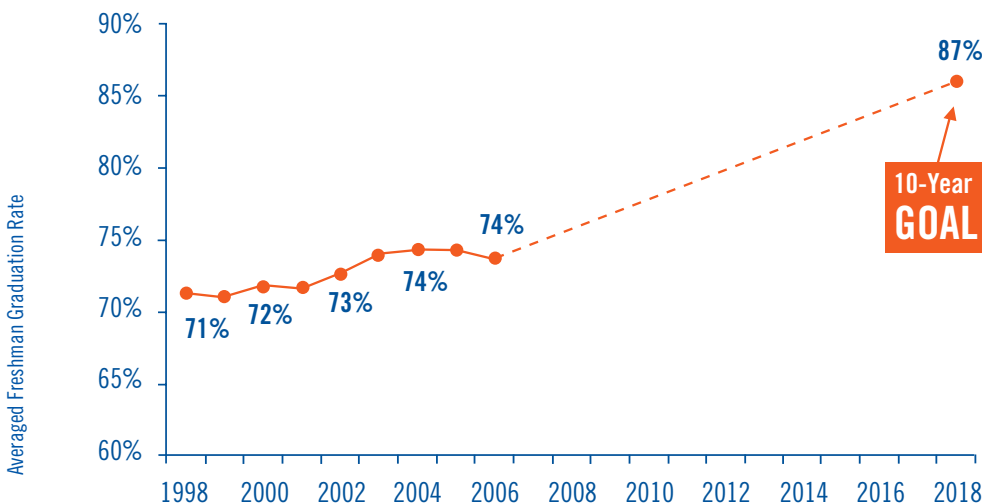
We have to start long before school does. Disadvantaged children come to school years behind their peers, but rarely catch up. The same children struggling to read in 3rd grade are getting suspended in middle school — and dropping out a few years later.

High school graduation is a critical building block for a good life. That's why United Way has put a stake in the ground — and is putting energy, focus and resources behind meeting this ambitious goal.

UNITED WAY 10-YEAR GOAL:

Cut America's
High School
Dropout Rate
in Half

EDUCATION 10-YEAR GOAL: RAISE THE GRADUATION RATE



Source: Common Core of Data, National Center for Education Statistics

