

EVERY CHILD HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SUCCEED

NOT EVERY CHILD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY



THE FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS SOLUTION:

STRENGTHEN **LITERACY** SKILLS AND IGNITE CHILDREN'S PASSION FOR READING

90% of children gain or maintain reading ability during Freedom School.



Low-income children typically lose 2-3 months of learning during the summer.

Literacy is the gateway skill that students need to be successful in school; low literacy levels translate into poor grades, grade repetition, and eventual disengagement from school.¹

DEVELOP **CHARACTER** STRENGTHS CHILDREN NEED TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS

Cognitive and non-cognitive skills are equally predictive of many social outcomes. A 1% increase in either ability has an equally positive impact on children.²

Resilience
Build a child's ability to bounce back from hardship

Intrinsic Motivation
Increase a child's internal desire to learn

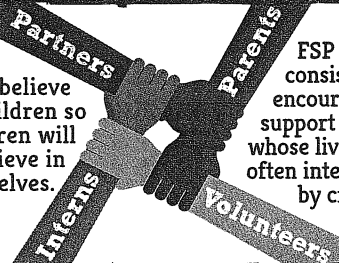
Self-Efficacy
Encourage children to believe they can attain goals

Self-Control
Increase a child's ability to manage emotions



CONNECT CHILDREN TO A BROADER COMMUNITY THAT BELIEVES IN THEM

We believe in children so children will believe in themselves.



FSP provides consistent, daily encouragement and support to children whose lives are often interrupted by crises.

Children who connect with adult role models are more likely to develop self-confidence and improve their sense of well-being.³

INSPIRE **FUTURE LEADERS** DEEPEN THE **COMMUNITY'S** INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN

In-depth, rigorous experiences transform the personal perspective of interns, which inspires future advocacy.

» 15% of interns have considered changing their major to education or social work.

» 1 in 3 interns are first generation college students.



FSP facilitates meaningful relationships and partnerships within the community that strengthen commitment to children and lead to sustainable change.



FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS

provides Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools® summer literacy programs. Programs operate six weeks, Monday through Friday, at sites across Charlotte. FSP works in collaboration with a network of community partners to provide Freedom Schools to children who most need and can least afford them.

LITERACY

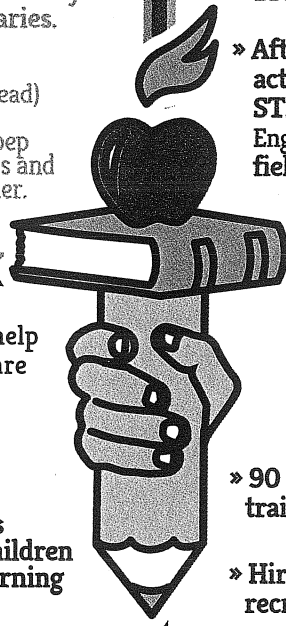
The Integrated Reading Curriculum (IRC) engages children in books that reflect their own cultural images and history. IRC incorporates cooperative learning, role playing, group discussion and creative writing.

- » Books are sent home weekly to build personal libraries.
- » DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read)
- » Harambee! A morning pep rally with singing, cheers and a community guest reader.

CHARACTER

Children build character strengths by participating in activities that promote resilience, conflict resolution and self-control.

- » "I Can Make a Difference" is the theme of Freedom School.
- » Afternoon enrichment activities include chess, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), field trips and team building.



Strong, healthy and consistent relationships help children know that they are full of potential and are accountable to others.

- » 1:10 classroom ratio
- » Parents participate as volunteers to show children they support their learning experiences.
- » Healthy meals, transportation and daily encouragement provide children with emotional and physical security.

College students serve as classroom leaders called Servant Leader Interns and gain paid summer employment experiences.

- » 90 hours of comprehensive training
- » Hired through a competitive recruitment and interview process
- » In-depth, rigorous experiences inspire future advocacy

CONNECTION LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY

- » Meaningful relationships and partnerships within the community strengthen the collective commitment to children and lead to sustainable change.
- » Individuals and organizations invest in a scalable model by volunteering and providing financial support.
- » Partnerships bridge cultural and socio-economic divides in the community.

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