Redwood City School District

This report presents outcomes of Big Lift Inspiring Summers - a holistic learning experience blending academics with enrichment, social-emotional skill development, and community engagement.

Program Goals
• Promote the love of learning
• Prevent Summer Learning Loss
• Accelerate and increase literacy levels in scholars who are below grade level before the beginning of the new year
• Build positive relationships between scholars and educators
• Increase scholar engagement in learning activities

Academics
Growth in literacy skills is an important indicator of student success and are measured via pre- and post-program assessments.

+3 average reading gains in months

Growth Mindset
Scholars develop a love of learning by focusing on goals that are attainable through dedication and hard work.

96% of parents reported their child improved in their ability to overcome challenges
86% of teachers said scholars exhibited growth mindset

Self-Confidence
Self Confidence is the key to scholars’ success in school, college, and their careers.

96% of parents reported an increase in their child’s confidence
100% of teachers reported an increase in scholars’ confidence
94% of parents reported their child having a more positive attitude about school

Professional Development
BellXcel empowered educators with 21st Century instructional skills and strategies they can transfer into the classroom in the school year.

100% of teachers said BellXcel developed their professional skills
100% of teachers said teaching in the Inspiring Summers program was rewarding
100% of teachers would recommend Inspiring Summers to parents

Family Engagement
Weekly reports and events engaged parents and caregivers in their child’s education.

94% of parents became more involved in their child’s education
100% of parents were highly-satisfied with the Inspiring Summers program
98% of parents would recommend Inspiring Summers to other parents

Source: BellXcel 2019 STAR assessments and stakeholder surveys
Enrichment courses were designed to foster critical 21st Century skills like teamwork and leadership, increase self-confidence, and expose scholars to new subjects, opportunities, and career paths. Scholars rotated through the following courses:

- Fairytale Engineering
- Robots with Dots and Dash
- Math All Around
- Creative Chemistry

Field trips, special events, and guest speakers supported learning by exposing scholars to diverse ideas, people, places, and opportunities while nurturing increased tolerance and critical-thinking skills. Experiences included:

- Schaberg Library, Redwood City Public Library
- On Site Experience: Imagination Playground
- Speaker Amber Hines, Soul Soup Music
- On Site Experience: Rig-a-ma-jig
- On Site Experience: Insect Discovery Lab

School Partners
- Roosevelt Elementary

Community Partners
- Redwood City Public Libraries
- San Mateo County Libraries
- Redwood City School District
- San Mateo County Office of Education

Financial Supporters
- Tipping Point Community
- San Mateo County Measure K
- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- San Mateo County Office of Education
- San Mateo County Libraries