



# Fort Bend County Expose Excellence Youth Program

## Mission

To provide a safe environment for youth interaction while promoting positive self-expression and development of life skills and artistic expression

## Vision

Broad investment in our youth, development of community pride, increase overall achievement, encouragement of positive expression, and development of leadership skills

## Why

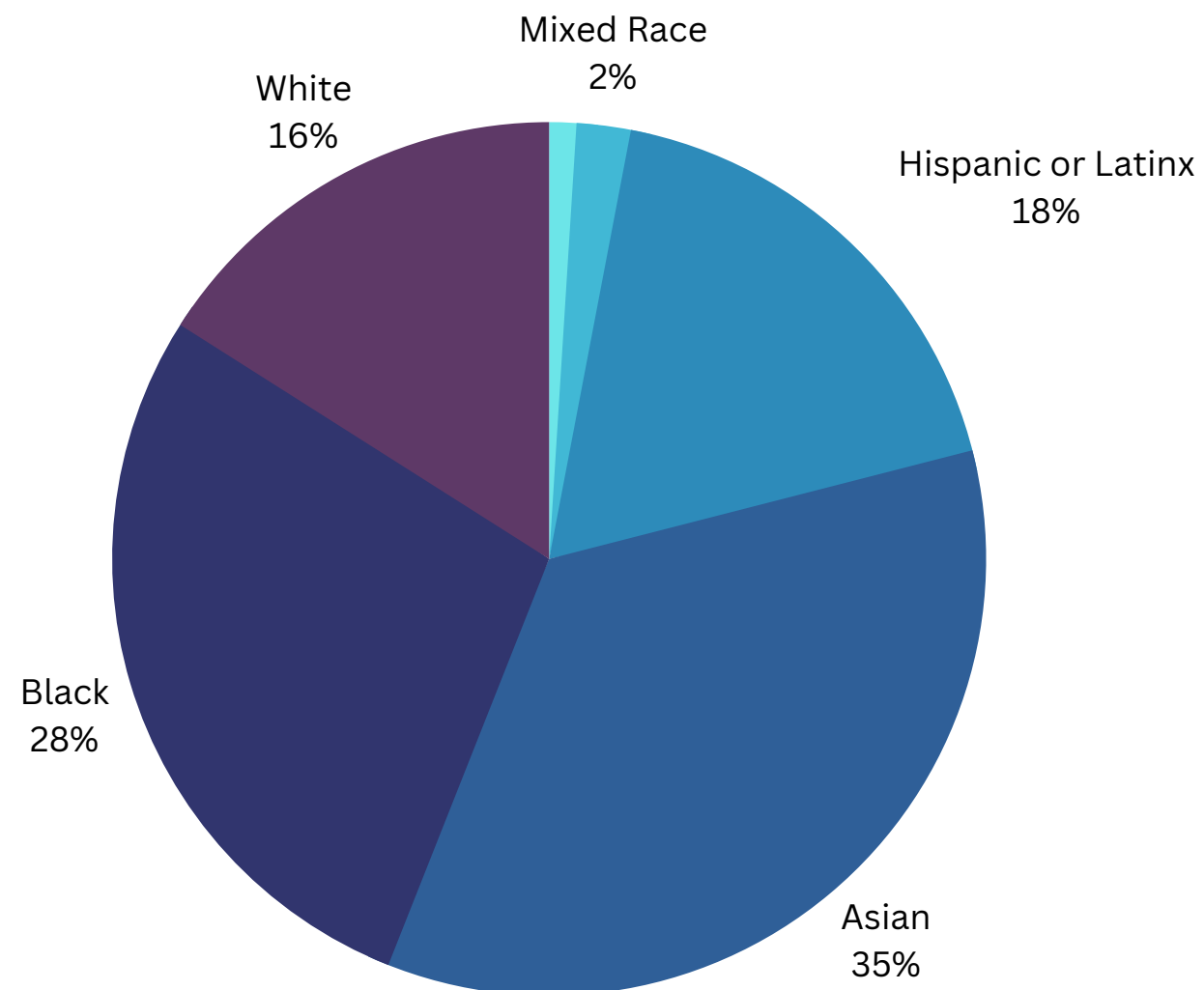
“Outreach programs have a proven track record of success and represent a smart on crime, best practices approach to crime prevention. Moreover, our children are our future. We must invest in our children to ensure our future success.” - FBCDA Brian Middleton



