

Girlfriends of Pinellas County

Pinellas County Schools

Research Brief

Girlfriends Program 2011

Topic: Girlfriends of Pinellas County Schools is a program designed to empower young ladies through academic support and mentorship. Students are provided with the resources, tools and guidance necessary to encourage self-discipline, positive behaviorism, and to cultivate high self-esteem and self-reliance. Mentors, community leaders, teachers and school administrators work closely with students to foster a supportive relationship through social growth. Students have an opportunity to participate in field trips that will enhance cultural awareness. Community service learning projects are part of the program that builds a sense of citizenship and community pride.

Population: Students in the Girlfriends of Pinellas County Schools program and Districtwide.

Methodology:

Data was pulled from PCS Focus - Portal at the end of the school year. Students in the Girlfriends program are coded with a special code within the data. The FCAT Achievement Levels are reported for the Reading and Math tests taken in April 2011 based on the Florida Department of Education's data. Participation in extracurricular activities as well as discipline data for the 2010-11 school year are also reported.

Findings: Following is information about the Girlfriends program and students who participated in the program. These findings are merely information and should not be used for making any conclusions about the effectiveness of the program

Participating Schools		
Elementary:	Middle:	High:
Bay Point	Bay Point	Clearwater
Dunedin	Carwise	Countryside
Eisenhower	Clearwater Int.	Dixie Hollins
Frontier	Fitzgerald	Largo
Gulfport	John Hopkins	Osceola
Lealman Avenue	Lealman Int.	Seminole
Melrose	Oak Grove	St. Petersburg
Orange Grove	Palm Harbor	
Ridgecrest	Pinellas Park	
Sanderlin	Safety Harbor	
Sexton	Tyrone	
Skycrest		
Starkey		

Extracurricular Activities				
Activity	Girlfriends		Districtwide*	
	#	%	#	%
Academic \ Interest	50	57.5	3,553	24.5
Athletics	28	32.2	7,419	51.2
Honor	3	3.4	1,621	11.2
Leadership	6	6.9	621	4.3
Music Related	0	0	1,283	8.9
Total	87	100.0	14,497	100.0

Data Sources: PCS Focus - Portal EOY file;
Extracurricular Activities Survey file for 2010-11 SY

Results:

Discipline				
	Girlfriends		Districtwide*	
	#	%	#	%
Out of School Suspensions				
Level	#	%	#	%
Elementary	16	10.9%	2,274	12.7%
Middle	87	59.2%	8,468	47.4%
High	44	29.9%	6,560	36.7%
Exceptional	0	0.0%	573	3.2%
Total	147	100.0%	17,875	100.0%
In School Suspensions				
Level	#	%	#	%
Elementary	23	7.0%	1,909	3.9%
Middle	143	43.3%	15,610	32.2%
High	164	49.7%	19,574	40.3%
Exceptional	0	0.0%	11,453	23.6%
Total	330	100.0%	48,546	100.0%

Data Sources for above tables: PCS Focus - Portal EOY file; Discipline Data File 2010-11 SY

Achievement Level	Reading FCAT				Math FCAT			
	Girlfriends		Districtwide*		Girlfriends		Districtwide*	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	127	28.7	11,162	18.6	130	30.6	8,381	16.0
2	132	29.9	12,127	20.2	115	27.1	10,521	20.1
3	109	24.7	18,096	30.1	127	29.9	16,198	31.0
4	52	11.8	13,247	22.0	42	9.9	12,340	23.6
5	22	5.0	5,470	9.1	11	2.6	4,801	9.2
Total	442	100.0	60,102	100.0	425	100.0	52,241	100.0

Data Sources: PCS Focus - Portal EOY File; FDOE INDV1011 file

*Girlfriends students removed from districtwide data in above tables