



Girls in Action™

"Ready for the World, Ready to Compete."

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*North Community School
Edison High School
Roosevelt High School
Henry High School*

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Mission

The mission of Girls in Action™ is to decrease and prevent violence among high school girls while positively engaging them in academics and leadership.

History

Girls in Action™ began in September 2005 at North Community High School, a large urban public school in Minneapolis. The project founded and directed by Dr. Verna Cornelia Price, is staffed with certified Girls in Action™ consultants. The weekly project extends throughout the academic year and is integrated into the regular school day and cover four core curriculum components: personal power, leadership, service-learning and career coaching. In September 2006 **Girls in Action™** expanded to include Edison High School and Roosevelt High School, and in September 2007 expanded to include Henry High School.

Program Highlights

- ◆ **Girls in Action™** served 350 girls across four Minneapolis Public High Schools (North, Roosevelt, Edison and Henry).
- ◆ In 2006, the Founder of **Girls in Action™** was honored by the Anne Bancroft Foundation for her leadership to girls and women.
- ◆ **Girls in Action™** engaged in many educational explorations including: Bethel University, the University of Minnesota, General Mills and Best Buy Corporation and Feed my Starving Children.
- ◆ **Rights to Passage**, a leadership initiative of **Girls in Action™**, was featured at the 2008 National Service Learning Conference in Minneapolis, MN, where the girls directed a workshop highlighting lessons they learned about the rights of women around the world.
- ◆ A TEALIT™ (Tea + Literary) Celebration was held at the College of St. Catherine to honor the girls in the project.
- ◆ A record number of women leaders (350) served as mentors, career coaches, volunteers, speakers, and chaperones.

Implementing Girls in Action™ in Your Local High School

1. Contact us, preferably via email, with a detailed assessment of the academic and social culture that currently exists among girls in your school.
2. Schedule meeting with a **Girls in Action™** team member to discuss an implementation process for your school.