



CHILDREN'S TRUST

OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Akwaaba Freedom School Program Results – Year 3

October 14, 2024



AKWAABA
FREEDOM SCHOOL

The Akwaaba Freedom School program provides summer enrichment through a research-based and multicultural program model that supports K-12 scholars and their families through five essential components:

- high quality academic and character-building enrichment
- parent and family involvement
- civic engagement and social action
- intergenerational servant leadership development
- and nutrition, health and mental health.



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Program Days:

June 10th – July 19th

7:45am – 3pm

8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Harambee
9:00 AM	Integrated Reading Curriculum
10:30 AM	Snack
10:45 AM	Integrated Reading Curriculum
11:45 AM	D.E.A.R. time
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Enrichment Activities
3:00 PM	Dismissal

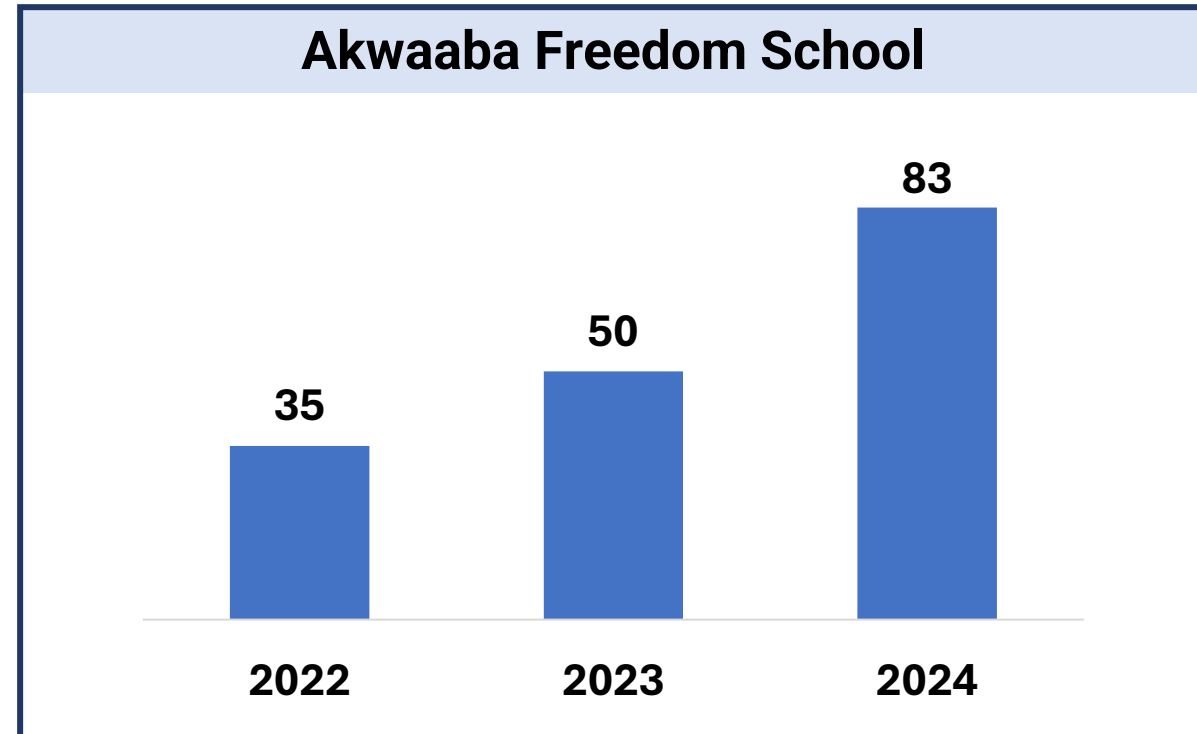


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Children Served



Children served with funding from Children's Trust of Alachua County:



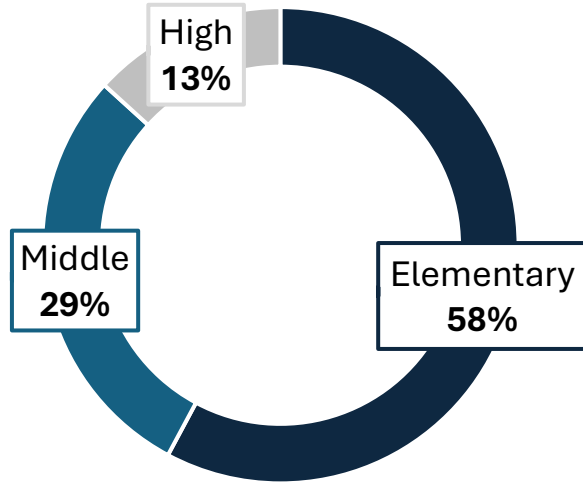
Freedom School has steadily increased the number of youth served since its augural year in summer 2022.



