Improve Low-Performing Schools

Accelerating Campus Excellence

Strategic campus and district-level supports are critical to improve low-performing schools. The Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) model is a strategic approach with proven effectiveness. Within the first year of implementation, campuses adopting ACE have demonstrated remarkable progress in their accountability ratings, in many cases transforming from F-rated to B-rated schools in a single year.

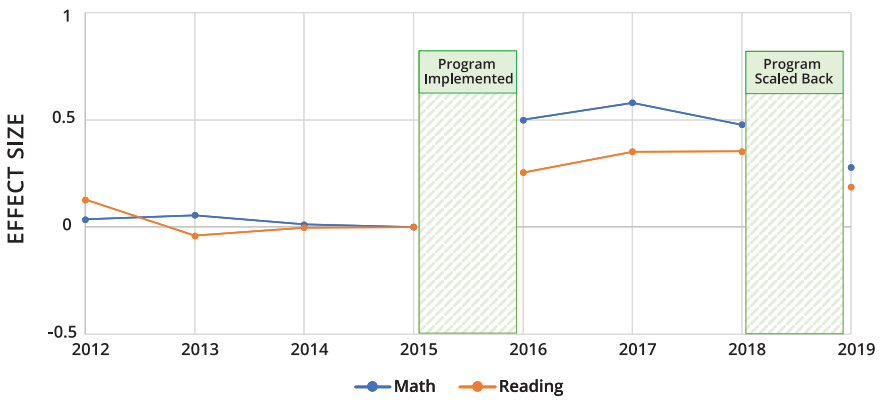
40+
CAMPUSES

50,000+
STUDENTS

The 5 Components of ACE

1. **STRATEGIC STAFFING**
   Strategic staffing of effective teachers and principals (with $10k-$15k stipends annually for 3 years).
2. **INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE**
   Coaching practices focused on data-driven instruction and early interventions.
3. **EXTEND LEARNING TIME**
   Extending school day by one hour, providing meals to students, and offering daily after-school enrichment.
4. **WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS**
   Mental health and social resiliency support for students and training for educators.
5. **PARENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**
   Strong partnerships with parent and community organizations.

District Success with an ACE Model

Recent research on one district's ACE implementation found positive impacts on student performance in math and in reading when compared to similar schools.[20] Further, the researchers identified that students who had more time in ACE schools had the greatest benefits, and that the program was scalable.

IMPROVEMENTS IN ACHIEVEMENT FOR STUDENTS AT ACE SCHOOLS