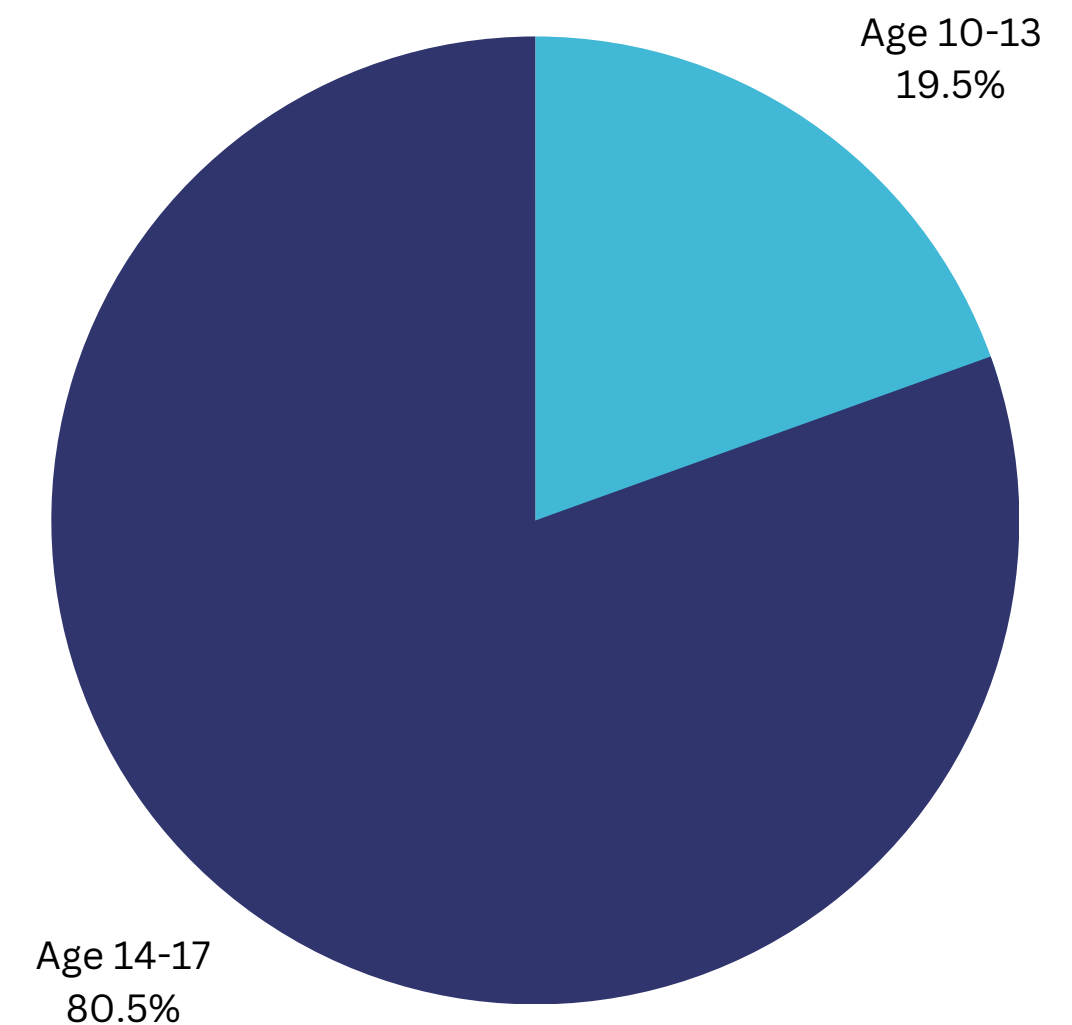
# Who We Serve

- Students ages 10 to 17
- Over 1,000 students impacted since inception in September 2021
- Over 65 Fort Bend County schools reached
- All Fort Bend County school districts reached, including private school and homeschooled

## Race Demographics



## Age Group of EEYP Students



# In-School Enrichment Programs

**“Positive youth development programs strengthen young people’s sense of identity, belief in the future, self-regulation, and self-efficacy as well as their social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral competence” -Centers for Disease Control**

