

# **POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY UPDATE**

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# POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY OVERVIEW

## The Program:

- **Addresses the achievement gap through access to high-quality summer learning for high-risk, Title One school students.**
- **Provided in partnership with BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life), who supplies evidence based curriculum and evaluations.**
- **Conducted with local schools to support students in literacy, math, and enrichment activities in STEM and the arts, along with a health curriculum.**

# POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY OVERVIEW

## Partnership with the Commonwealth:

- **2017: Partnership provided \$300,000 in a reallocation from the Remedial Summer School Fund**
- **2018: Partnership increased to \$550,000 for both 2018 and 2019.**

# 2017 POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY

Association	Partner	Scholars
Bedford YMCA	Bedford County Public Schools	106
YMCA of Central Virginia	Amherst County Public Schools	166
	Appomattox County Public Schools	
	Lynchburg City Schools	
YMCA of Greater Richmond	Petersburg City Public Schools	224
	Richmond Public Schools	
YMCA of South Hampton Roads	Chesapeake Public Schools	118
<b>Total</b>	N/A	<b>614</b>

# 2017 POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY STATEWIDE

## Results

- **614 Scholars Served**
- **+1.0 Average Reading Gain, in Months**
- **+1.5 Average Math Gain, in Months**
- **89% - Teachers reporting that scholars increased their self-confidence**
- **97% - Parents reporting that scholars enjoyed their BELL Summer experience**
- **84% - Parents reporting they became more involved in their scholar's education**



# 2018 POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY

Association	Partner	Scholars
Bedford YMCA	Bedford County Public Schools	120
Rappahannock YMCA	King George County Schools	155
	Stafford County Public Schools	
YMCA of Central Virginia	Amherst County Public Schools	225
	Appomattox County Public Schools	
	Lynchburg City Schools	
YMCA of Greater Richmond	Petersburg City Public Schools	327
YMCA of South Hampton Roads	Chesapeake Public Schools	98
<b>Total</b>	N/A	<b>925</b>

**Total Cost Statewide Program Cost: \$925,000**

# 2018 POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY STATEWIDE

## Results

- **925 Scholars Served**
- **+1.5 Average Reading Gain, in Months**
- **+1.5 Average Math Gain, in Months**
- **85% - Teachers reporting that scholars increased their self-confidence**
- **90% - Teachers reporting that PSA was rewarding**
- **94% - Parents reporting they became more involved in their scholar's education**

# **2018 POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY IN-DEPTH RESULTS: WALNUT HILL**

- **327 Scholars Served, Grades K-5**
- **86 % Average Daily Attendance**
- **50 hours of math & 50 hours of literacy**
  
- **38 Educators trained**
  
- **Enrichment Courses – Step, Yoga, STEM, Coding, Zumba, Reader’s Theater**
- **Field Trips – Pamplin Park, Byrd Theater, Richmond Metro Zoo, Virginia Commonwealth University, King Pin Lanes**



# 2018 POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY IN-DEPTH RESULTS: WALNUT HILL

- **+1.5 Average Reading Gain, in Months**
- **+1.5 Average Math Gain, in Months**
- **Growth Mindset - 89% of parents reported improved abilities to overcome challenges**
- **Self-Confidence - 89% of teachers reported an increase in scholars' confidence**
- **Professional Development - 91% of teachers said that PSA was rewarding**
- **Parent Engagement - 96% of parents were highly-satisfied with PSA**

# 2019 POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY STRATEGIC GOALS

- **Secure 2 Additional Partnerships With School Districts**
- **Increase the total number of scholars to 1100**
- **Identify 5 Prospective Partnerships for 2020**