



## 2016-2017 LEAP FabLab Annual Report

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Carlos Mattei-Ramos,  
Director of the FabLab

## Director's message

These are exciting times in the FabLab; a special year. The FabLab have experience growth in the areas of teacher engagement and student impact. In our efforts to engage more teachers in FabLab activities, we have hosted three Professional Development sessions on Project Based Learning (PBL), Fabrication Technologies, and a grant funded SciGirls Program. This year our teacher engagement grew from 11 teachers to 18 district-wide, even at the kindergarten level. Moreover, student impact grew from 346 to 581. As always, our teachers

played a crucial role in disseminating PBL and engaging with our students in exciting and innovative ways. Our leadership team has greatly support us with funding, Professional Development, and leadership in expanding the FabLab and PBL learning model.

Moreover, this year was our second participation as a site for the New Jersey Makers Day. It was a fun and exciting day where LEAP families, staff, teachers and the general community were exposed to cutting edge technology and skills directly applicable to their community needs.

A huge milestone this year is the FabLab inclusion in the Global Community of FabLabs.io (<https://www.fablabs.io/labs/leapfablab>). This is a great accomplishment for our team since this put us at the international level and opens possibilities for global collaborations. Again, these are exciting times and I am proud to be part of the FabLab team.



David Salas - De la Cruz,  
Faculty Director

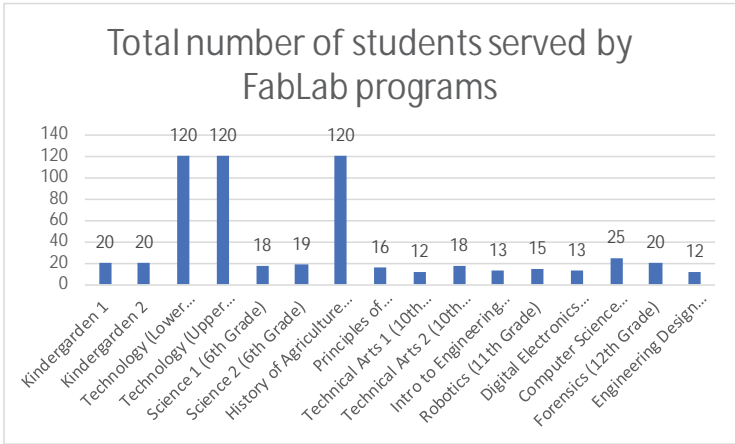
We aim to inject more experiential and project-based learning into the school curriculum and to continue motivate minority students into STEM fields while extending, connecting and integrating university-based research investigations. I remain excited to be involved in STEM at Leap Academy University Charter School. The attention to STEM by the students, parents, teachers and administration are key in the success of our program. We have been able to incorporate project-based learning across the district as a result of an exponential increase in participation from teachers and students.

Students continue to be participants in the Fabrication Laboratory curricular activities and continue to positively supports our projects. We have participated in regional and local activities directed into engaging and communicating to the community the school effort regardingSTEM. This year we opened a new micro-fabrication laboratory located at the lower school serving K-3 students. Students worked from recycling paper to recycling crayons using 3D printed molds. With Rutgers University involvement and the Fellow Program, we hired and worked with seven fabrication laboratory fellows. Three of those

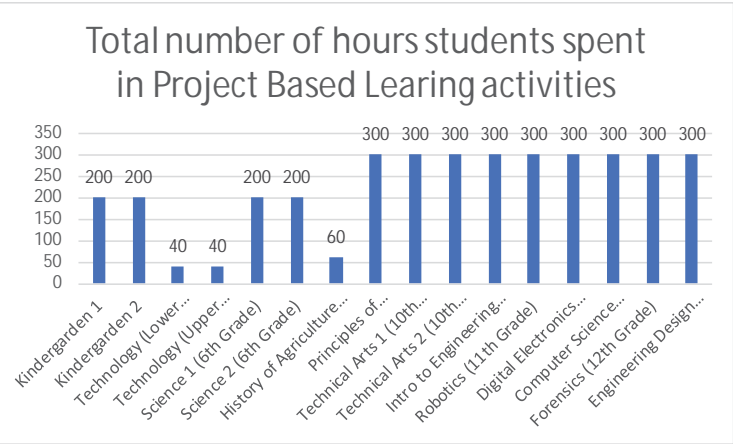
students were alumni students from LEAP to provide support beyond high school. The fellows worked in range of projects from supporting the administration, teachers and students. Also, we worked into submitting grant applications to the Department of Education, NSF, SCI-Girl and Lockheed Martin. It is with great excitement that we continue working with our teachers and students. Our goal is to identify areas of improvement so to deepen the understating of the core ideas as to better engage our students, teachers and parents.