According to Youth.gov:

- Youth enrichment programs often provide the skills and education not normally included in the school curriculum
- These programs have the potential to prevent substance abuse and violence that contribute to risky behaviors and are associated with improvements in academic performance
- Afterschool programs support social, emotional, cognitive, and academic development, reduce risky behaviors, promote physical health, and provide a safe and supportive environment for children and youth

**In-School Programs are FREE and open to ALL Fort Bend County Schools**

**-Sessions meet once a week**

**-8 to 10 on campus sessions**



## Leadership Program

The Leadership Program provides youth with necessary skills, experiences, and exposure to the qualities and characteristics needed to become leaders



## Journalism Program

The Journalism Academy provides students with the knowledge and skills to write effectively and with purpose in the field of journalism



## Anti-Bullying Program

This program provides the students with the education to help raise awareness to the risks of bullying and create effective solutions



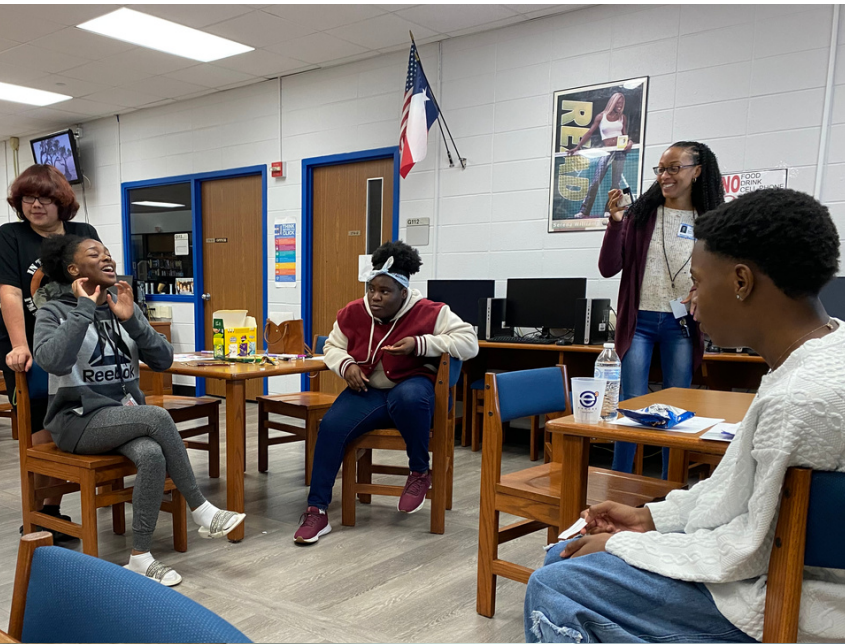
## Art Exploration Program

In the EEYP Art Exploration Program, students develop their artistic self-expression by participating in sessions focused on different forms of art each week

# EEYP Leadership Program

- FBISD Willowridge High School
  - Currently on a 2-year Targeted Improvement Plan
  - Lowest graduation rate of all high schools in Fort Bend County
  - Highest percentage of economically disadvantaged students in Fort Bend County
- Students are nominated by school counselors, teachers, and administration
- Students complete the program with a resume, headshot, letter of recommendation, and professional portfolio
- Outcomes after three cycles at Willowridge High School
  - 90% of surveyed students feel more comfortable being a leader compared to 71% at the start of the program
  - 80% of students feel more confident with their communication skills compared to 65% at the start of the program

***“EEYP understands that it really “takes a village” and they are a part of our Willowridge Eagle village”***  
*-Mr. Mays, Willowridge Guidance Classroom Facilitator*



# Youth Law Enforcement Academy

- This camp exposes youth to a variety of law enforcement careers, both general and specialized, to maintain relationships with the communities we serve and its future leaders
- Participants learn about the different law enforcement agencies to see where their interests are in the respective fields
- Creates a safe space for youth and law enforcement to interact with each other

