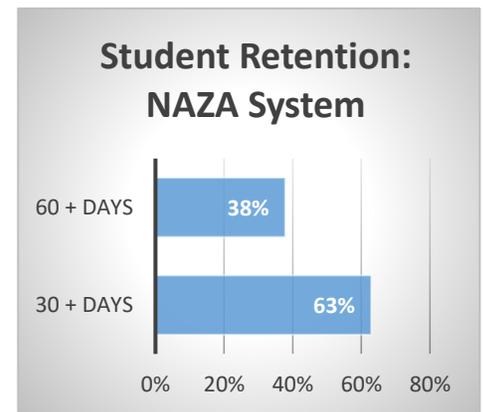
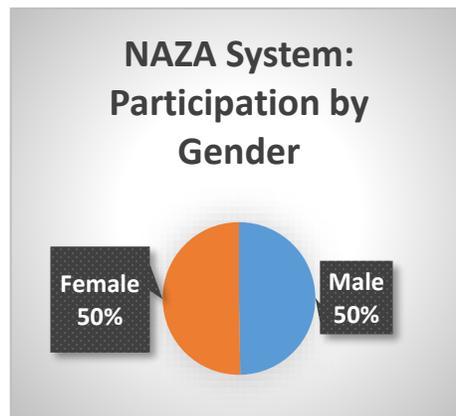
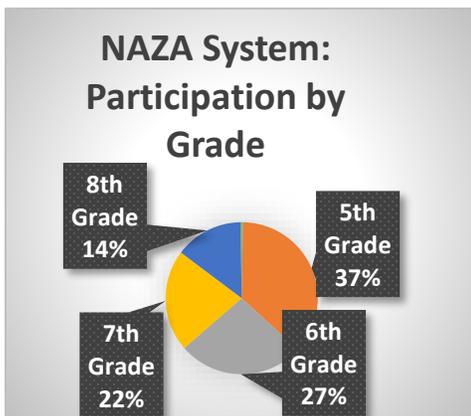


## NAZA by Numbers



### **Students Served in Afterschool Programs**

In 2016-2017, NAZA contracted a total of 1078 student slots with Anchor Partners, serving 1528 students from 26 middle schools. Nearly 60% of NAZA students were in 5th or 6th grade. An equal percentage of students were male and female. Countless research studies have shown that dosage matters in out-of-school time programming. Therefore, NAZA encourages partners to make every effort to retain enrolled students in the program as long as possible. Students can gain at least 112 additional hours of learning through NAZA. Sixty-three percent of NAZA students participated in their program for 30 or more days and 38% participated in their program for 60 or more days.



### **Program Support Services: Healthy Meals, Transportation, Language Development**

NAZA's partnership with MNPS Food & Nutrition Services provided 582 students with an opportunity to receive hot meals and 946 with an opportunity to receive snacks at school-based sites. (Community sites-based sites provided meals and snacks independently.) Additionally, NAZA partnered with the MNPS Transportation Department to provide bus transportation to 882 students attending school-based programs. (Students attending community-based sites were picked up by parents.) In addition, NAZA's continued partnership with MNPS' EL Office, enabling EL teachers to engage with students, support their English language development, and helps youth build positive relationships.

## Innovative Approaches that Inspire a Love of Learning

### ***Access to Books & Literacy Resources***

NAZA provided 257 copies of the book *March One* to students at 12 NAZA sites. Each site then engaged in read aloud book discussions in conjunction with Nashville Reads, the Nashville Public Library Foundation's city-wide initiative. NAZA also partnered with Nashville Public Library (NPL) to issue 25 Limitless Library Cards, allowing youth to check out 635 books from the public library from their school or community center. In addition, NAZA and NPL provided sites with 11 reading mentors who visited sites 38 times throughout the year and provided support in selecting appropriate books, exposing youth to a variety of genres, and engaging in high-interest book discussions.

### ***Family Literacy Nights***

In partnership with Comcast, NAZA hosted five Family Literacy Nights to connect communities to literacy resources in Nashville and strategies to engage learners in literacy at home. A total of 530 students, family members, and staff representing 51 schools attended those events.

### ***Youth Leadership Retreat***

In October, 127 students from 25 schools participated in NAZA's 7th Annual Youth Leadership Retreat at Camp Widjiwagan. The nominated students engaged in a full day of interactive leadership activities that taught them about creativity, teamwork, cooperation, communication, dedication, honesty, courage, and responsibility.

### ***NAZA End-of-Year Showcase***

In April, over 600 middle and high school MNPS students and their families gathered at Whites Creek High School for a daylong celebration of NAZA afterschool students' accomplishments.

## **NAZA STEM Programs**

### **Frontiers in Urban Science Education (FUSE)**

189 students across 8 NAZA sites participated in NAZA's Frontiers in Urban Science Education pilot, in which they had the opportunity to engage in over 50 hours of high-quality STEM activities that were planned and facilitated by their afterschool teacher and a paired school day teacher. In addition, 3 NAZA sites partnered with MNPS' i3 initiative at Croft, Stratford, and Litton, to offer students four hours of STEM activities per week during NAZA programming.

### **Summer STEAM Program**

NAZA implemented a STEAM-focused summer program pilot for over 200 middle school students in partnership with Metro Parks at three locations that were successful in NAZA's STEM afterschool pilot program (Hartman, Coleman and Southeast). The intensive focus on daily STEAM learning and STEAM-focused field trips seek to inspire students' interest in STEAM and expose them to related professions.

## **NAZA SummerZone**

NAZA SummerZone offered a unique summer experience for youth to explore their interests through career exploration, college knowledge, and enrichment activities. As part of Mayor Barry's *Opportunity NOW* summer youth employment initiative, NAZA SummerZone included project-based "experience work" for 430 young people (ages 14-17) through Academies of Nashville (AON) career pathways. Youth were paid \$8.00/hour for experience work in the morning, and then spent afternoons learning about career & college opportunities through the Oasis Center.

## **Professional Development and Coaching**

### **Professional Development Trainings**

This past year, NAZA provided 1683 hours of professional development trainings to 394 practitioners from NAZA funded and non-NAZA funded partners on how to deliver high-quality youth programs. This included 284 hours of literacy instruction guidance to over 100 participants. Additionally, through the FUSE grant, 18 program staff received a combined 170 hours of STEM instruction guidance.

### **Program Quality Assessments**

Throughout the school year, NAZA provided program quality assessments and quality improvement support to 42 NAZA-funded sites operated by 20 partners at school and community locations.

### **Coaching**

NAZA's Academic Coach provided 12 sites with 39 academic-focused coaching visits during the programming year. The purpose was to increase site staff capacity to lead rich reading activities, lead long-term writing projects, vocabulary games, small-format book clubs, and to build a resource bank of engaging vocabulary games. In addition NAZA provided 8 sites with 18 STEM coaching sessions that focused on improved implementation of the FUSE model and building sustainable relationships between formal and informal educators in the afterschool space.

## **Evaluation**

- NAZA administered its annual student survey in December with 657 students responding to the survey. NAZA student's overall satisfaction rate with their NAZA-funded program was 89%.
- All sites improved in at least one area of supporting youth in reading and writing, and 86% of sites increased their overall scores on the Weikart Center's YPQA literacy scale. The average score for sites in the spring was a 4.2/5.
- All NAZA STEM pilot sites demonstrated growth from fall to spring on all three measures within the activity engagement scale and the STEM knowledge and practices scale of the Dimensions of Success observation tool and scored a 3 (competent) or 4 (advanced) on all but one indicator within those areas (reflection).