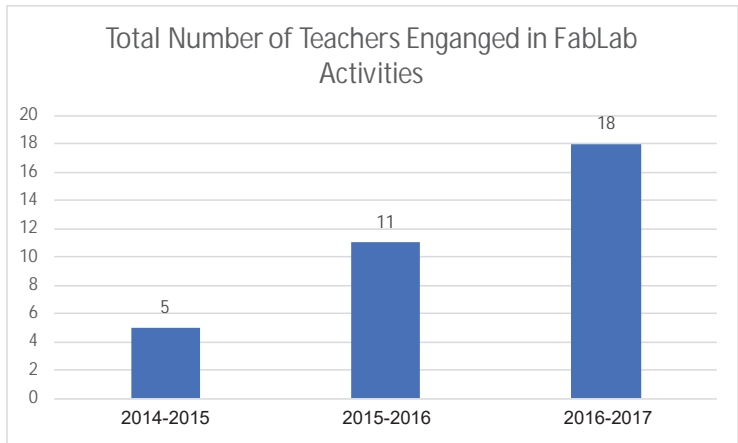
# Fab-Lab Impact



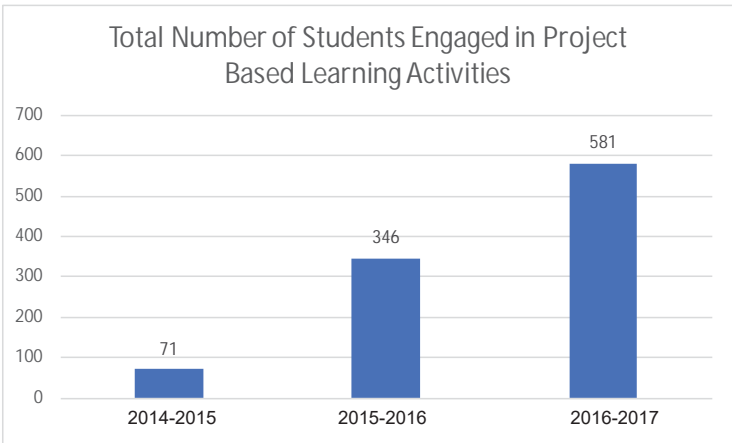
During the 2016-17 Academic year a total of **581 students** districtwide were served by FabLab programs in the classroom (not including extracurricular activities).



During the 2016-17 Academic year students spent a total of **3,640 hours** learning in a Project-Based Learning setting (not including extracurricular activities).

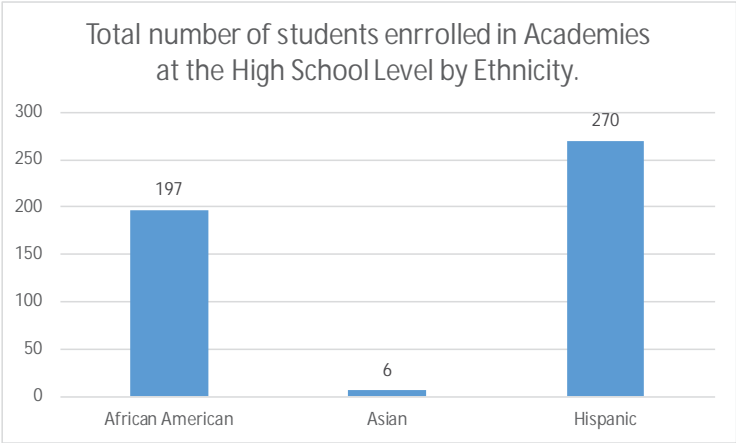
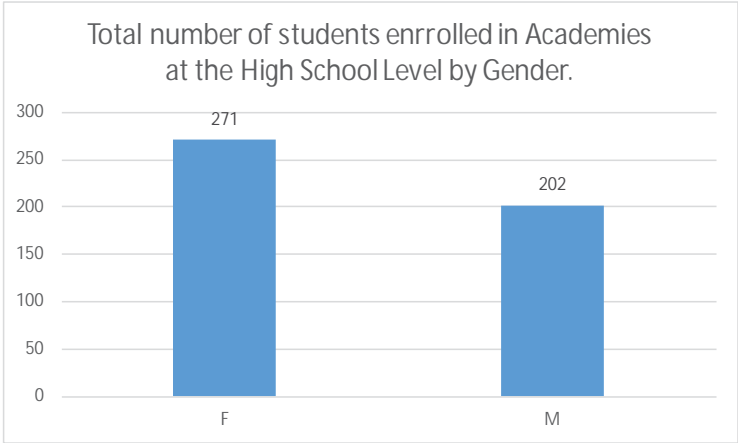


