

## The BellXcel Impact

BellXcel is a nationally-recognized leader in summer and afterschool education. For over 25 years BellXcel has been committed to excellence in out-of-school-time education, yielding significant results for youth, their parents, and educators.

BellXcel has built a robust evidence-base program through rigorous internal and third-party evaluations that is aligned with **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** evidence standards. The RAND Corporation's independent review of summer programs nationwide confirms BellXcel meets the highest levels of evidence – one of only 43 summer programs in the U.S. with that distinction.

### Evidence of Scholar Success

**Provide continued academic progress during the summer months. Scholars on average experience 2 months of academic gains in literacy and 2.5 months in math during the summer months.** (2018 National Summer Learning Report & An Evaluation of the BellXcel Summer Program: Final Evaluation Report. Riley Institute at Furman University.)

**Improve performance on school-year standardized assessments. Scholars perform higher on fall administered national standardized tests such as Dibels, NWEA MAP, and iReady.** (Baltimore City Public Schools - January 2017 & 2018; Summer Learning Program in Montgomery County Schools. Montgomery (MD) Office of Shared Accountability; *Impacts of a Summer Learning Program: A Random Assignment Study of Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL)*. Urban Institute)

**Improve performance on spring school-year achievement tests. Scholars perform higher on end-of-grade math achievement tests.** (*The effects of supplemental educational services on student achievement* - Doctoral dissertation, Boston College; *Project LIFT Year Four Evaluation: Partner Analysis and Fact Sheets 'BELL Summer Fact Sheet'* - Research for Action)

**Improve school year attendance. Scholars who participate in BellXcel's summer model have higher fall school attendance than their peers** (An Evaluation of the BellXcel Summer Program: Final Evaluation Report. Riley Institute at Furman University 2018 & 2019; *Project LIFT Year Four Evaluation: Partner Analysis and Fact Sheets 'BELL Summer Fact Sheet'* Research for Action)

**Reduce school year behavioral referrals. Scholars who participate in BellXcel's summer model have fewer school year behavioral referrals.** (An Evaluation of the BellXcel Summer Program: Final Evaluation Report. Riley Institute at Furman University 2019; *Project LIFT Year Four Evaluation: Partner Analysis and Fact Sheets 'BELL Summer Fact Sheet'* Research for Action)

### Evidence of Family Engagement

**BellXcel's summer and afterschool solutions are intentionally designed to engage families in their child's learning and have been shown to increase family engagement in child's learning. Parents/guardians increase their involvement in their child's education, including reading more frequently to their children at home and encouraging their child to read.** (BellXcel. 2018 National Summer Learning Report; *Impacts of a Summer Learning Program: A Random Assignment Study of Building Educated Leaders for Life* - Urban Institute)

### Evidence of Improved Educator Practice

Educators participate in BellXcel's professional development while gaining real world learning experiences through ongoing coaching and reflection that positively impacts their school-year teaching. BellXcel's professional development has been shown to positively impact teacher practice:

**Enhance school year teacher practices and confidence.** Educators start the school year with new and enhanced approaches to teaching and increased confidence implementing new practices, particularly in the areas of growth mindset and positive behavior management. (Bellwether Education Partners 2017; BellXcel 2018 an Internal Teacher Professional Development Survey)

**Increase energy and passion for teaching.** Educators start the school year with increased energy and passion for teaching. (*Big Lift Participation and School Entry Indicators: Findings from the 2016-2017 Kindergarten Class*. RAND Corporation)

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