


# Youth Quality Program Assessment **ASSESSMENT**

The Youth Quality Program Assessment (YQPA) is designed to evaluate the quality of youth programs and identify staff training needs. It consists of a set of scorable standards for best practices in afterschool programs, community organizations, schools, summer programs and other places where youth have fun, work and learn with adults. The YQPA measures the quality of youth experiences and promotes the creation of environments that tap the most important resources available to any youth serving organization: a young person’s motivation to engage critically with the world. The YQPA is divided into four categories: Safe Environment, Supportive Environment, Interaction and Engagement.

This school year (23-24) Doerfler CLC completed the YQPA in November 2023 in order to make informed decisions about our program. In doing so we learned that there is room for improvement in all areas of our program. Scores in the Safe and Supportive Environment categories were higher than the Interaction and Engagement categories.

Based on the evaluation our program is in need of improvement in the areas of Interactions and Engagement. In order to improve our program, first, we need to build the capacity among the staff for improved student/ adult interaction and then translate that process to the students so they can feel like they have more proactive leadership opportunities. In order to increase engagement, we would focus on allowing students planning time and increase choice for projects so that their reflections are more effective.

 <b>Doerfler CLC YPQA 2023-2024</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Safe Environment	75/95	78%
Supportive Environment	92/120	76%
Interaction	38/60	63%
Engagement	26/40	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>231/315</b>	<b>73%</b>