

HORIZONS NATIONAL: A NETWORK WITH HIGH IMPACT



Since 1995, Horizons National has worked closely with third-party evaluators and education data companies, including Yale University, Amplify, and Renaissance Learning, to assess the effectiveness of the program.

In a recent study of 5 years of school district data for Horizons students and their peers, Horizons students achieved:

- **Consistent gains** of 6-10 weeks of grade equivalence in reading and math over summer sessions
- **Higher attendance rates**
- **Lower chronic absenteeism** rates
- **Higher scores** on standardized assessments of elementary math and science
- **Higher GPAs** in 9th grade
- More **course credit** earned in 9th and 10th grade
- **Fewer incidents** of repeating a grade
- **Fewer disciplinary** referrals

At Horizons,
students develop a
love of learning that
ignites all kinds of
new possibilities.

“Investing in our children’s future is a priority for Connecticut. [We are working to ensure] that more of Connecticut’s children have access to summer enrichment and learning opportunities, regardless of their family’s income level. Providing a safe and enriching summer experience for our kids and will benefit our communities for years to come.”

Governor Lamont

“Summer enrichment programs are a vital resource for children and parents, creating opportunities to sustain learning and engagement with friends all summer long.”

Senator Richard Blumenthal

THE TRANSFORMATIVE PROMISE OF OST



CLOSING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP

Effective programs aim to eliminate the disparity between students from different backgrounds. It ensures that all children, regardless of their socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, or other factors, have equal access to high-quality education and resources.



ENHANCED GRADUATION RATES

By addressing barriers to educational attainment and providing necessary support, programs increase the likelihood of student graduation.



IMPROVED COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Comprehensive college counseling, career exploration opportunities, and skills development as part of an educational equity program ensures that all students have the necessary tools for success beyond high school.



INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Incorporating diverse perspectives, histories, and cultures, fostering a learning environment where all students feel represented and valued promulgates a more inclusive, successful classroom.



TEACHER TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Equity-focused programs and professional development leads to improved instructional practices, better classroom management, and increased cultural competency.



PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A successful equity program actively involves parents and the broader community in supporting children's education. It establishes partnerships, offers resources and workshops, and encourages collaboration between schools, families, and the community.



LONG-TERM SOCIETAL IMPACT

By breaking cycles of poverty, promoting social mobility, and fostering a more equitable society, these programs contribute to a stronger, more inclusive future for all individuals and communities.