LEAP Teacher engagement in FABLAB programs has experience growth in the last three years. For the 2016-17 academic year a total of 18 teachers were engaged in FabLab activities.

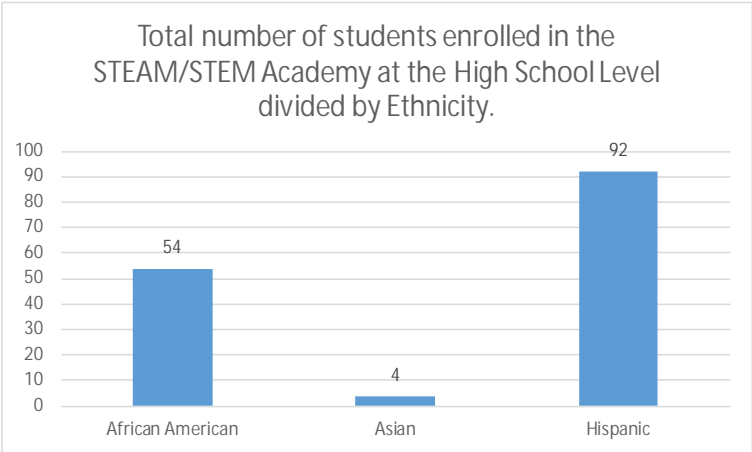
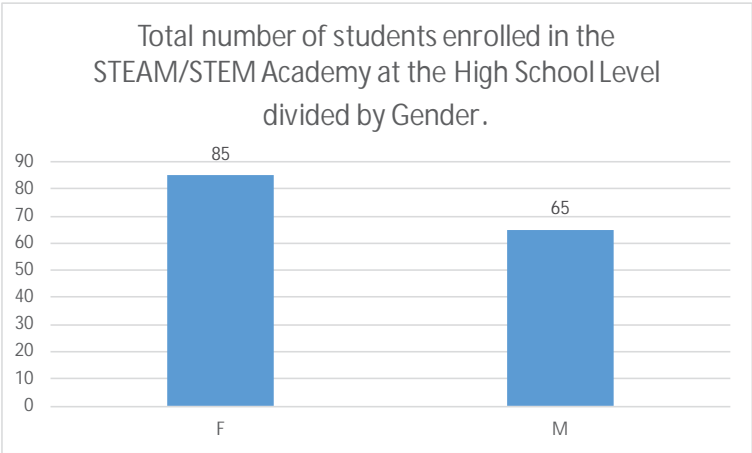


The number of students served by FabLab programs has also experience a significant growth.

