

Spark Program

















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- Fall & Spring Programming
- · Program Supports (Spark & School)

Spark's Mission

Spark Mission & Vision



Mission:

Spark engages communities to provide career exploration and self-discovery opportunities that help middle school students understand, experience and pursue what's possible.

Vision:

<u>All</u> young people have the opportunity to discover who they can become. <u>All</u> adults have a role in equipping them for that journey.





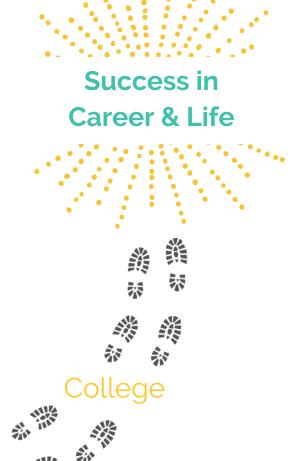


Middle School



High School Graduation





Growth focus areas



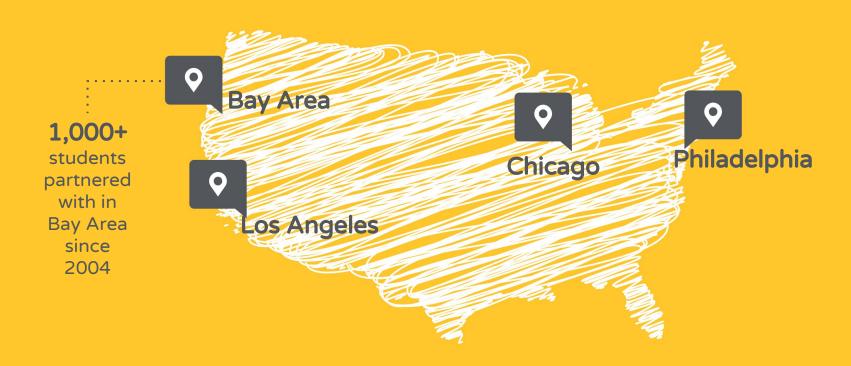


Skills

Spark's Reach & Impact

Spark Nationwide





Founded

in the Bay Area, Spark is spread across 4 major metro regions

29 School Partners

Spark in the Bay Area SY18-19



This year, Spark partners with...

4 schools

170 7th graders

300 8th graders

Current Partner Schools

San Francisco:

- Visitación Valley Middle School
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
- · Willie Brown Jr. Middle School

East Palo Alto:

Ravenswood Middle School

Corporate Partners in the Bay Area































Spark's Year-Long Programming



Program Model



Fall: Exploration



Spring: Immersion

Spark

Labs

Spark Mentorship

Fall Semester: Spark Labs Scope & Sequence



| Lab 1 – Company A | Lab 2 – Company B | Lab 3 – Company C | Lab 4 – Company D | Lab 5 – Company E |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Company Tour (Social Capital) | Company Tour (Social Capital) | Company Showcase (Social Capital) | Mock Interviews (Social Capital) | Mock Interviews (Social Capital) |
| Personal Brand | Family Feud | Design Thinking | Tallest Tower | Living Sculptures |
| (Self Awareness) | (Self Management) | (Social Awareness) | (Relationship Skills) | (Responsible Decision Making) |
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| (Relationship Skills) | (Responsible Decision Making) | (Self Awareness) | (Social Awareness) | (Self Management) |

- Spark Labs occur one day per week over the course of 5 weeks, October-November
- All activities will be facilitated by a Spark staff member

Spark Lab Weekly Structure



- Volunteer Huddle (10 mins)
- Welcome & Icebreaker (15 mins)
- Company Introduction (30 mins)

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(Mock Interview)
(Company Tour)
(Company Showcase)
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- Core CASEL Activity (30 mins)
- Supporting CASEL Activity (30 mins)
- Closing & Evaluation (10 mins)

Spring Semester: Spark Mentorship Structure





to engage

pairing them with

who guides a

around an











with a school

middle school students

a mentor

workplace learning experience

career driven project



2 hours/week





3 months

Mentorship Components





1:1 Mentoring

Students spend quality time with a caring adult



Social-Emotional Learning

Spark's mentorship curriculum develops empathy, positive relationships, and responsible decision making in young adults



Project-Based Learning

Students experience the value of planning, implementation and practice with the creation of a Spark Project

Creating Mentoring Relationships



Student Application

Hobbies

Personal Interest Interest Areas Skills Student Wants to Learn



Student Interview

Mannerisms
Personality
Engagement Level
Classroom Interaction

Mentor Application

Hobbies
Personal Interest
Professional Experience
Skills Mentor Wants to
Teach



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Spark 2018-19











Spark 2017/2018 Impact



According to teachers, 79% of Spark students increased their classroom Performance & Engagement

80% of Spark students agreed they learned about careers or opportunities they didn't know about before

91% of Spark mentors increased their connectedness and sense of responsibility within their communities

Program Supports





\$25,000 School Partners

Spark Program Costs
Total Cost of Program: \$75,000

Program Staff Support: \$58,000

Bus Transportation: \$15,000

Share Your Spark Event Costs: \$1,200

Background Checks: \$750

\$25,000 Corporate Partners



Spark's Responsibilities



Spark makes a commitment to...



Provide company site workshops & mentorships



Secure transportation to & from company visits



Ensure all adults are trained & screened



Collect family safety & evaluation consent; Evaluate Spark's impact



Provide staff who regularly check in with students, facilitate trips and workshops at company sites

School Partner Responsibilities



School partners will...



Designate a "Spark Coordinator" to champion Spark onsite, including support of enrollment and retention



Provide 1 chaperone to travel with Spark after school



Provide data and support survey completion for evaluation impact



Ensure Spark's transportation and dismissal structure alignwith school's schedule



Provide program support fees



Share Your Spark

May 14th, 5:00-7:00 pm

Facebook Building 15