

Project SUCCESS

EVALUATION REPORT SUMMARY

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Summary of Important Findings

The results of the evaluation conducted at the end of the 2004-05 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 Washington Technology Magnet Middle School](#) that address many of the program's main objectives.

Demographics

- More than 25% of Washington students identified themselves as African American.
- More than 52% identified themselves as Asian or Pacific Islander.
- Just over 12% identified themselves as Latino or Hispanic.
- Nearly 12% of Washington students identified themselves as Native American.
- Over 19% of Washington students identified themselves as White.

Student Perceptions

- Over 83% of Washington students felt that going to plays with Project SUCCESS was valuable.
- Nearly 98% said the in-class workshops were valuable.
- More than 93% of students said Project SUCCESS “gave me useful advice and information.”
- Over 87% of Washington students said Project SUCCESS “helped me understand classmates who have different perspectives and experiences.”
- Nearly 91% of students said Project SUCCESS “helped me understand myself better.”

Teacher Perceptions

- Two-thirds of the teachers polled indicated that going to plays with Project SUCCESS was a valuable experience. The other third had not attended a play with Project SUCCESS.
- All of the teachers indicated that they considered the in-class workshops to be valuable.
- All of the teachers with knowledge of the subject indicated that the Theater Residency with Project SUCCESS was a valuable experience.

- Nearly 73% of Washington teachers said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on their students' knowledge of how to reach their goals and dreams.
- Almost 64% of Washington teachers said Project SUCCESS had a positive effect on their students' feelings about themselves.
- Over 27% of Washington teachers said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on their students' overall grades.
- Over 45% of Washington teachers said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on their students' relationships with teachers.
- Nearly 55% of Washington teachers said Project SUCCESS had a positive effect on their students' relationships with other students.

Future Planning

- Nearly 96% of Washington students in Project SUCCESS indicated the program "helped me think about my future."
- Over 92% of students said Project SUCCESS "helped me identify more choices than I thought I had."

Impact on School Life

- Over 76% of Washington students said they made a special effort to attend school for Project SUCCESS activities.
- Nearly 74% of Washington students said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on their knowledge of how to reach their goals and dreams.
- More than 45% of Washington students said Project SUCCESS had a positive effect on their overall grades.

Understanding of Self and Others

- Nearly 30% of Washington students said Project SUCCESS had a positive impact on their relationships with teachers.
- Nearly 45% of Washington students said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on their relationships with other students.
- Over 55% of Washington students said Project SUCCESS had a positive influence on their feelings about themselves.

Theater Experience

- Nearly 20% of Washington students indicated that they had seen a play with Project SUCCESS.
- 31% of Washington students who saw a play said they attended with their family.

- More than one-third 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.