

Out of School Time Update

**School Board Meeting
May 4, 2023**



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Essential Questions

- What are the goals of the ACPS out of school time program (LINK Club) and the identified areas have been implemented to enhance our current programming?
- How is the ACPS out of school time program aligned with our ACPS 2025 Equity for All Strategic Plan, city plans and national research?
- What are the current sites, partners and number of students served that currently make up the Link Club?
- What have we learned through our 2022-2023 data reflection, accomplishments and identified challenges?
- How does our collaborative work with Youth Support Network impact current and future strategies?
- What is our vision and sustainability plan moving forward?



Staffing Summary

Division Wide	Site Specific
Out of School Time Program Manager	12 Site Coordinators
Operations & Data Coordinator	Alexandria Reauthorization Housing Authority (ARHA) Co-applicant staff and leads
Out of School Time Data Analyst	Community Lodgings Inc. (CLI) Co-applicant staff and leads
2x LINK Club Casual Family Engagement Support Staff	Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities (RPCA) Co-applicant staff and leads



HISTORICAL TIMELINE

2014	2017	2019	2020	2022	2023
<p>Creation Of The Alexandria Children & Youth Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *City Out of School Time Work Group Created *City Wide Assessment of Out of School Time Opportunities *First 21st Century Community Center Grant Received 	<p>Four additional 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants Received</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Virtual Plus+ Out of School Time LINK Club Shift To Home Support * Creation of the ACT for Alexandria Youth Support Network 	<p>Additional Sites Added Through ESSER Relief Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *New 21st Century Application Submitted for Brent Place/PH Site *Four 21st Century Continuation Grants Submitted



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Out of School Time: Link Club Overview



WHOLE CHILD FOCUS

LINK Club is ACPS' afterschool program designed to provide high quality after school services with an emphasis on academic, social emotional, health and wellness and family support to the division's most vulnerable students and families.

COLLABORATIVE

Link Club is made possible through federal, state and local grants and in collaboration with internal ACPS departments and community partners

ACCESSIBLE

LINK club operates Monday-Friday after school and is offered to identified K-8 students free of charge



Current Goals



To **IMPROVE** the academic outcomes of high need students by offering high quality extended learning services linked to the school day.



To **SUPPORT** improved school attendance and reduce behavioral issues



To **PROVIDE** opportunities that support health/wellness/emotional for students



To **ENGAGE** families of high need students by building trusting relationships and providing meaningful and culturally relevant tools, information and resources



To **CONNECT** school and community partners in new and innovative collaborative ways designed to provide a comprehensive system of programs and supports to high-need community within Alexandria

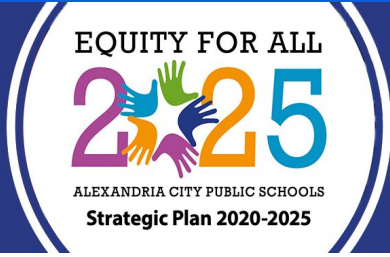


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SCHOOL DIVISION ALIGNMENT



- **Instructional Excellence**
- **Student Accessibility and Support**
- **Family Engagement**



CITY ALIGNMENT CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMUNITY PLAN



- **All Children, Youth and Families will be Physically Safe & Healthy**
- **Every Child will be Academically Successful and Career Ready**
- **Every Young Person and their Family will have Positive Experiences**

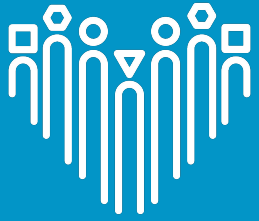


NATIONAL ALIGNMENT



- **More than 2 in 5 children would participate if programs were available**
- **As the economy recovers from Covid, after school programs are a source of support for working parents**
- **Demand for afterschool programs are much higher among children from low income families and African American and Hispanic children.**
- **Cost and transportation are the largest barriers.**