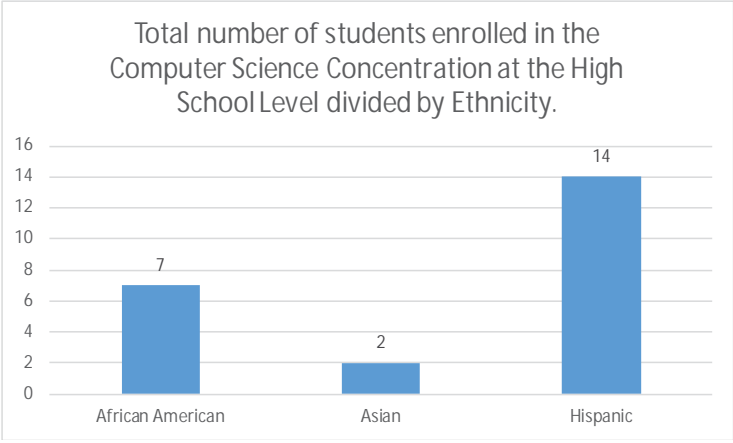
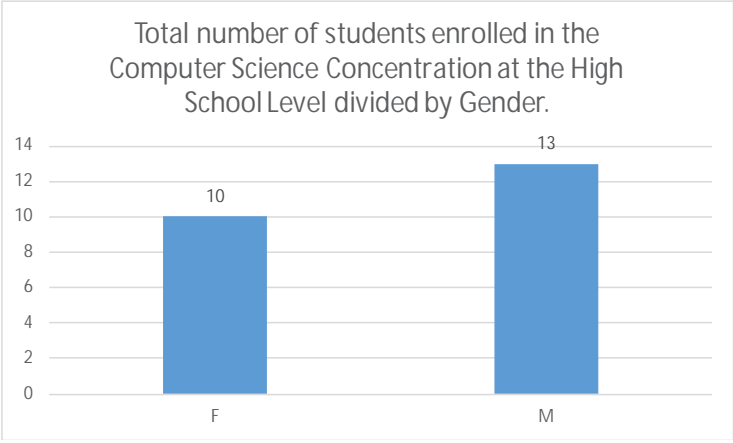
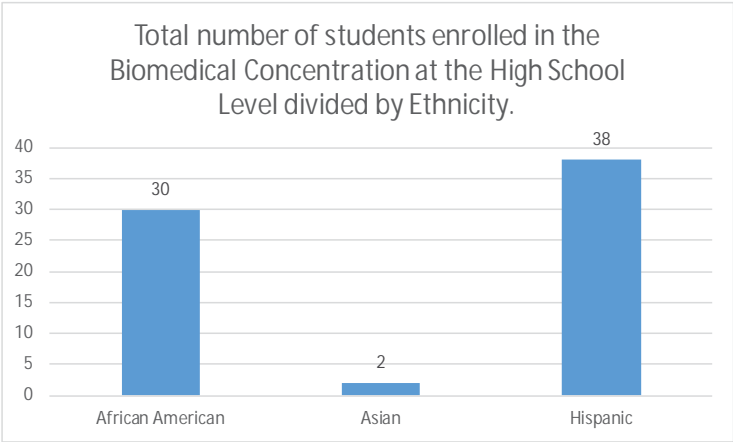
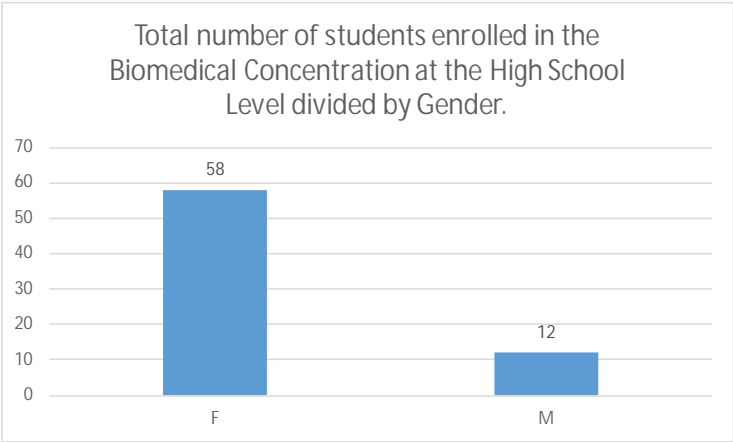




