

In School Year 2021, PSD operated the PRIDE afterschool program, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Below, we summarize findings from an outside researcher who evaluated PRIDE's activities.

## Context



PRIDE served 57 students through academic supports and an array of enrichment activities, such as sessions in environmental science and robotics/coding, a reading club, extended library time, and a maker space. PRIDE also offered Kung Fu, dance, and other arts education.

## Analysis



The evaluator analyzed the grades and PSSA performance levels of 16 students who attended PRIDE for 30 or more days in the school year. She also looked at teacher assessments of those students' class participation, homework completion, and motivation.

## Findings



On average, the math and ELA grades of the 16 students changed little across the school year. Some students' grades improved, while others declined. Teachers observed improvements in some students' homework completion, but generally, students' motivation during the second year of COVID-19 remained flat.

## What it Means



Afterschool programs around the nation saw steep declines in enrollment and engagement in 2021 as the pandemic continued to disrupt people's lives. Perhaps PRIDE students would have performed even worse academically without having an afterschool outlet for their creativity. We look forward to better outcomes in 2022 and beyond.

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