Dreams for Schools and Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano:

Student Outcomes Data Analysis



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General Class Information



DFS Workshops:

Breakthrough SJC students attended the following DFS STEAM workshops:

- Website Development
- Arduino
- Mobile App Development



Workshop Attendance:

Instruction took place from January 8, 2024 – February 14, 2024.

- 7th grade students attended Mondays
- 8th grade students attended Wednesdays

Students attended a total of 6 workshops. Workshop curriculum switched every 2 weeks.

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Evaluation Procedure





Evaluation Procedure:

- DFS provided Breakthrough SJC with 2 surveys to measure student outcomes.
- These surveys were taken during the first and last week of class
- Both surveys contained STEAM content questions as well attitudinal questions toward coding and engineering, grit, creativity, and mentorship.



Evaluation Procedure:

- Assessments consisted of multiple choice, ordinal scale, and open response questions
- Once student data was received, all questions were coded and analyzed.



Theory of Change





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At the end of the rotation, we expected to see students achieve academic achievement and growth in STEAM competency through the following activities:

- **1.** Implementation of STEAM and engineering instruction in a classroom setting by qualified DFS Instructors.
- **2.** Hands-on learning for students through Coding & Engineering projects that offer students ownership over their own work and increase both exposure as well as access to STEAM career pathways.
- **3.** Mentorship by qualified DFS Instructors trained on building rapport with students and developing a growth mindset in students.

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Theory of Change

At the end of the rotation, we also expected to see the following outcomes:

- **1.** General awareness and knowledge of basic engineering and coding concepts.
- 2. Students' ability to ask specific program related questions.
- **3.** Improved attitudes towards STEAM careers and career pathways.
- **4.** Increased confidence and self-perception of creativity and grit.



Evaluation Results







General Evaluation Results

- 87% of the students felt that the topics they learned were beneficial for their future
- Students improved their ability to focus on a single coding or engineering goal in the classroom by 6.4%
- Student creative self-concept increased by 4.3%
- When students were asked, "Did you enjoy learning from the DFS instructors?" 91% said yes

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Data Sets



Data Set 1: STEAM Assessment >>>

Student attitudes toward increased overall across both factors from pre to post assessment. On average, there was a 4.1% increase per factor in the post responses of students' attitudes towards STEAM across all factors.



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Data Set 2: Grit Assessment >>>

Grit Assessment

In the perseverance of effort factor, we saw a 6.8% increase where students completed tasks and boosted their self-confidence knowing that they're capable of moving through setbacks.

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Data Set 3: Creativity Assessment > >

Creativity Assessment

Regarding creativity, we saw a 5.4% overall increase in creative personal identity which shows a strong resonance with identifying as a creative individual with creative abilities.



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Student Testimonials





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The following quotes were taken from the open response section of the post survey:

- "I would like more opportunities to take class[es] like these because I get to learn new things in order to know them for my future career."
- "I would take more opportunities to take classes like these because it would expand my knowledge and it could be useful in the future."
- "I had fun doing something that we did with a group and then trying to use it... I would like to take another class and have opportunities to learn more."



Pictures:

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