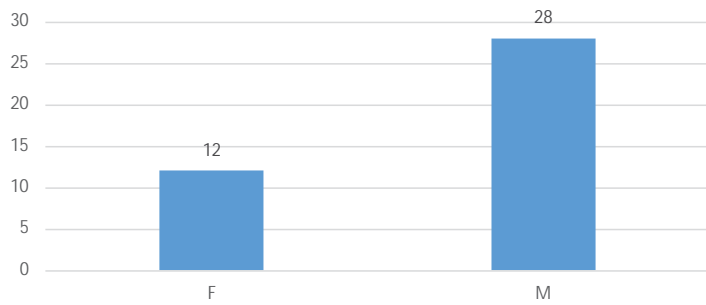
# STEAM/STEM Academy



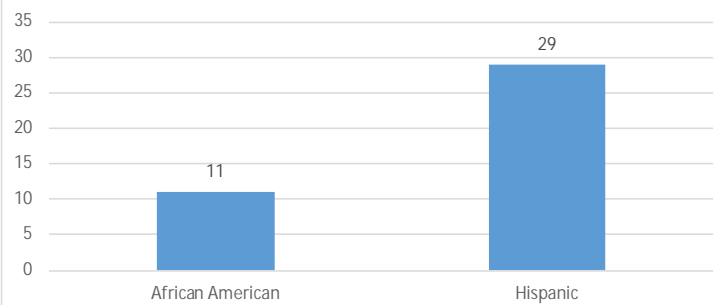
# STEAM/STEM Concentrations



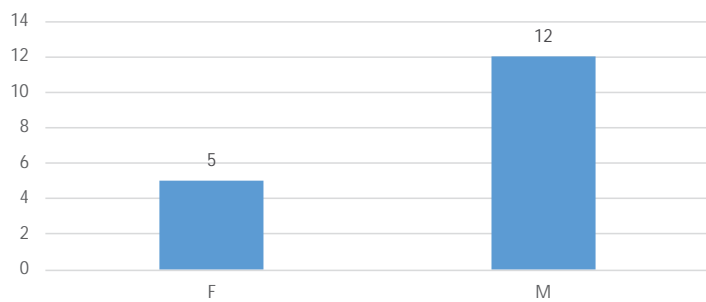
Total number of students enrolled in the Engineering Concentration at the High School Level divided by Gender.



