

Sanford Middle School Community Education Review 2015-2016

Program Highlight:

We had about **160 students** attend daily for afterschool programming and **58%** of students who participated in the program reached **30 days** or more. When students participate for 30 days or more the program had a significant impact. The **hot dinner program** was added with an average of **100 students** partaking each night. Over 100 students surveyed TWICE this year for great student feedback in the program.



Leadership and Responsibility

After gaining business skills for a semester, the **11 Create Your Own Business students** developed their own brownie business. They made **over \$300** profit. Students were able to adjust business practices and try again. This group was real go getters!

With majority new members, our **14 person Jazz Band performed** three times in front of over 200 people.

Communication and Collaboration

80 person One Voice, GLBT choir provided 3 vocal and social justice workshops and performed with our **11 Glee Students** for all the afterschool classes.

40 students learned the art of debate with the best year yet and **city-wide champs!**

The Spring Wizard of Oz with a 70s twist involved 50 Actors but also an additional 40 students behind the scenes to do hair, makeup, set design and lighting.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Environmental Club presented for **University of Minnesota** faculty about their experience exploring native pollinators in Minnesota.

9 energetic boys dived deep into the Magic the Gathering. They participated in **skill workshops** and hosted their own **draft party** at DreamVault Comics.



The **5 girl solar boat crew** took 2nd overall and crowd favorite recognition.

8 Students tested their chess skills by participating in 2 all day Chess Tournaments.

3 students participated for over 30 days in a new freedom School literacy based enrichment class.

Social and Cross-Cultural Skills

36 student Soccer TEAM participated in middle school city-wide soccer summit with **5 other Middle Schools** and challenged Antwan an individual match through a grant written by Community Education.

8 motivated female students raised awareness to feminism through a school-wide poster campaign and explored women in art at the Walker Art Museum. Additionally, students brought their own issues lessons to teach each other.



11 Students attended the Latino Peace Conference and explored what it means to be Latino.

7 students developed **cross-generational relationships** through drama, in our intergenerational drama class. They developed lifelong appreciation of a variety of generations.



Student Voice & Ideas

Students are the core of our program! We create **3 new classes** just from student suggestions. The hope is to make this increase each year!

Through the SAYO survey, students said..

- **86%** of students said they learned something new and felt challenged
- **96%** of students felt the adults in the program listened and respected their ideas
- **88%** of students tell themselves doing well in school now will help them later
- **97%** of students said they will graduate high school while **95%** said they will go to college



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