

# Project SUCCESS

## EVALUATION REPORT SUMMARY

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## Summary of Important Findings

The results of the evaluation conducted at the end of the 2003-04 school year illustrate that Project SUCCESS is indeed a success. Responses from all groups participating in the surveys—students, core English teachers, staff, parents, and alumni; 4,900 in all—reflect very positive feelings toward the program and, more importantly, recognition of the many outcomes it achieves. Following are examples of survey results [from Anne Sullivan Middle School](#) that address many of the program’s main objectives.

### ***Demographics***

- Over 42% of Anne Sullivan students identified themselves as African American.
- More than 4% identified themselves as Asian or Pacific Islander.
- Just under 7% identified themselves as Latino or Hispanic.
- Nearly 20% of Anne Sullivan students identified themselves as Native American.
- Just over 40% of Anne Sullivan students identified themselves as White.

### ***Student Perceptions***

- Over 95% of Anne Sullivan students felt that going to plays with Project SUCCESS was valuable.
- Nearly 94% said the in-class workshops were valuable.
- More than 93% of students said the after-school activities were valuable.
- More than 85% of students said Project SUCCESS “gave me useful advice and information.”
- Over 81% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS “helped me understand classmates who have different perspectives and experiences.”
- Nearly 74% of students said Project SUCCESS “helped me understand myself better.”

### ***Teacher Perceptions***

- 100% of teachers polled at Anne Sullivan indicated that going to plays with Project SUCCESS was valuable.
- 100% of teachers also indicated that the in-class workshops were valuable.
- All of the Anne Sullivan teachers said Project SUCCESS had a positive effect on students’ getting their school work done.

- 75% of the teachers polled said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on students' knowledge of how to reach their goals.
- All of the teachers polled also said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on their students' feelings about themselves.
- A quarter of Anne Sullivan teachers polled said Project SUCCESS had a positive effect on students' overall grades.
- Half of teachers polled also said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on students' overall attendance.
- 100% of polled Anne Sullivan teachers indicated that Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on students' relationships with teachers.
- 100% of the polled Anne Sullivan teachers also said that Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on students' relationships with other students.
- One quarter of teachers said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on students' relationships with their family.

### ***Future Planning***

- Nearly 82% of Anne Sullivan students in Project SUCCESS indicated the program "helped me think about my future."
- Over 81% of students said Project SUCCESS "helped me identify more choices than I thought I had."
- More than 76% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS helped them set goals.
- Over 72% of students said Project SUCCESS helped them take action on those goals.
- 81% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS inspired and motivated them to pursue their dreams.

### ***Impact on School Life***

- Over 77% of Anne Sullivan students said they made a special effort to attend school for Project SUCCESS activities.
- Nearly 38% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS had a positive effect on their ability to get their school work done.
- Almost 60% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on their knowledge of how to reach their goals and dreams.

- Over 41% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on their overall attendance at school.
- More than a third of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS had a positive effect on their overall grades.

### ***Understanding of Self and Others***

- Over 37% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on their relationships with teachers.
- Nearly 47% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on their relationships with other students.
- Over 47% of Anne Sullivan students said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on their feelings about themselves.
- Over 40% said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on time they spent with family members.

### ***Theater Experience***

- Nearly 65% of Anne Sullivan students indicated that they had seen a play with Project SUCCESS.
- Nearly 53% of Anne Sullivan students who saw a play said they attended with their family.
- Over 54% said they would attend again, given the chance.

It is clear from the survey results that those who participate regard the program highly and value each of its components. It will be critical to continue outreach and funding efforts so that even more students and families can benefit from the important opportunities that Project SUCCESS has to offer.