

CYCP Report

Hispanic Student Leadership and Engagement in Alexandria City Public Schools

Goal

- Children will be Academically Successful & Career Ready
- All Children, Youth, and Families will have Positive Experiences

Result

Hispanic students are supported by an equitable school system and have leadership opportunities

Why This Matters

Hispanic students make up about **40%** of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). However, many students within this demographic feel underrepresented in leadership roles. When Hispanic students are given more chances to lead and engage in school activities, they develop higher confidence, feel more connected to their community, and experience greater success academically.

Source: ACPS Equity for All Strategic Plan, 2024

How Are We Doing

100+ Hispanic students involved in mentoring or leadership programs through organizations like Casa Chirilagua and Tenants and Workers United (TWU)
72% of Hispanic students expressed a desire for more leadership opportunities (CYCP Youth Forum, 2024)
87% of participants in leadership programs report feeling more confident speaking up in school

CYCP Strategies

Create more leadership roles and support for Hispanic students across schools.

Progress so far

- Bilingual leadership clubs created in some schools
- Youth organizing program led by Hispanic students
- Mentorship and public speaking offered.

Resources

- casachirilagua.org
- tenantsandworkers.org
- acps.k12.va.us

Champion

Casa Chirilagua, Tenants and workers united, ACPS Equity office.

Where We're Headed

- Launch a Latinx Student Leadership Council
- Offer bilingual leadership training at all schools
- Hispanic Youth conference

Sources

- ACPS Equity for all plans (2024)
- CYCP Youth Forum
- Casa Chirilagua and Tenants and workers united