

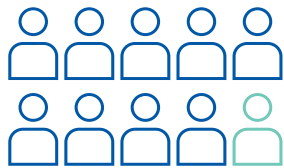


**YOUTH  
FRONTIERS**  
STUDENTS



## IMPACT

Youth Frontiers has done extensive qualitative and quantitative research on our retreats, and after each retreat we send out student surveys to measure our impact. We aim to see at least 75 percent of student participants report increased social-emotional learning skills and stronger connections to their teachers and classmates after their retreats. Here is a quick look at some of our outcomes from the 2022-23 school year.



Nine out of 10 students agreed that since the Kindness Retreat®, they feel more confident to help someone who is being picked on.<sup>1</sup>

“The kids loved [the Youth Frontiers staff] and really made a connection with them. I saw several of our more challenging kids hanging on their every word! SO impressed with the Youth Frontiers Kindness Retreats!”

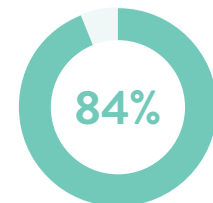
– Elementary School Counselor, Neb.



82 percent of students agreed that the Courage Retreat® helped them understand how acting with courage can make a positive difference for them and their school.<sup>1</sup>

“I’m an 8th grader who went to the Courage Retreat yesterday ... I wanted to tell you that you guys had an impact on me. That was an experience that I will never forget. It made me realize how I can be a better person to others and to myself.”

– Student Participant, Wis.



After the Respect Retreat®, 84 percent of students agreed that they show more respect for others who may not share their views.<sup>1</sup>

“[The Respect Retreat] helps us welcome our newest students, and allows us to connect positive upper-class leaders with ninth-grade students. We take what we learn at the retreat and use the follow-up resources ... So much good comes from this retreat!”

– High School Counselor, Wis.



88 percent of educators rate the quality of our **Programs Staff and their facilitation of the retreats as excellent.**<sup>2</sup>

“The retreat leaders know how to engage middle schoolers and are superstars. To say that I am extremely impressed would be an understatement!”

– *Community Engagement Specialist, Minn.*



The top two reasons schools partner with Youth Frontiers are to improve school climate and build community.<sup>3</sup>

“It was a great day! I think our students have a better understanding of courage and what following your heart looks like. It was great to see so many of them be willing to share their act of courage with each other. It also was timely to **help our new students connect and bond with their classmates in a shared school experience.**”

– *School Counselor, Minn.*

“I really wanted to thank [YF] for gifting me one of the best days of my entire life. ... I have never seen my peers be this vulnerable and honest with each other and it made me love and appreciate them so much more. I think you have truly changed my school for the better and I will be forever grateful.”

– *Student Participant, Minn.*



Data sources: <sup>1</sup>Youth Frontiers Student Surveys, 2022-23

<sup>2</sup>Youth Frontiers Client Survey, 2022-23

<sup>3</sup>Youth Frontiers Client Survey, 2021-22