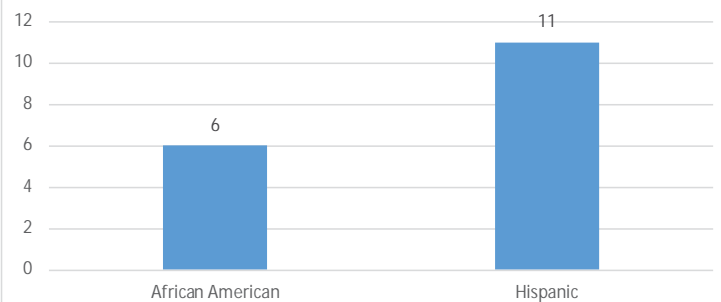
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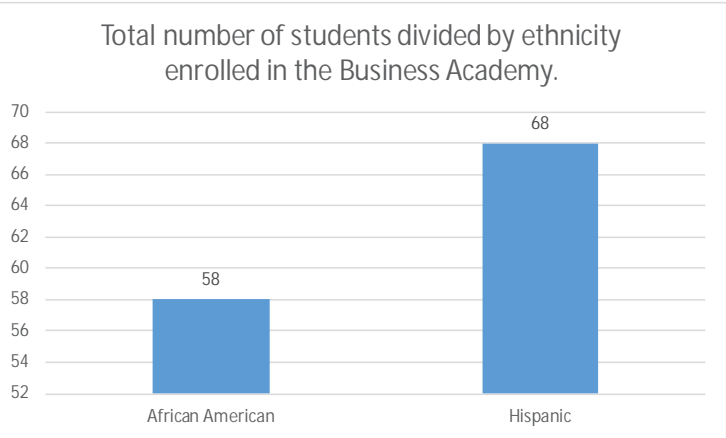
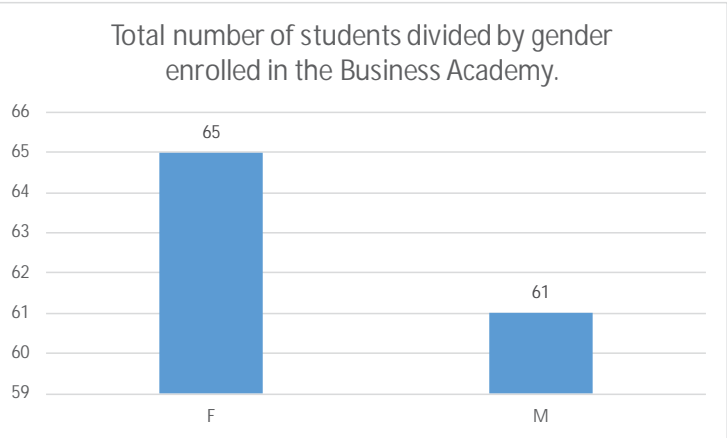
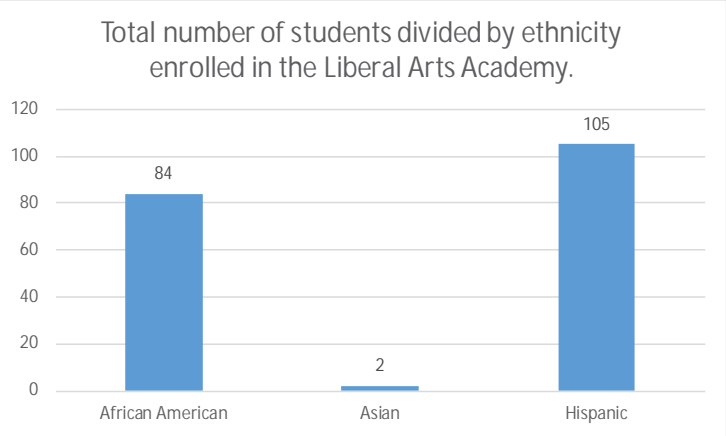
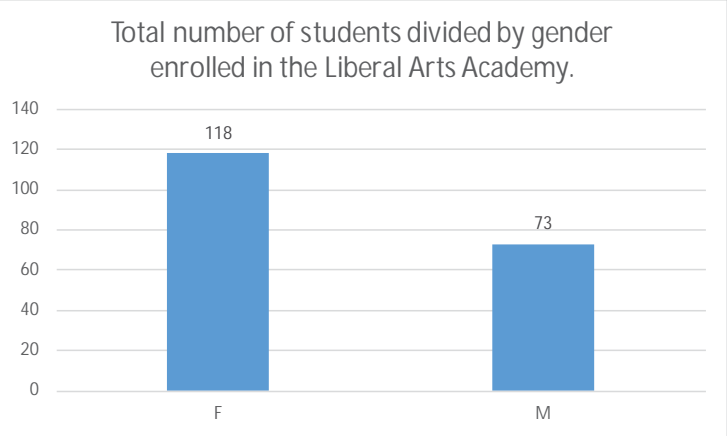
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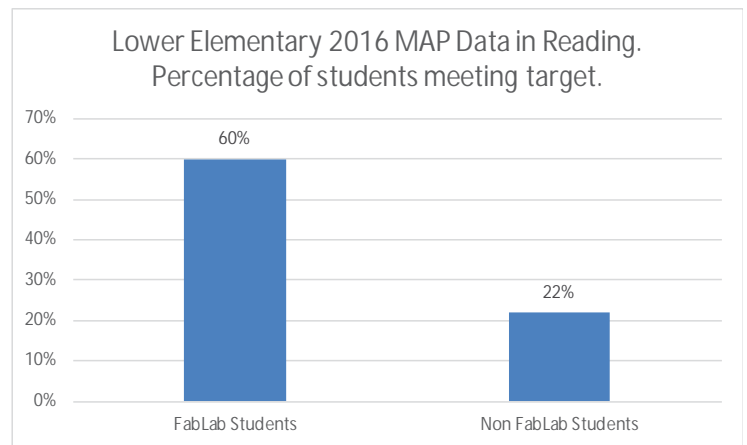
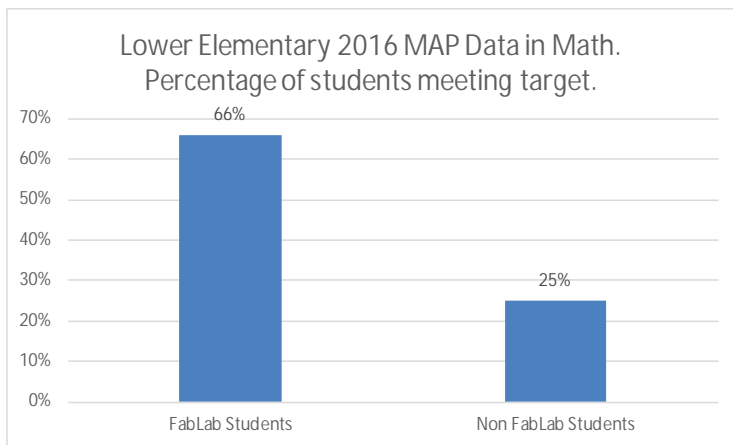