## Topics Included:

- Crisis Intervention & De-escalation
- Officer Involved Shooting
- FBI Careers
- Domestic Violence & Teen Violence
- Child Predator & Online Safety
- SWAT
- Narcotics K9
- Animal Cruelty
- Shoot/Don't Shoot Simulator
- Street Gang Education
- Intoxicated Driver Activity
- Traffic Stops
- Explosives K9 Demo
- US Marshal Careers



# Youth Volunteer Opportunities

**“Students who perform voluntary community service were 19% more likely to graduate from college than those who did not” (Youth.gov)**



- Expose Excellence has offered over 60 volunteer hours since inception
- 143 youth volunteers in the EEYP student database
- LCISD students need 100 volunteer hours for graduation cord, increasing to 160 hours for the next graduating class
- Various school clubs require members to accumulate volunteer hours
- Volunteer service is beneficial when applying for scholarships



***“Volunteering allows me to apply purpose in my daily actions, develop my identity, and live out my passion.”***  
-Nishta B., Jordan High School





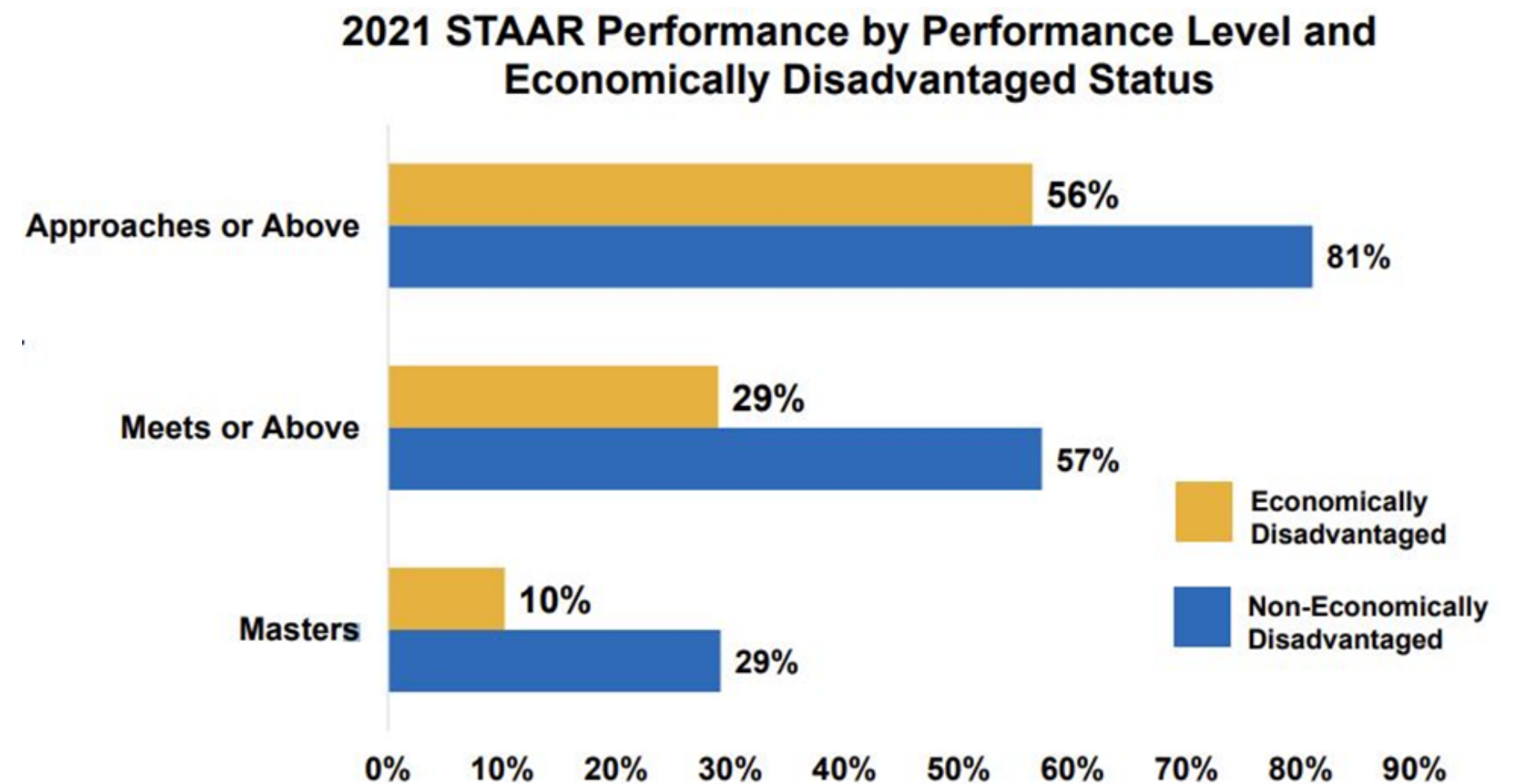
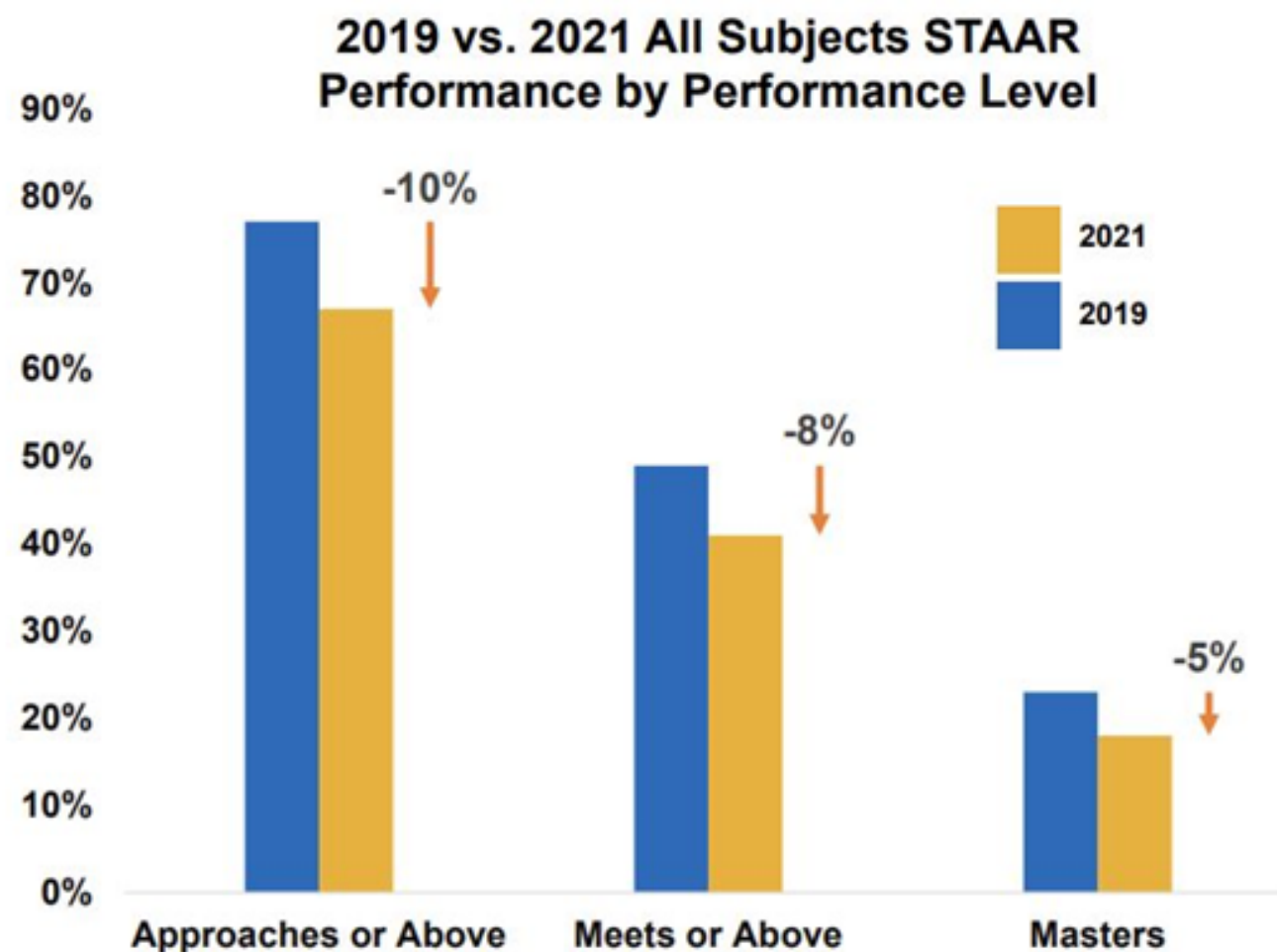
# Free Tutoring Workshops

