



# IMPACT EVALUATION SUMMARY

2022-2023  
Academic Year

# HOW WE DO IT

## YMU SURVEYS

Our assessments give us a 360-degree view of our programs' effectiveness and impact by weaving together feedback from students, core subject teachers, school administrators, and parents.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL):

We have combined efforts with a third party, Hello Insight, to provide independently verified data regarding the needs, preferences, and social-emotional profile of our students benchmarked at a national level. These efforts continuously serve as the foundation of our teaching methodology and deepening the impact of our teachers and coaches.

## MDCPS DATA

YMU has formed an official partnership with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools to monitor our students' grades, attendance, and behavior to assess the impact of music programming on their long-term academic development.



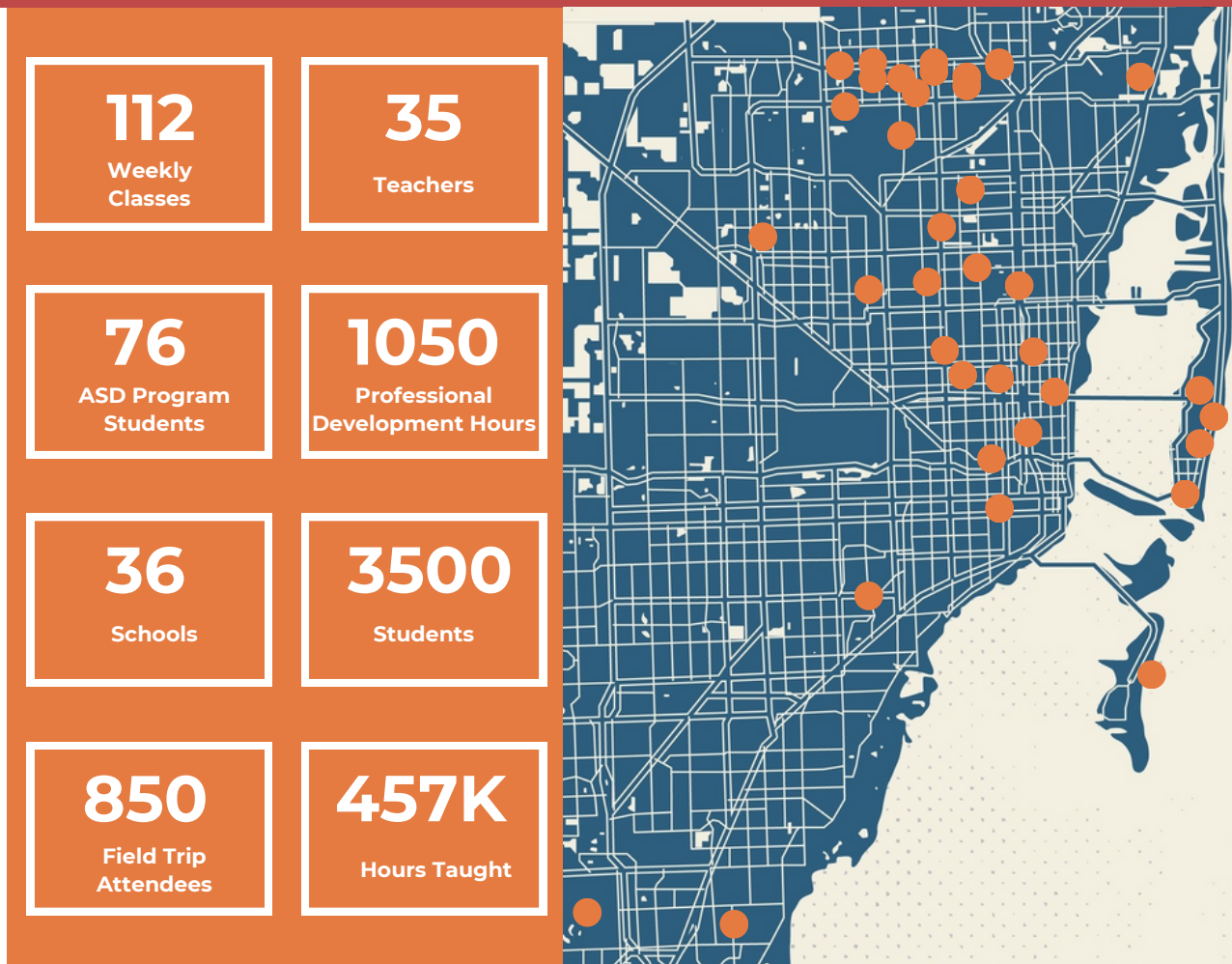


# YMU AT A GLANCE

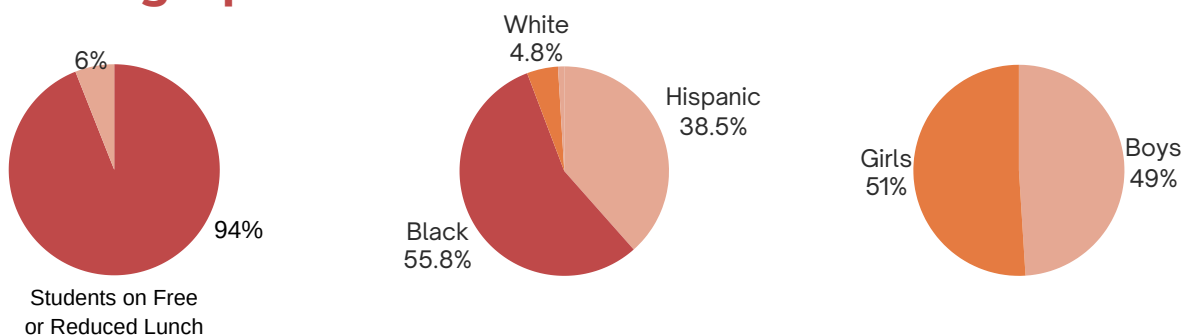


Young Musicians Unite believes that every child deserves access to music education regardless of their socio-economic background. We collaborate with schools to provide free music education, which has been proven to inspire personal development, foster a sense of community and prepare our future leaders.

# YMU IMPACT



## Demographics



## **\$171,000 additional scholarships distributed**

Scholarship value is the total funds students received from external organization including the New World Symphony and their College Track Fund, Wynwood School of Music, the Music Matters Scholarship, the College Access Scholarship Fund, NU DECO NXT, and Interlochen School of the Arts.



# COURSE OFFERINGS

## 6 In-School Programs

- Drumline
- Modern Band
- Beginning Band
- Music Production
- Pitch & Rhythm
- Orchestral Strings

## 6 After-School Programs

- Jazz Ensembles
- Rock Ensembles
- Beat Making
- Recording Sessions
- Internships
- Show Production



