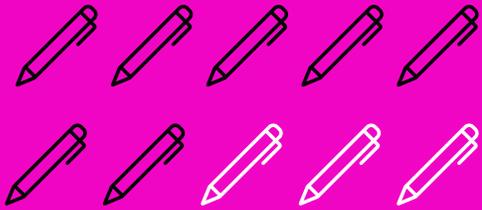


YOUTH THEATRE RESIDENCY

2024 Summary of Findings

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Shown to help students build valuable teamwork, communication, and socialization skills, The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company's *Youth Theatre Residency* provides in-class and after-school standards-based residencies at elementary and middle schools, where two Unusual Suspects Teaching Artists guide students in small groups as they collaborate to create and perform short theatre pieces.



Following the residency, **73%** of students agreed that they learned new skills that they are using in school.

"I learned that you should have courage to speak in front of people because that makes you strong."

-Gage Middle School student, age 12

"I learned how to work with others."

- Charles Drew Middle School student, age 14

"I learned to act within a group and how to be patient and let other people shine."

- Eliot Arts Middle School student, age 11

Students' confidence in speaking in front of a group increased by **21%** from pre-to post-residency.

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Students' ability to tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end increased by **17%** from pre- to post- residency.

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Students' comfort level talking to people who are different than themselves increased by **6%** from pre-to post-residency.

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"My favorite part of the program is making new friends and expressing my creativity and feelings to the some of the group"

-William Jefferson Clinto Middle School student, age 11

"I learned that I can communicate with others, and that I can try. It really helped me a lot communicating with other people."

- Jamie Escalante Elementary School student, age 11



All data spans The Unusual Suspects' 2024 *Youth Theatre Residencies* for elementary and middle school students. 277 total students completed assessment surveys for the program.