

# STEP and LEAP Program 2024-2025 Evaluation Report

STEP and LEAP are free academic and enrichment after-school programs offered by Brooklyn Center Community Schools. Activities are provided through the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center grant and in partnership with Intentions.

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The Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth supports the continuous quality improvement process for the STEP and LEAP programs by facilitating monthly evaluation meetings, and creating and administering a variety of process and quality measurements.

## EVALUATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE STEP PROGRAM (GRADES K-5)

- Total number of students that participated: 162
- Number of students who participated 89 hours or fewer: 107
- Number of students who participated 90 hours or more: 55
- School day teachers reported improved engagement in school day learning for 95 of the 162 STEP participants.

## Youth Program Quality Assessment Results (from a sample of program clubs)

Several items in the domains of Safe Environment, Supportive Environment, Interaction, and Engagement are scored a 1 (poor quality), 3, or 5 (high quality) and then averaged out.

- BCE Gym
  - Safe Environment Average: 4.7
  - Supportive Environment Average: 4.1
  - Interaction Average: 3.5
  - Engagement Average: 2.0
- Anime
  - Safe Environment Average: 4.8
  - Supportive Environment Average: 3.5
  - Interaction Average: 1.6
  - Engagement Average: 2.0

- Chill, Chat, Create
  - Safe Environment Average: 4.8
  - Supportive Environment Average: 4.6
  - Interaction Average: 4.2
  - Engagement Average: 3.5

## EVALUATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE LEAP PROGRAM (GRADES 6-12)

- Total number of students that participated: 372
- Number of students who participated 89 hours or less: 302
- Number of students who participated 90 hours or more: 70
- The GPAs of 68 students from grades 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 improved from the prior school year
- The GPAs of 119 students from grades 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 were lower or equal to prior school year

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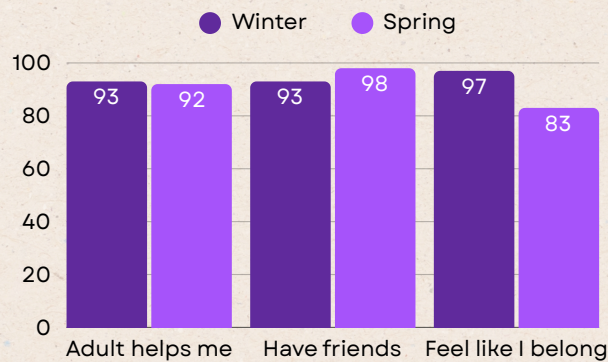
- Cooking
  - Safe Environment Average: 4.9
  - Supportive Environment Average: 4.0
  - Interaction Average: 3.0
  - Engagement Average: 3.0
- Debate
  - Safe Environment Average: 4.8
  - Supportive Environment Average: 5.0
  - Interaction Average: 4.8
  - Engagement Average: 2.7



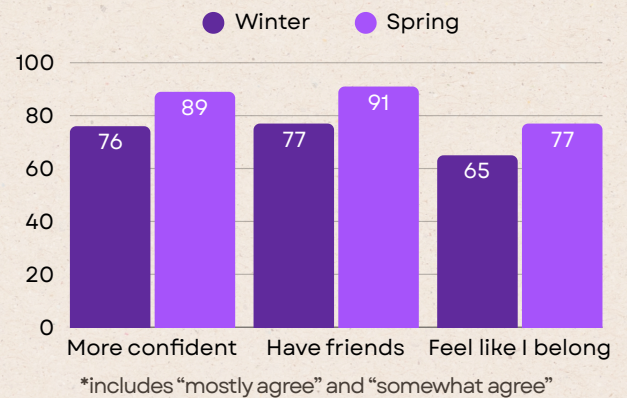
# SY 24-25 Student Surveys

Student surveys provide an insight into the perspectives of youth in the program. Surveys were dispersed in the winter and in the spring to provide valuable information in different parts of the school year. The analysis focuses on the overall rating of the program, various questions pertaining to how they feel about staff, how they feel about the program, and how it helps them. We understand how afterschool program fluctuate throughout the year and remind ourselves this is one snapshot of the overall program.

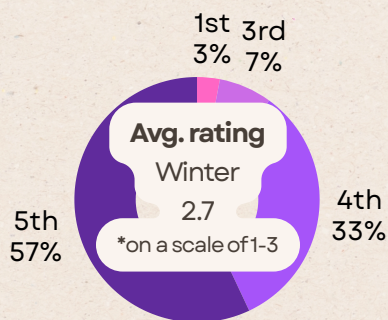
## STEP



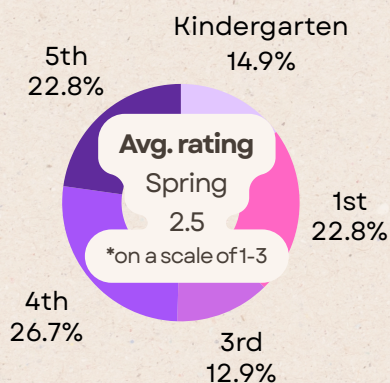
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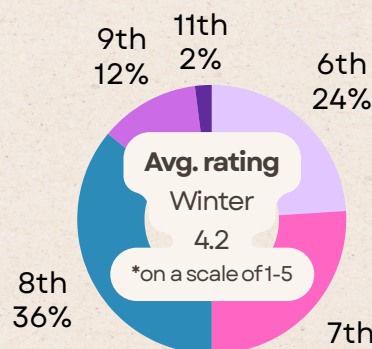
## STEP



*"I love the program and it helps me to be a better version of myself."*



## LEAP



*"I didn't speed through the survey, I genuinely think this is a cool club!"*