## SAT:

- Texas ranks 38th in the US for SAT scores, falling 57 points below the national average score
- COVID-19 pandemic caused average SAT scores throughout Texas to drop from the previous years
- SAT tutoring ranges from \$400 to \$800; therefore, we offer free tutoring so all students have an opportunity to benefit

## STAAR:

- According to tea.texas.gov, STAAR results showed a decrease across all performance levels in 2021
- 19% of freshmen students in Fort Bend County failed the English 1 EOC
- 18% of freshmen students in Fort Bend County failed the Algebra 1 EOC



# Educational Field Trips

- Outside of the confines of the classroom, educational trips provide an important opportunity for personal development
- Studies show that well-organized field trips designed to meet specific educational objectives resulted in successful cognitive, affective, and psychomotor learning outcomes (**National Institute of Health**)
- Another study found that regardless of gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status, children who take school trips have better grades (59%), higher graduation rates from high school (95%) and college (63%) and greater income (12% higher annually) (**U.S. Travel Association**)
- 89% of surveyed adults said educational trips had a positive, lasting impact on their education and career because enriching field trips made them more engaged, intellectually curious, and interested in and out of school (**U.S. Travel Association**)



## College Tour - Summer 2022

Students explored the higher education options available in their local communities by visiting a trade school, junior college, local university, and an HBCU



## Texas Legislative Session - Spring 2023

Students toured the Capitol, learned Texas history, and met with Fort Bend County representatives



## Freedom Tour - Summer 2023

Students visited historical sites of the civil rights movement and reflected on significance of these world-changing events

# Opportunities for Artistic Expression

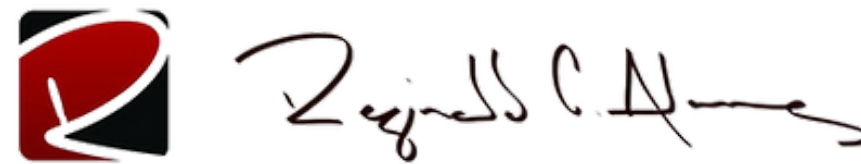
- Annual Black History Month Poetry Contest
- Youth Art Month
- Indus Arts Camp
- Youth Talent Show
- Art in the Bend Student Art Exhibit
- Fort Bend EpiCenter Mural



# Fort Bend County EpiCenter Mural Collaboration

EEYP students met with internationally renowned muralist Reginald Adams to create the concept of the “Art of Culture” mural installed at the Fort Bend County EpiCenter.

*“The Art of Culture mural holds cultural importance as it celebrates Fort Bend County's unique diversity. Renowned muralist, Reginald C. Adams co-designed the mural with students and staff from the **Fort Bend County Expose Excellence Youth Program**. The mural's significance lies in its remarkable depiction of a wide array of cultural aspects that define the Fort Bend County and the Sugarland/Richmond/Rosenberg community. The vibrant artwork showcases the arts, music, dance, cooking, literacy, Western culture, and the spirit of collaboration in gardening, all intricately woven together.”*



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# Expose Excellence Youth Program Juvenile Probation Department

Expose Excellence Youth Program at The Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department was driven by the substantial increase in serious violent crimes among the juveniles referred to the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department and surrounding areas.

The basic approach of this program is meant to be a hands-on, directly involved positive presence in the schools and streets of a juvenile's community to provide a support system to youth who otherwise are surrounded by negative influences.