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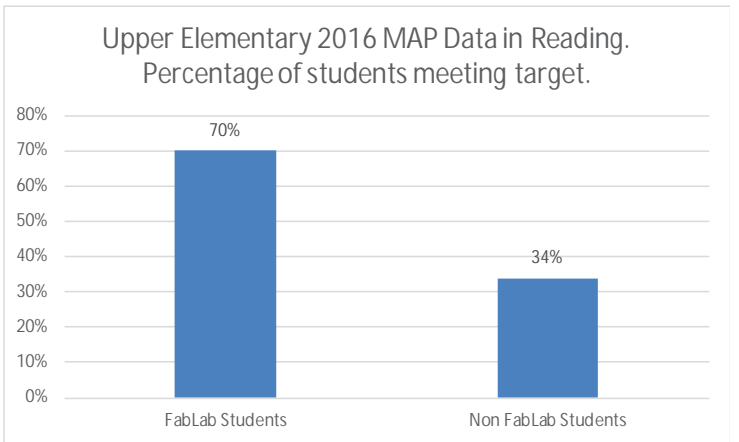
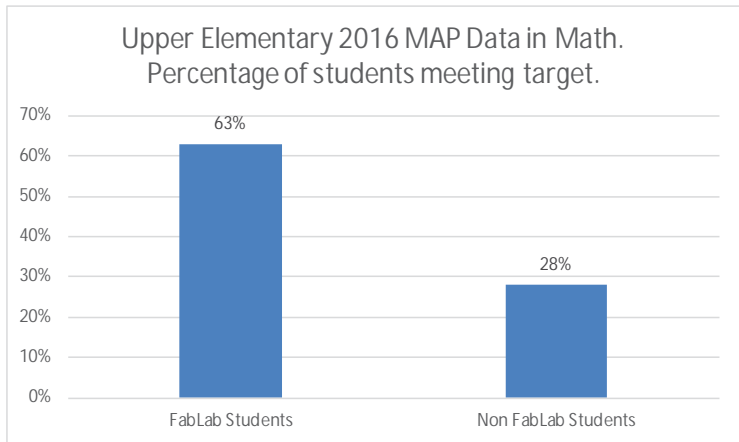
# Liberal Arts and Business Academies



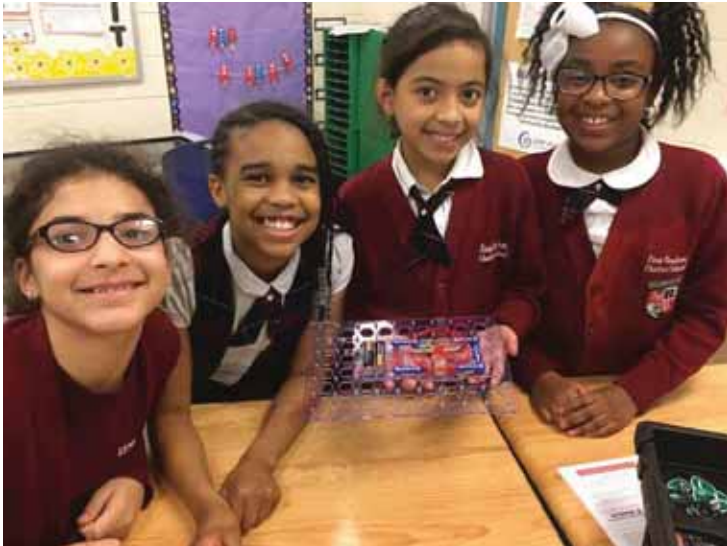


Data shows that students engaged in FabLab activities do better in MAP testing when compared with students not engaged in FabLab activities.