# STEAM +

**545**

Interactions

**1,875**

Lesson Hours

**25**

Masterclasses

# SHOWS & PERFORMANCES



61

Number of Public  
Performance

75

In-School  
Performances

50,457

Audience  
Members

Our total shows include performances from in-school YMU students, the Miami Beach Rock Ensemble, the Jazz Collective, and YMU partner bands. Our audience encompasses total attendees from winter and spring shows as well as public and private performances.

Live shows allow students to showcase their talents, connect with fellow musicians, increase confidence, and gain performance experience. Our students have had the opportunity to perform at stages such as The Arsht Center, Miami Beach Bandshell, and the Kaseya Center.



# YMU STUDIO

The YMU Studio is a free youth community recording studio, located in Allapattah. Students can book a free recording, photo, or video session and or participate in our Songwriting & Beat Making Class.

**135**

**Studio Recording Sessions Offered**

**84**

**Student Releases**

**92**

**Songwritting & Beat Making Classes**

**167**

**Countries Listening**

**322**

**Songwriting & Beat Making Class Hours**

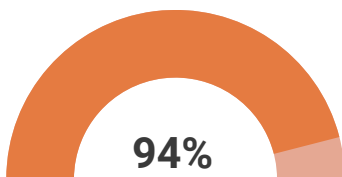
**408**

**Studio Recording Hours**



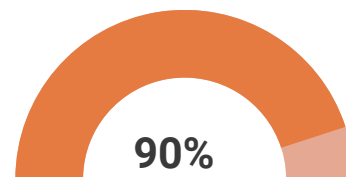
## MUSIC PRODUCTION CLASS

Behavioral change



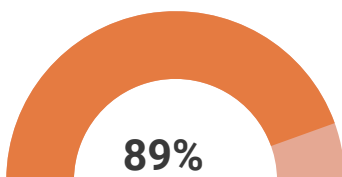
**94%**

**Feel more motivated to do better academically**



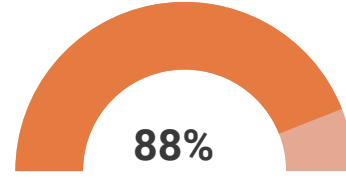
**90%**

**Have gotten better at expressing their vision and creative ideas**



**89%**


**Have increased their ability to set and accomplish goals**



**88%**

**Feel more positive when thinking about their future**

# ABOUT YMU SURVEYS



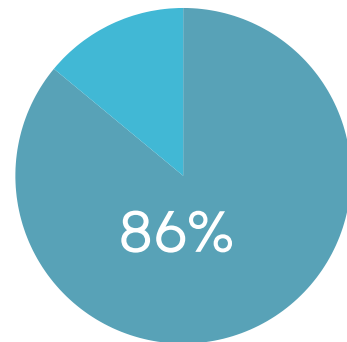
YMU measures impact and our students' development by monitoring their grades, conduct, and attendance. The goal of YMU 360 surveys is to help understand how the students' skills and behaviors affect people at all levels within the organization, schools, and at home.



