POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH ENTER EACH NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT AN ACADEMIC DEFICIT OF 2 MONTHS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

By fifth grade, summer learning loss typically leaves these students 2.5 to 3 years behind more affluent peers, and the results are alarming:



K-8 students in San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) are considered economically disadvantaged



SFUSD students are not meeting state ELA/ literacy and math standards



K-8 students in San Mateo County School Districts are economically disadvantaged



San Mateo County students are not meeting state ELA/literacy and math standards

To tackle this challenge, the **Power Scholars Academy** was created. The YMCA of San Francisco pulled together a network of diverse partnerships, including:

- BellXcel
- San Francisco Unified School District
- Jefferson Elementary School District
- San Bruno Park School District

- Belmont-Redwood Shores School District
- Biden Institute at University of Delaware
- University of San Francisco
- KIPP Schools

Generous donations from the Koret Foundation, supporting school districts, private donors and grant funding from SF Department of Children Youth & their Families allow us to fund our annual 6-week summer learning program for economically disadvantaged students from Pre-K through rising 9th graders.



PROVIDED TO STUDENTS AT NO COST



DAILY INSTRUCTION BY CERTIFIED TEACHERS, FOCUSED ON MATH AND READING COMPREHENSION



FAMILIES ENGAGED AS PARTNERS IN THEIR SCHOLAR'S LEARNING



WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS EXPOSE CHILDREN TO LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM





Each student received instruction for up to



1,164 youth participated in this program in 2023, a **15%** increase over 2022

Power Scholars, on average, experienced 1.5 months of academic growth in Reading and 2.5 months in Math, reversing the expected 2-month loss in typical summer learning by 3 months.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IMPACT

Power Scholars Academy is just one of the many YMCA of San Francisco Youth Development programs focused on



IMPROVING ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT



ENABLING A CLEAR PATH TO GRADUATION

This year, our Youth Development programs helped over **10,000 youth** discover the resources, personal strengths and relationships that will help them close achievement gaps and move on to positive adult futures.