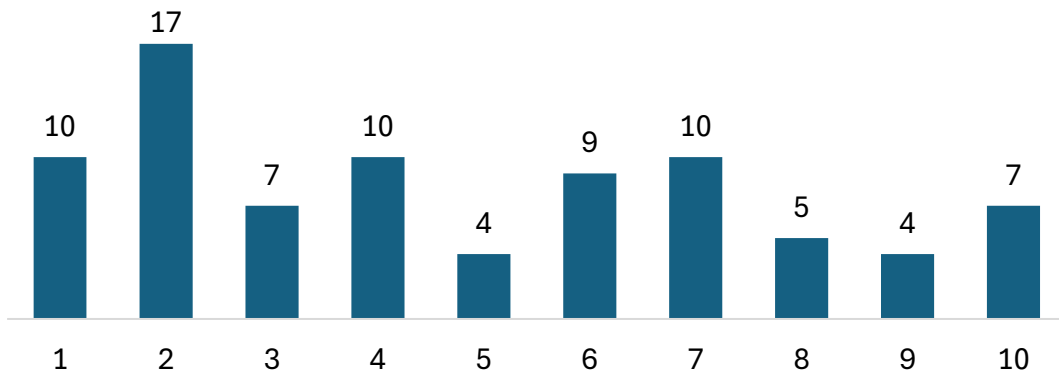
Who are Children Served?

The average age of youth served is 9.5

Grade Level



Grade in 2024-2025



Race

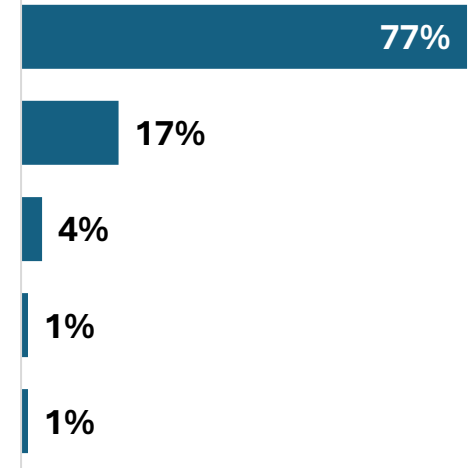
Black or African American

Multiracial

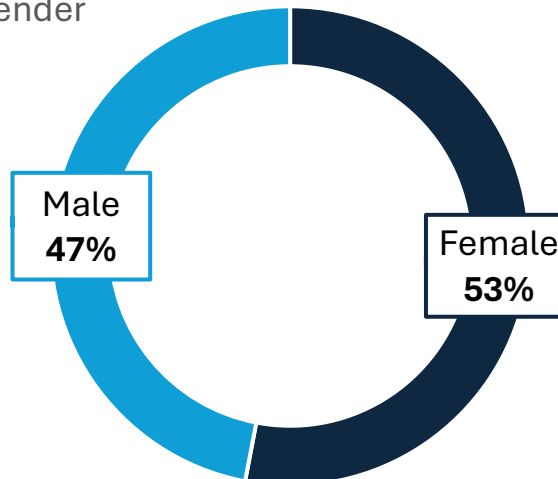
White

Asian

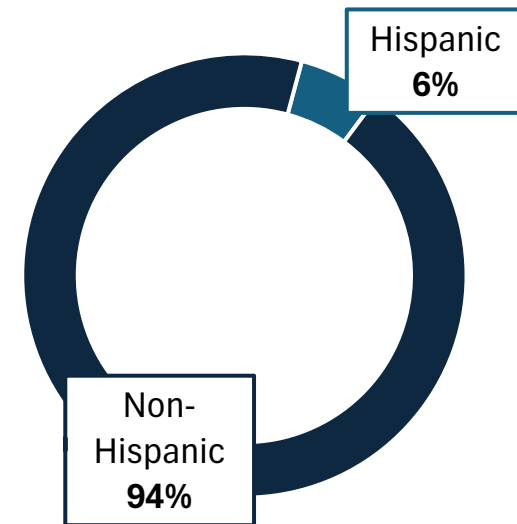
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Gender



