IMPACT EVALUATION SUMMARY

2021-2022 Academic year
ABOUT YMU SURVEYS

YMU measures impact and our students' development by monitoring their grades, conduct, and attendance in partnership with MDCPS. YMU also administers comprehensive surveys twice per year that measure social emotional learning (life skills), students' attitudes towards school, and behavioral change.
HOW WE DO IT

YMU SURVEYS
Our assessments give us a 360-degree view of our programs' effectiveness and impact by weaving together feedback from students, core subject teachers, school administrators, and parents.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING: HELLO INSIGHT
We have combined efforts with a third party, Hello Insight, to provide independently verified data regarding the needs, preferences, and social-emotional profile of our students benchmarked at a national level. These insights are continuously implemented in our programs, serving as the foundation of our teaching methodology and deepening the impact of our teachers and coaches.

MDCPS DATA
YMU has formed an official partnership with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools to monitor our students' grades, attendance, and behavioral Incidents to assess the impact of music programming on their long-term academic development.
Students conveyed measurable artistic growth and creative development.

Over 89% of students reported improved musical and creative abilities.

89% of students documented their ability to work with peers had increased since joining YMU.

87% of teachers reported improvement in their students' ability to socialize and work in groups.

YMU programs contribute to the development of students’ social maturity and cooperative behavior.

Increased ability to work with peers.

Improved ability to socialize and work in groups.

INCREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.
Students recognize that YMU programming has contributed to the betterment of their academic achievement, allowing them to feel more confident about their future.

91% of students stated that their motivation to do well academically has increased.

89% of students acknowledged increased optimism for the future.

YMU impacts our students far beyond the classroom, teaching them accountability, goal setting, and time management.

80% of students reported improvement in managing their time outside the classroom and, in their testimonials, students thanked YMU for teaching them life tools.
RESULTS: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

SEL Gained capacities

98% of students made a gain in at least 1 SEL capacity in a YMU program
65% of students made a gain in two or more SEL capacities in a YMU program
51% of students made gains in 3 or more SEL capacities in a YMU program

Our SEL surveys focus on the following five competency areas:

1. Self-awareness
2. Self-management
3. Social awareness
4. Relationship skills
5. Responsible decision-making

75% of young people received this practice regularly) and that they expect them to try hard and do their best

83% of young people received this practice.

YMU teachers "challenging the growth of students"
Student Quotes

YMU was a unique experience with a great mentor who help me in all aspects of life and giving advice about the future and most importantly about music.
D. Lloyd (Beacon College Prep)

Young Musicians Unite was amazing well at least for me. I felt better knowing that I can make any music without being judged and I can share my projects with other students without me being embarrassed.
K. Abbott-Bryan (Brownsville Middle School)

The teachers truly try their hardest to help us succeed not just as students, but as people in the real world as well
A. Solano (DHM/West Little River K-8)

GRADES

Students observed an average GPA increase.

8%

GPA average increase

ATTENDANCE IN YMU PROGRAMS

Absences

88%

Attendance

88% of the students surveyed maintained consistent attendance throughout the school year

8%
RESULTS: MDCPS DATA 2019/2020
A CASE STUDY OF MUSIC STUDENTS AT CAROL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Behavioral referrals decreased 52% compared to the previous year.

84% of music students increased a grade level in reading achievement compared to the previous year.

91% of music students increased a grade level in math achievement compared to the previous year.

63% of band students are less tardy to school compared to the previous year.

Music students have shown a 14% increase in attendance compared to the previous year.

Music students increased a letter grade in either reading or math core subjects areas.

In 2018, Young Musicians Unite began its partnership with Carol City Middle School and re-introduced the music program for the first time since 2010. With the help of the school’s administration, we have tracked student progress across a variety of categories that have resulted in transformative changes that are here to stay.