

Title: Urban Day School Collection

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Abstract: With the close of the St. Benedict the Moor School in the 1960s, social activists established the Urban Day School (UDS) in 1967 to provide high quality education for central city children and to preserve a neighborhood school. The school had less than 200 students initially but expanded to nearly 1,000 at its peak. UDS operated at several locations before finding a permanent home in the early 1970s at 24th and Vliet streets in the old St. Michael's Parish school building. UDS had the distinction of being Milwaukee's first Choice School in 1990. Milwaukee's Social Development Commission asked UDS to open a second Head Start site, which it did at 12th and Atkinson in the Holy Angels parochial school building. In 2008, UDS applied for and received permission to open as a Charter School in 2009. The loss of federal Head Start funding and other financial difficulties prompted school leaders to close the school after the 2015-2016 school year.

Scope and Content: The collection consist of reports, minutes, newspaper clippings, photos, publications and other ephemera documenting the school's history and activities. Of particular interest is the material related to UDS's participation in the still controversial school choice and charter school efforts.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

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Urban Day School – School & Student Publications -“A Dream of Light” (Art & Poetry by UDS students) - “Discovering Urban Day: The Pride of Urban Day” - Urban Day School Handbook, 1977-1978 - Urban Day School: A Good Place to Grow, 1986 - Urban Day School: Passport to Knowledge, ca. 1986 - Urban Day School: Serving Milwaukee’s Urban Youth, 1967-2016 (2 copies) - St. Benedict the Moor Institute Catalog, ca. 1928	5	4
Wellness-School Nurse	5	5
Yearbooks, 1975-1977, 2016	5	6
Evaluation-Final Report, Milwaukee Urban Day School by Executive Systems Corporation, 1970-1971	5	Loose
Fundraising Ledger	5	Loose
Success for All Foundation – Participant Books, Resource Guides, etc.	6	Loose
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DVD: 8 th Grade Graduation Photos, June 2, 2016	Loose
DVD: Urban Day School Founder’s Day, September 28, 2010	Loose
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DVD: Urban Day School, January 27, 2011	Loose
DVD: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at Urban Day School, January 10, 2012	Loose
Urban Day School Science Fair, 2012	Loose
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DVD’s/VHS Tapes/CD’s Transferred to Multimedia Collection:	
VHS: Commemorating our 25 th Anniversary, 1992	
DVD: Urban Day School Video (2 copies)	
DVD: <i>60 Minutes</i> at Urban Day School, October 6, 1991 (2 copies)	
CD: Urban Day School – The Early Years: Conversations with the Founders, 2008 (5 copies)	
CD: Urban Day School 1960’s	
CD: The History of Urban Day School: Interview with UDS Founder Gerald Schaefer, May 14, 2012	
CD: Various Urban Day School Radio Ads with WJMR Radio (6 disks)	