# RESULTS: YMU SURVEYS

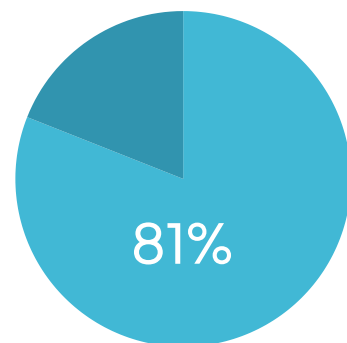
## Students Increase Creative Abilities

Tangible artistic growth and creative development was observed by 86% of students.



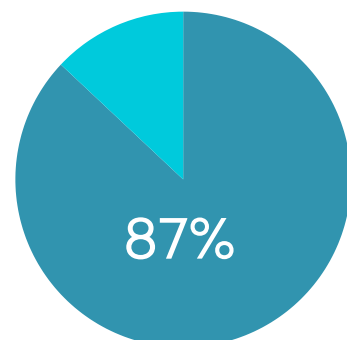
## Student Cooperation Increases

YMU students reported an 81% increase in their capacity to collaborate effectively with their peers.



## Students Improve Social Skills

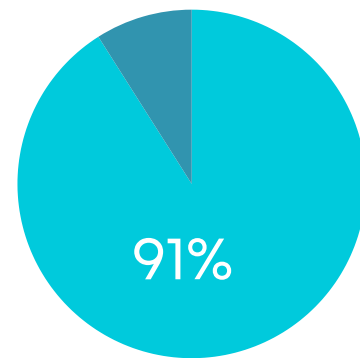
In 87% of cases, teachers observed enhanced socialization skills among their students.



# RESULTS: YMU SURVEYS

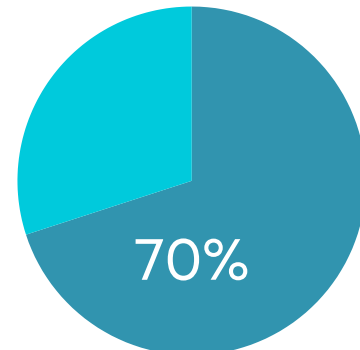
## Students Embrace Increased Motivation

Students within the YMU program reported a heightened academic motivation, with 91% acknowledging the change.



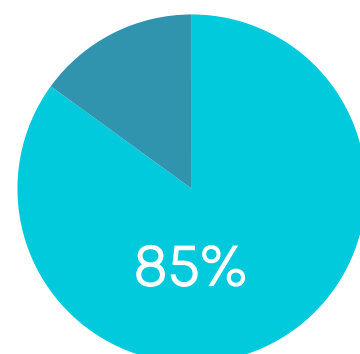
## Student's Time Management Skills Improve

70% of students acknowledged advancements in personal time-management skills, expressing gratitude to YMU for imparting valuable life tools.



## Student Optimism Soars

An increased sense of hopefulness about the future was acknowledged by 85% of students.





