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February 2022 Acceleration Academy

# 2022 Program Highlights

## FOCUS

- ❖ Continued academic and social engagement
- ❖ Intensive, small group instruction
- ❖ Learning Acceleration

## EXPANSION

- ❖ Expanded program by 633 students
  - Added K-2 with teacher and paraprofessional in every class
  - Grade 9 - 15% of enrollment
- ❖ Added additional Social Emotional staff at all locations
- ❖ Added multilingual classes & co-taught classes with special education educator

# Program Overview

- ❖ Held during school vacation in February and April
  - February - English Language Arts
  - April - Mathematics & Science (*forthcoming*)
  - Both - credit recovery and supports for high school
- ❖ Five days of targeted, small group instruction and specials
- ❖ Social Emotional focus and supports
- ❖ Daily Motivational Incentives - *chromebook/Ipad, bluetooth speaker, Red Sox tickets, Target Gift cards*
- ❖ Transportation provided for those who receive it during school year

# Enrollment - Allocations

Grades	# of Students Enrolled (10/1)	# of Students Allocated to Academy	% of Enrolled Students
K-2	2,712	528	19%
3-5	3,014	672	22%
6-8	3,241	672	21%
High School	2,562	460	18%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>11,529</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>20%</b>

*\* excludes Pre-k, home-school & students out of district*

# Staffing

Role	#	Stipend
Educators - Sontag Prize <i>(194 ELA or other subject; 37 specialists)</i>	231	\$4,000
Para-professionals	45	\$1,500
Social emotional supports	23	\$3,500
Clerks/Parent Liaisons	23	\$1,500
Nurses	23	\$4,000
Program facilitators	24	\$3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>\$1.2MM total</b>

# Examples of Student Schedules

Early Childhood (K-2)	
7:30-8:00	Arrival & Breakfast
8:00-8:30	Restorative Circles & Morning Meeting
8:30-9:30	Art
9:30-10:30	Literacy
10:30-11:30	Mindfulness
11:30-12:00	Interventions
12:00-12:40	Lunch & Recess
12:40-1:40	Math Lab
1:40-2:00	Music & Movement
2:00-2:30	Active Play
2:30-3:00	Closing Circle/Dismissal

Elementary	
7:30-8:00	Arrival & Breakfast
8:00-8:30	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:30	Literacy
10:30-11:30	Specials
11:30-12:00	Lunch & Recess
12:00-2:30	Literacy
2:30-3:00	Closing & Extra movement

Middle & High School	
7:30-8:00	Arrival & Breakfast
8:00-9:30	Specials
9:30-12:00	Literacy
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:50	Literacy
2:50-3:00	Announcements/Awards/Dismissal

Mix of Core Academics, Specials, and Social Emotional Focus

# Leahy School - Grades 1 & 2



Students created a rainforest habitat as a cross curricular learning project.

# Guilmette Middle School - Grade 8



GMS Students spent February vacation at Acceleration Academy discovering literature and sharpening their critical thinking, reading and writing skills about the past, present and future. They were also excited to create lighting design plans in their theater class.



# ENLACE - Grade 9



ENLACE students learning about gene-editing and working on a cutting-edge CRISPR lab. Thank you, Lawrence Acceleration Academy, and miniPCR, for funding this learning opportunity. At least 15 students are now interested in careers in Biotechnology!