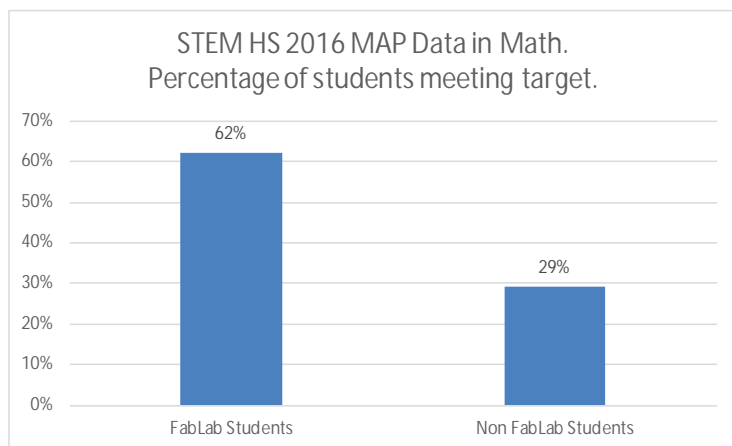




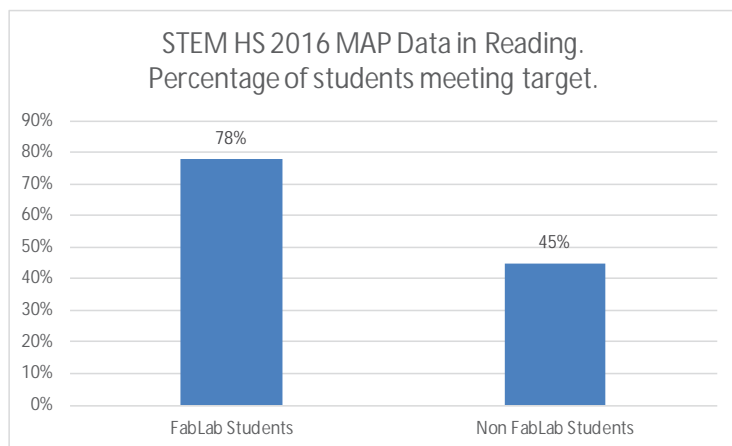
Upper Elementary students tend to do better in standardized testing when compared to students not engaged in FabLab activities.



Upper Elementary STEAM activities

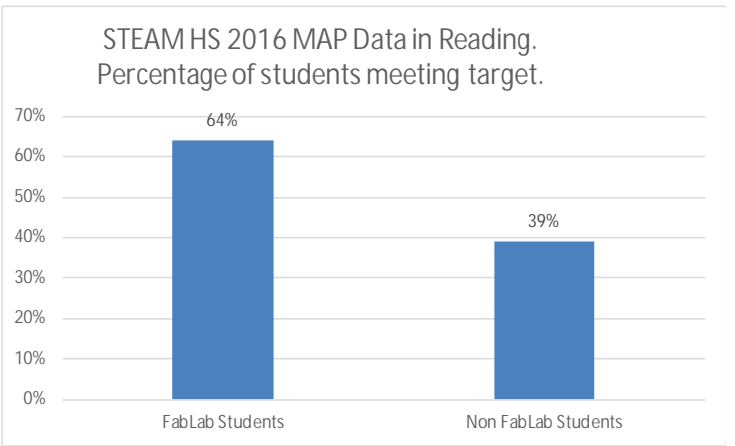
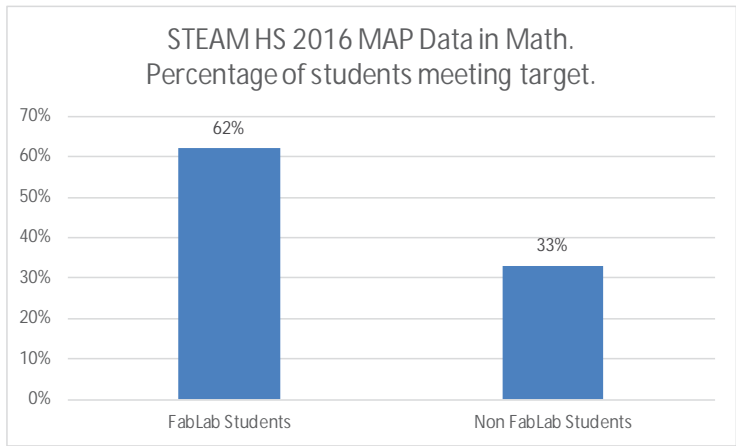


STEM students also tend to do better in standardized testing when compared to students not engaged in FabLab activities.





**Middle School STEAM activities**



High School students also tend to do better in standardized testing when compared to students not engaged in FabLab activities.



High School STEAM activities





**Other STEAM activities**



**Summer Enrichment Program in STEM**



**NJ Makers Day**



FabLab Professional Development



Rutgers Day



SciGirls Professional Development



Toms Rivers Makers Day