

**“AYD has impacted both academic success and how students view themselves. They’re not defined by the success of the moment or by scores, but by their efforts and by their engagement levels, and that has been transformative for the lives of so many of our kids.”**

– Principal, NYC



**M**ore students succeed in school, career, and life when they learn skills that support their social and emotional development and then explicitly connect those skills to their academic learning. Research shows that even modest interventions can have a powerful, positive effect on students’ motivation, academic and career success, and lifelong earnings. Equally important, these interventions help create productive learning environments. Through AYD, students develop relationships with peers and teachers that encourage active engagement and participation, productive persistence, affirmative accountability, and a sense of belonging in school.

**Producing a lasting impact.**

Academic Youth Development—a suite of programs created by Agile Mind in collaboration with the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin and with leading psychologists—translates the latest research on student mindset, motivation, learning, and persistence into practical classroom strategies and tools that can be used every day, in every classroom to produce a lasting impact on every student.



**AYD instills the skills, strategies, and learning mindsets to help students succeed—in school and in their lives.**

## Supporting Students' Social, Emotional, and Academic Development



### Summer Start

Through our Academic Youth Development summer programs, students develop the habits of mind and actions associated with success in school and the workplace, and have daily opportunities to apply new learning to challenging problems in mathematics. Summer programs are available for students transitioning between grades from upper elementary school through early high school.

**Up to 65 curriculum hours + teacher PD**



### School Year

School-Year Academic Youth Development works during advisory, homeroom, and after-school programs for middle and high school students. It helps them explicitly connect these new tools and skills for learning to their areas of struggle in school and to problem solving in math and science.

**Up to 65 curriculum hours + teacher PD**



### Educators' Course

Educator Academic Youth Development is a professional development experience that empowers faculty teams, site and district leaders, counselors, and other staff with knowledge and meaningful and manageable practices that support the learning of all their students.

**Flexible options for collaborative, in-person, virtual, and asynchronous PD**

## Build. Motivate. Believe. Achieve.

### Students change.

AYD renews students' engagement and persistence in school. It gives students and teachers strategies for effective collaboration and discourse, and for applying new ideas in daily learning. Students learn how their brains change as they learn, and experience how effective effort, collaboration, motivation, and self-management skills lead to academic success.

### Teachers change.

AYD transforms the way teachers approach their students and their practice and equips them with new knowledge and strategies that support their goals for the success and well being of all their students. It helps them build a positive culture for learning in all their classes, where students feel safe to share ideas and willing to ask questions and learn from mistakes.

### Results change.

AYD transforms the engagement and learning of entire classrooms. Independent evaluations report significant achievement gains in middle and high school mathematics, with particularly strong gains among low-income and minority students.

**“This program has made an enormous difference in school life for both our teachers and our students. AYD has changed the way teachers talk to students, students talk to teachers, and students talk to students.”**

**- Deputy Superintendent, Chicago, IL**

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