LINK Club Location, Partner and Number of Students



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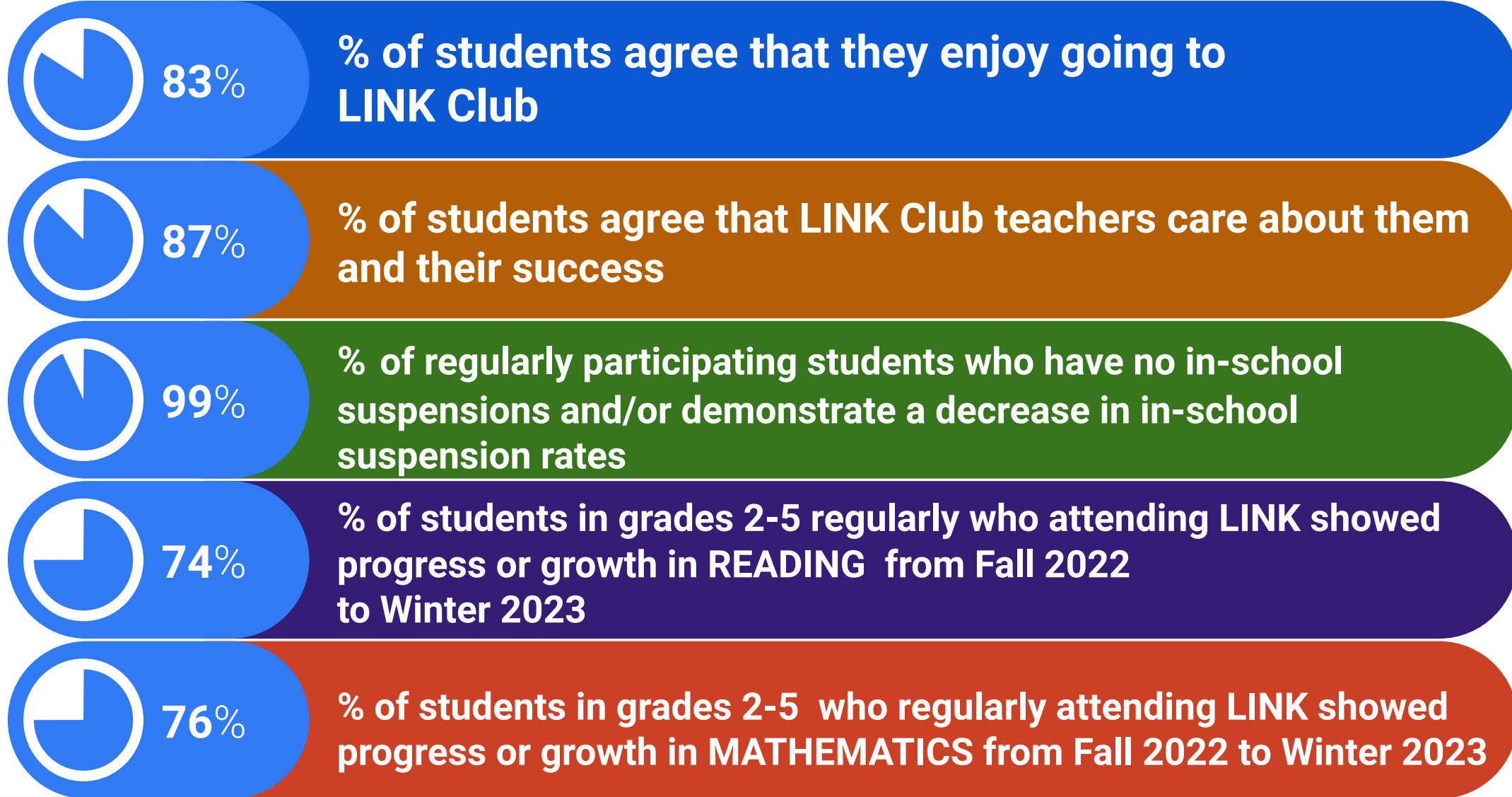
Location	Partner	Current # of Students
Leonard C. Armstrong Rec Center	DRPCA	67
John Adams ES	DRPCA	58
William Ramsay Rec Center	DRPCA	51
George Washington Middle School	DRPCA	60
Ferdinand T. Day ES	DRPCA	100
Francis C. Hammond Middle School	DRPCA	84
Jefferson Houston K-8	ARHA	70
Ruby Tucker Center	ARHA	12
Fifer Family Center, New Brookside Apt., Beverly Hills Church	Community Lodgings, Inc.	117
Brent Place Apartments	Homes for America	28
Patrick Henry Recreation Center	DRPCA	31

Serving
678
students

LINK Club Program Assessment (Fall 2022)



RESULTS-DRIVEN





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2022-23 LINK Club Highlights

Collaboration in Action

- LINKing to Our Future Curriculum (AVID and GLAD)
- Enrichment Activities
- Professional Development
- Developmental Assets Survey with LINK club students
- Monitoring/Compliance Completion
- Virginia School Board Association - Showcases For Success



Welcome!

Everyone's an Asset Builder

Overview of Developmental Assets
For ACPS LINK Club Staff
Professional Development

November 8, 2022



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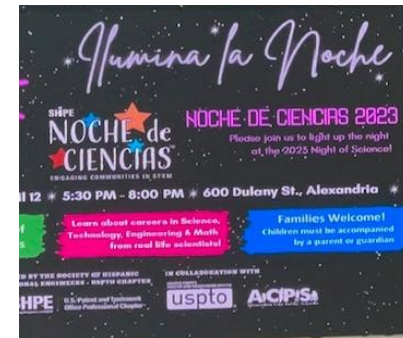
2022-2023 LINK Club Family Engagement



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- Welcome Orientation
- Navigating The School System
- Social Emotional and Academic Learning
- Workforce Development
- LCNV Literacy/English Classes
- Family Reading Night
- Noche de Ciencias
- Art Nights
- Math Nights
- Understand the Eligibility Process for Special Education Services
- Nutrition Classes

Approximately
350 Total
Hours





Additional Out of School Time Student/Family Supports

Alexandria is a caring, engaged community. This is evident in the number of out of school time additional partners we have serving our students and families.

