MATCH Corps

The MATCH Corps program began in 2004 and is the first of its kind in the nation. The Corps is a group of 90 top recent college graduates who work one-on-one with six to eight MATCH High School or Middle School students each day for an entire academic year. Corps members live together in apartments nearby the Middle School and in a dorm on the top floor of the High School. Both schools are award-winning open-admission Charter Public High Schools in Boston, MA. This full-time service year program is designed to fully close the academic Achievement Gap between minority students and their non-minority peers, one student at a time. Each Corps member works to guarantee the academic success of MATCH students while building personal relationships. Corps members also undertake secondary projects such as serving as teaching assistants, and may also coach teams and power extracurricular programs.

We also offer an optional teacher training program called MATCH Teacher Residency. In MTR, Corps members receive additional training on the weekends with the aim of becoming unusually effective first year teachers in high-poverty schools. Graduates of MTR go on to teach at some of the most highly regarded charter schools in the country and tend to outperform other rookie teachers in the classroom.

The highly-selective MATCH Corps allows idealistic and dedicated young people to invest their time and energy in depth over breadth, focusing their attention on a few students and their needs and goals. MATCH Corps is not necessarily looking for the future teachers of America. We want future doctors, lawyers, MBAs, architects, we want majors from math, political science, literature, economics, engineering -- anyone willing to work tirelessly for one year to erase, not narrow, the Achievement Gap. Corps members who know they want to teach for at least two years in a high-poverty charter school should opt in to MATCH Teacher Residency (see above).

MATCH has received much recognition since it opened its doors in the fall of 2000 for its rigorous, innovative approach to urban education. In 2010, MATCH was named one of the 100 best high schools in the nation by Newsweek, was awarded silver medal status by US News and World Report, and was mentioned in editorials in the New York Times and the Washington Post.

To learn more, check out this video intro: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yM291nEag70. To apply, go to: http://apply.matchschool.org/apply.php.