

# 2022 SUMMER Impact Report

**858**

Scholars  
Grades Pre-K - 8

**24**

DAYS OF  
PROGRAMMING

**80%**

AVERAGE DAILY  
ATTENDANCE

**+2**

MONTHS GAINED  
IN READING

**+2.5**

MONTHS GAINED  
IN MATH

**POWER  
SCHOLARS  
ACADEMY**

**98%**

EDUCATORS  
RECOMMEND  
PROGRAM

**36**

HOURS MATH  
INSTRUCTION

**36**

HOURS LITERACY  
INSTRUCTION

**98%**

Families would  
recommend the  
program to other  
families

**POWER  
SCHOLARS  
ACADEMY**

## YMCA OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA



*This report presents outcomes of YMCA of Central Virginia's partnership with BellXcel Summer, a holistic learning experience blending academics with enrichment, social and emotional skill development, and community engagement.*

### Program Goals

- Provide an engaging academic and enrichment experience for all scholars and their families
- Provide opportunity for scholars to make gains in literacy and math (\*goal of 1 month)
- Provide Social and Emotional skill development to support scholar's well being
- Increase scholar confidence in learning
- Provide an engaging program for all educators and staff involved
- Engage families in their children's success
- Remove all barriers for attendance by providing all food and transportation for all scholars

### Professional Development

Summer professional development, coupled with opportunities to collaborate, plan, and receive feedback, can bolster educators' school-year practices. Educators said:

- 90%** The program developed their professional skills
- 90%** Working with the program was rewarding
- 93%** I had meaningful collaboration with fellow teachers and staff.

### Academics

Growth in literacy and math skills are key indicators of scholar success.

- +2** Average months gained in reading
- +2.5** Average months gained in math

### Social Emotional Growth

Social emotional skills are essential to academic learning and overall well-being. A love of learning is fostered by focusing on goals that are attainable through dedication and hard work. Educators said scholars:

- 88%** Were highly engaged in the program
- 97%** Had opportunity for voice and choice in the program
- 81%** Became more confident in their ability to learn

### Family Engagement

Increased family engagement is linked to higher scholar achievement. Positive partnerships lead to enriched and equitable experiences for families, youth, and staff. Families reported they:

- 98%** Would recommend the program to another family
- 89%** Were highly satisfied with the program
- 99%** Found the program welcoming and open

“This has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my 33 years of education”

**PROGRAM TEACHER**  
 (Lynchburg City Schools)



## Enrichment

Enrichment courses 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:

**Health/Fitness**

**Social Emotional Learning activities**

**Computer based learning (coding)**

**STEM, Ozobots**

**Drama**

**Art**

**Lego Club**

**Chess Club**

**24 Math Club**



## Field Trips & Community Engagement

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

**Field trip to Liberty University**

**Virtual Field trips**

**Trip to Funquest**

**Field Day**

**Family Cookout**

**James River Trip**

**YMCA Water Safety Assembly**



## School Partners

**Lynchburg City Schools**

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE FOR ALL



**Amherst County Public Schools**



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 Public Schools**



## Community Partners

**Lynchburg Regional Water Authority**

**Parkview Community Mission**

**Academy Center of the Arts**

