

Program Overview

Discovery's vision is to provide a quality summer experience for diverse youth to learn on an urban campus, challenging and supporting them to *Dream, Explore and Investigate*.

In 2013, Discovery was re-launched at the Mary and Frances Youth Center (MFYC). The mission of MFYC is to be a national leader in university-community collaboration for positive youth development making Discovery a strong fit. This program provides rising 6th – 8th graders an opportunity to explore future career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Math and Health Sciences (STEAM-H) through half-day and full-day, week long courses taught by VCU faculty, students and community members on the college campus.

Reflecting Our Values

Fun: Most students (96%) strongly agree or agree that the Discovery Summer program was a positive experience.

STEAM-H Career exploration: Discovery Students demonstrated knowledge and interest in STEAM-H coursework after completing the program.

Diversity: Most students in the Discovery Summer program reported having classes with other children who looked like them, but most strongly agreed or agreed that they became friends with someone who was different from them.

Program Model

Youth Across the Richmond Region

VCU Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Students

Local teachers and other community members

Discovery
: STEAM-H
Career
Exploration

Engaged and career conscious youth exploring STEAM-H careers through community – university partnership.

Impacting Summer Learning Loss

- ✓ 73% of Discovery students agreed to using information gained during the school year during their time in Discovery.
- ✓ 81% of Discovery students agreed that they would be able to use ideas from Discovery in the upcoming school year.
- ✓ 94% of students agreed that they were exiting the Discovery program with an idea of how people use the skills they practiced in their career.





Summer Highlights

Taken from 2016 Evaluation Report

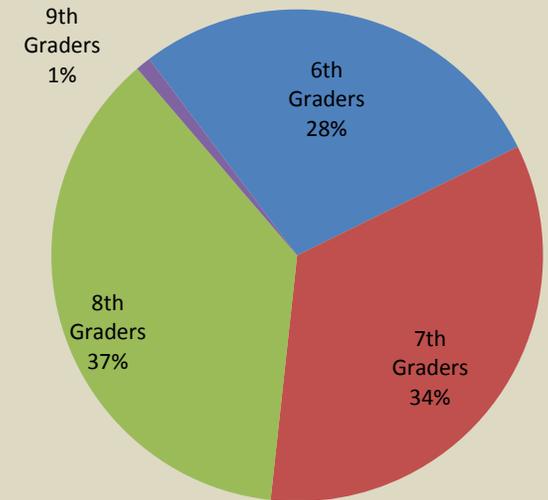
- 95% of students liked their teacher.
- 97% of students agreed that they were given opportunities to participate in discussions and activities.
- 90% of students agreed that they did something they are proud of.
- 92% of students agreed that they learned something new.



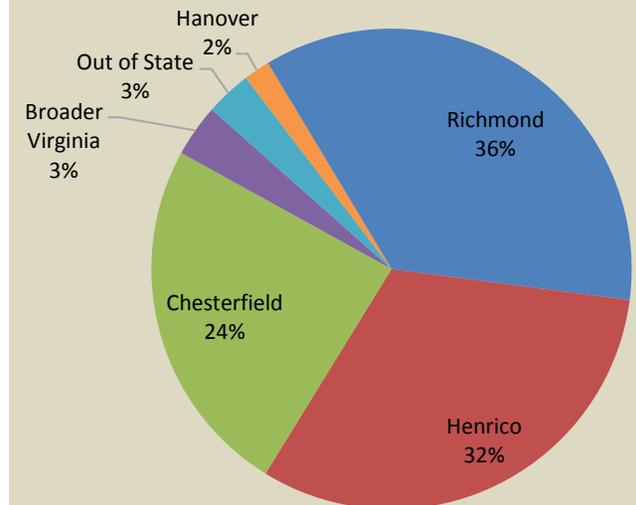
General Statistics

Description	2016
# of Weeks	4
# of Unique Classes	25
Number of Students	227 (average of 52 students per week)
Gender	46% Male, 53% Female
Grade Level	28% 6th, 34% 7th, 37% 8th, 1% 9th
Student Ethnicities	African American (42%), Caucasian (29%), Other/Unknown (19%), Asian (5%), Multi-racial (3%), Hispanic (2%)
# of Scholarships	51 full, 4 partial

Fall 2016 Grade Distribution



School District Distribution



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