Impact Report

ideaSpark Coding Clubs & Pathway Finders

Academic Year 2025–2026

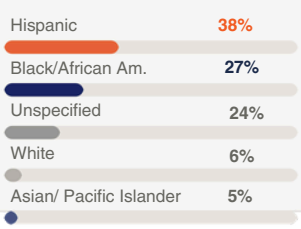
In academic year 2025–2026, Bold Idea served **310 students** in Dallas through ideaSpark Coding Clubs and the newly named Pathway Finders program. Hosted across 9 elementary, 2 middle, 3 high schools, and 4 community center locations, students received mentorship from 51 volunteer mentors who contributed 859.75 hours. Every student demonstrated increased knowledge of computer science concepts, critical thinking skills and 117 digital badges showcasing mastery of Computer Science technical skills.

Race, Ethnicity & Gender

65% of ideaSpark students identify as Black or Latinx

Gender breakdown:

- 46% Male
- 40% Female
- 2% Nonbinary
- 12% Not-Reported



Program Reach

310 students impacted

18 locations supported

51 volunteer Mentors

859.75 Mentor Hours

- 9 Elementary
- 2 Middle Schools
- 3 High Schools
- 4 Community Centers

Achievement Outcomes

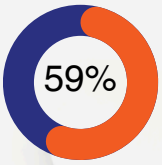


% of increased confidence in Computer Science knowledge & skills

Self-Efficacy

60% Students maintaining or increasing self-efficacy in CS education

Achievement Outcomes



% of increased student interest in Compute Science knowledge & skills

Student Interest

59% Students maintaining or increasing interest in CS education

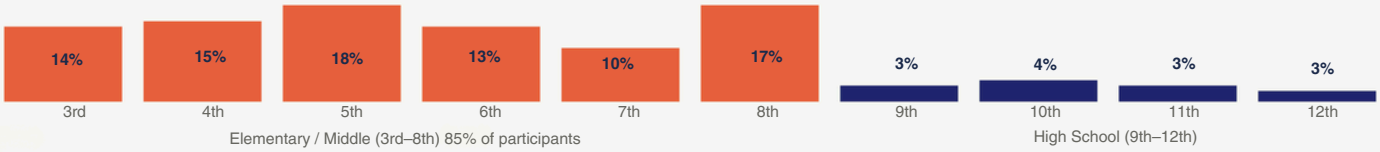
Student Satisfaction Ratings

88% of Bold Idea students report a positive relationship with their mentor. Mentorship creates extended learning opportunities that foster belonging, motivation, and a belief that a tech future is possible for every student.

Since 2016:

- **1,410+** Students served
- **18,654.25** Volunteer Hours
- **53%** Students introduced to Coding for the first time

Grade-Level Distribution



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"This year, 310 students took meaningful steps toward futures they may have never imagined for themselves. Through hands-on coding experiences, consistent mentorship, and a community that believed in their potential, our after-school programs helped students discover their capabilities of solving complex problems, creating innovative solutions, and thriving in spaces where they have historically been underrepresented. Along the way, they built confidence in their abilities, formed meaningful relationships with mentors, and developed coding projects that continually exceeded our expectations. More importantly, our students began to see themselves as someone not simply learning to code, but as future innovators, creators, and leaders with the power to shape the world around them. As we prepare to serve another 330 students in FY26–27, we remain inspired by what is possible when opportunity, encouragement, and access come together to unlock potential and transform lives."

-Joshua Boyce, Executive Director

ideaSpark Coding Clubs

After-school program for students grades 3–12th, hosted at Dallas ISD elementary, middle, and high schools. Students build foundational computer science skills alongside volunteer mentors from the tech industry professionals. On avg. 95% of participants qualifying for free- or reduced lunches.

Pathway Finders

Formerly Code/Prep, Pathway Finders curates career readiness and preparedness events with hands-on experience in programming, web development, and exploring STEM careers — preparing students for college and career.

Corporate & Individual Sponsors

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- 100% CS knowledge gained — every student
- 95% qualify for free and reduced lunch
- 51 mentors · 860 hours of service
- 117 digital badges awarded to students
- AY 26–27: 330 students, 110 mentors

Every dollar reaches a student — molding an unobstructed path to measurable Computer Science education outcomes.

Parents & Families

SAFETY & CONFIDENCE

- 88% positive mentor relationship
- 100% Demonstrated CS growth & interest
- 60% increased self-efficacy in CS Grades 3–
- 12 across 18 sites
- 65% Hispanic & Black students

A safe, mentorship space where your child builds confidence and belonging in STEM.

Schools & Dallas ISD District Partners

ACADEMIC PIPELINE

- 85% of participants are 3rd–8th grades
- 100% increase in CS concepts
- 117 skill badges (project-based)
- AY 26–27: 90% complete a CS project
- +10% Year-over-year re-engagement

Bold Idea's 3rd–12th program focuses directly supports career readiness & early technical career development and workforce pipeline.

AY 2026–2027 Outcome Targets

100%	90%	80%	80%	330	110
CS knowledge growth	Complete a CS project	CS interest maintained	Self-efficacy maintained	Students anticipated	Mentors anticipated

Thank You Volunteer Mentors 2025 – 2026!

51 volunteer mentors contributed 859.75 hours supporting 310 students across DFW.

51 Mentors | **859.75 Hours** | **117 Badges** | **88% Positive relationships**

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