



NEW HOPE
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Breaking the Code

Afterschool Program

Breaking the Code is a high-impact afterschool and summer program for elementary and middle school students in Jersey City. It offers academic support, enrichment, and family engagement through project-based learning.

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Academic Support

100%

100% of Breaking the Code students attended the program 30 days or more and received consistent academic support.

Students received one on one homework support 152 days as well as additional math and literacy activities for improving academic gains and

**152
Days**



Engagement

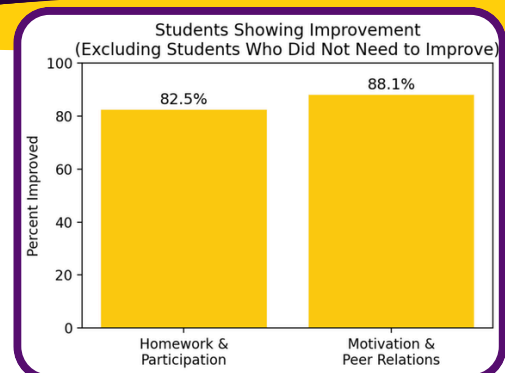
82%

82% of students who needed support demonstrated improved homework completion and increased participation in class

Motivation

88%

88.1% of students who needed improvement showed increased motivation to learn and improved peer relationships.



*Where learning extends,
confidence grows, and futures
take shape.*



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Freedom Schools® Integrated Reading Curriculum

This nationally recognized model supports literacy development, youth empowerment, and STEM inquiry by combining culturally affirming literature with science-based exploration and student-led social action.

"I never thought learning could be this much fun. Going bowling, apple picking, and to Lego Land made me want to keep coming back, and I learned so much while having fun."

— Noelani Jack, Student



**195
Hrs.**

Students participated in 195 hours of academic enrichment designed to foster engagement, strengthen academic skills, and cultivate a love of learning through meaningful, hands-on experiences.

"My child has grown so much more confident in her reading skills since joining the Breaking the Code program. She now picks up books on her own and is proud to read aloud.".

— Denisse Calderon, Parent



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