Currently, ACPS has approximately 160 community partners and 30 of those serve our students before and after school hours. Those include partners who offer the following supports:

- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Cultural Programs
- Creative Arts Programs
- Social/Emotional Support
- Physical Health/Wellness Programs
- Transportation
- Food/Nutrition





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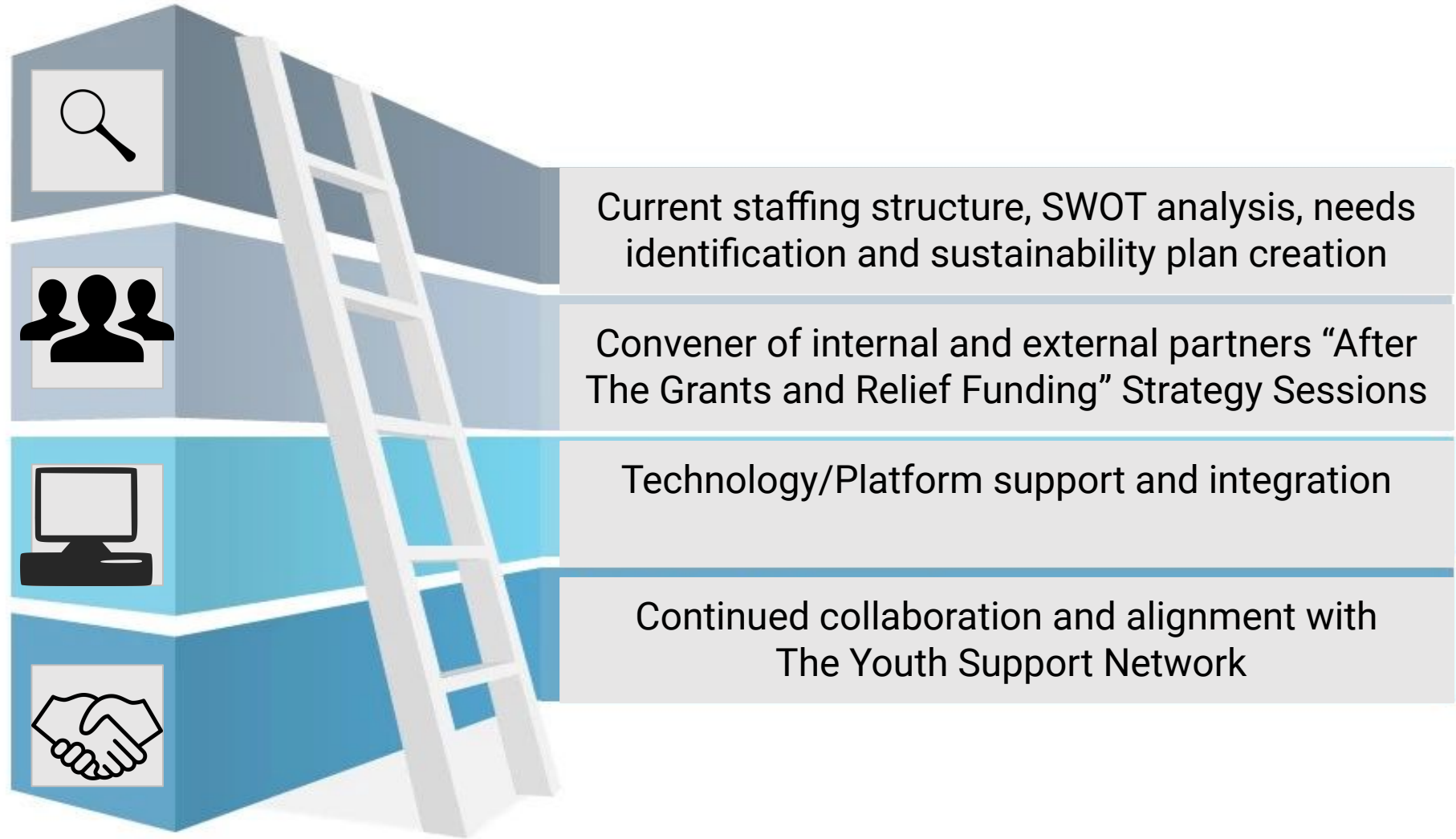
Alexandria Youth Support Network





INNOVATIVE

Vision Forward





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Questions?

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