## Programs and Resources Provided Include:

- Job Skills and Career Training
- Tutoring Services
- Driver's Education
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Support
- Life Skills Training
- Trauma Informed Care
- Counseling
- Mentorship
- Case Management
- Wraparound Services
- Field Trips

**150** juveniles participated in Expose Excellence Youth Program in 2022

Since its inception in 2021, **240** juveniles have participated in Expose Excellence Youth Program

# EEYP Accomplishments

## Expose Excellence Achievements Since Inception

Students Impacted: **1,003**

Schools Reached: **66**

Volunteer Opportunities: **11**

Community Outreach Events: **63**

Family Engagement Events: **7**

SAT/STAAR Test Tutorials: **16**

Summer Enrichment Program/Activities: **12**

Educational Field Trips: **4**

Adult Mentorship Opportunities: **7**



BF Terry Decision Day Donation



United States Congressional Recognition For Service to the Community



2023 Big Future Scholarship Winner



Fort Bend Festival of One



2023 Chakilla & Judge Lewis White Scholarship Recipient



Exposing Black Artistry 2022



Back to School Drive



Fort Bend Fair Parade

# Continued Training and Education

The EEYP staff has completed trainings that increase knowledge in youth enrichment and development

- TBRI: Trust-based Relational Intervention
- CPR & First Aid Training
- Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse
- FBCPC Annual Drug Symposium
- HCDE Case for Kids Symposium
- FBC Behavior Health Children's Mental Health Summit
- Houston Violence Prevention Conference



# 2023 EEYP Future Projects



## SAT Bootcamp

Two FREE SAT tutoring sessions at HCC Missouri City and WCJC Richmond



## Moot Court Tournament

Moot court tournament in partnership with FBCDA for students interested in debate, a career in law, and public speaking



## After School Leadership Program

Weekly afterschool program at FBISD Willowridge High School

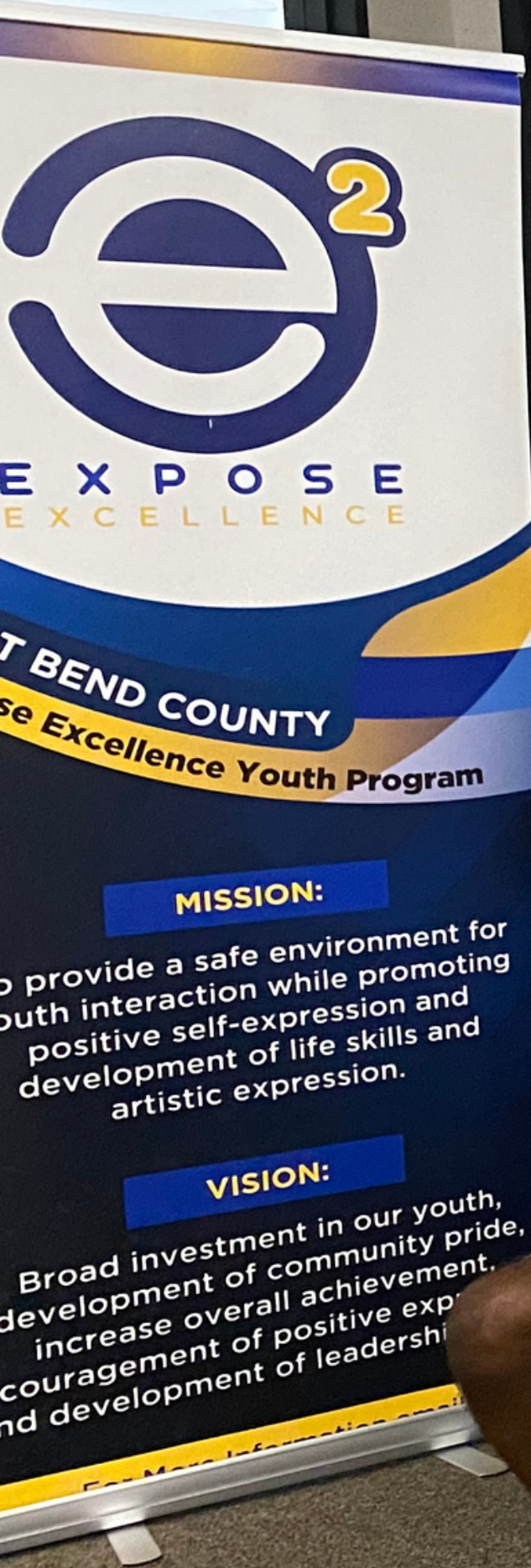


## Fort Bend County Justice Center Mural

EEYP Youth art mural with Reginald Adams in the Fort Bend County Justice Center







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