Ethnicity



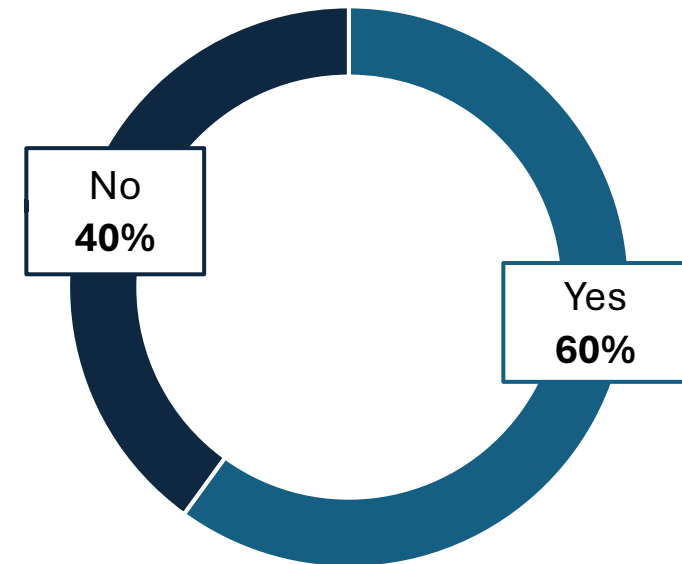
Who are Children Served?



Children Served by City of Residence

City	Count (%)
Gainesville	66 (80%)
Newberry	11 (13%)
Alachua	3 (4%)
Archer	3 (4%)
Total	83

Children who Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch



Reading Results



- Students who participated in the Akwaaba Freedom School summer program were able to preserve their reading fluency skills.
- The summer programming provided easy access to self-selected books for summer reading.
- When comparing students to national benchmarks, although Freedom School scholars started at lower skill levels than the national averages and they outpaced the national rate of improvement for their respective grade levels.

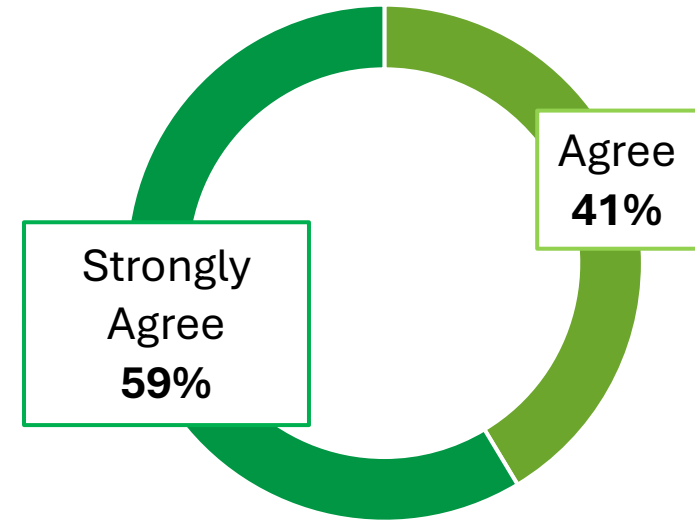


**maintained (29%) or
increased (71%) reading scores**



Scholars Gain Confidence

100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed their child has **more confidence** because of their participation in Freedom School.



Parents said:

“My daughter is **more confident in reading and speaking up for herself.**”

“It gave her confidence and **has truly made a lasting impact in her life** and reading.”

“I love how my child, typically reserved and shy, has felt safe and **free to be herself** at camp.”



Parents would like to Tell the Trust:

“I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this program. I think it is a privilege to be here.”

“We need more Freedom School sites. This location fills to capacity very quickly.”

“The program is incredible. We need more opportunities like this for our children year-round.”

“My child loves Freedom School, and it allows him to continue learning while having fun!”

“This has been my daughter's first camp experience, and it has been amazing. She is thriving.”



Performance Measures



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How Much?

Measure	Target	Actual
Children Enrolled	72	83
Program Days	29	29
Parents who Participate	64	70
Volunteers	20	70

How Well?

Measure	Target	Actual
Scholar Attendance	85%	92%
Parent Involvement	50%	88%
Camp Communication	85%	93%
Overall Experience	90%	100%

Better Off?

Measure	Target	Actual
Scholars Improve or Maintain Reading Scores	80%	100%
Scholars Gain Confidence	90%	100%
Program Safety	90%	100%
Learning Activities	90%	100%

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