# ABOUT SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

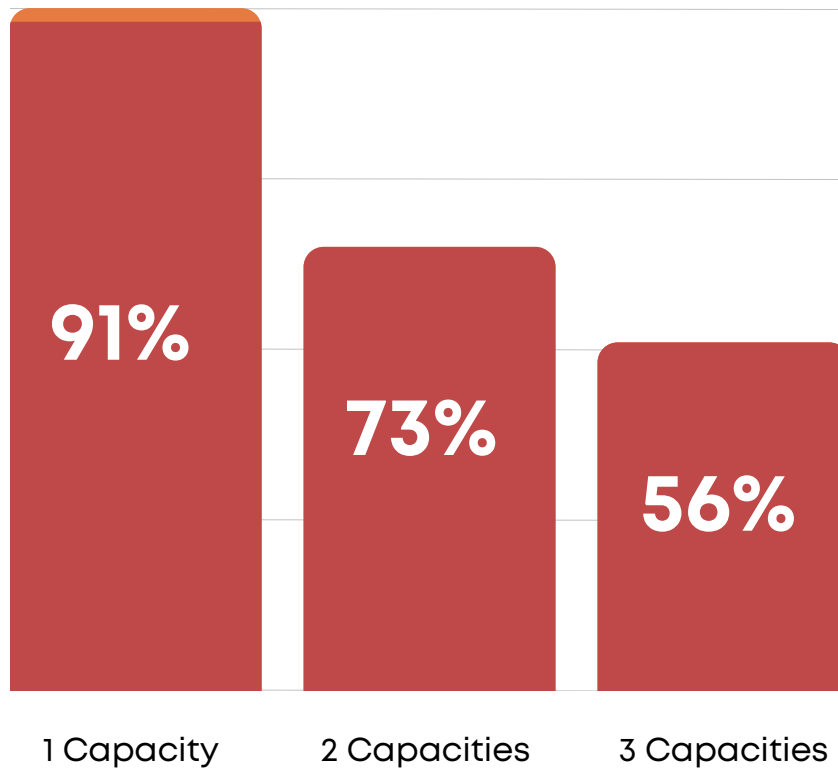
YMU administers comprehensive surveys that measure social emotional learning (life skills), students' attitudes towards school, and behavioral change. SEL surveys focus on the following five competency areas:

1. Self-awareness
2. Self-management
3. Social awareness
4. Relationship skills
5. Responsible decision-making



# RESULTS: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

## SEL Gained capacities



**91%** of students made a gain in at least 1 SEL capacity

**73%** of students made a gain in at least two SEL capacities

**56%** of students made a gain in at least three SEL capacities





# MDCPS Attendance



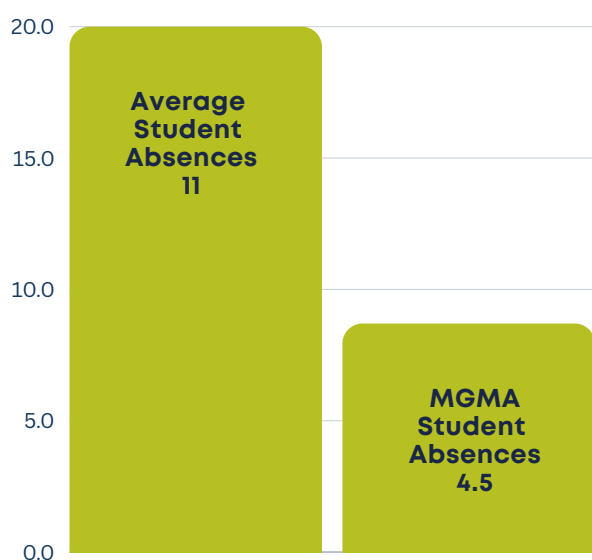
Research has shown that regular attendance and academic achievement are closely linked. YMU monitors student attendance, enabling the identification of students who may need support at an early stage. This allows us to implement measures to help them continue their studies.



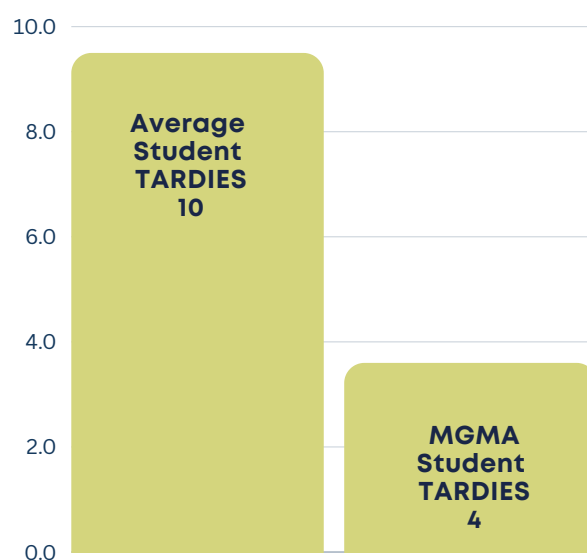
# RESULTS: MDCPS

## Attendance 2023 - 2024

MDCPS students are in jeopardy of failing a class if they are absent for more than 10 days. Students within the Miami Gardens Music Alliance (MGMA) are less likely to miss school than the average student and be late to class during school hours. This allows students to maximize their learning time and improve their academic performance.



MGMA students miss 6 days less than average student reducing absence by 60%



MGMA students are 60% less tardy compared to the average student



# STUDENT QUOTES



"YMU is a great program and more people should join! Thanks to the music program, I have been more open to new experiences, had scholarship opportunities, and expanded my friendships circle!"

**-Zy'Elle Morrison, Lake Stevens Middle School**