

# 2021-22 Impact Report



**Ignite is a national tutoring corps designed to accelerate learning and foster belonging with students.** Ignite builds on Teach For America's over 30 years of experience recruiting and developing leaders to partner with schools across the country to help students overcome the systemic barriers to an excellent education. Leveraging research-based best practices for high-impact tutoring, the Ignite Fellowship brings exceptional, equity-minded leaders into classrooms virtually to immediately add value with students and schools through customized learning.

## PROGRAM AIMS AND OUTCOMES

### Accelerate Student Learning



Ignite fellows customize elementary reading or middle school math learning objectives with students.



Fellows are supported by a school-based veteran educator who helps individualize learning using their school's curriculum.



Students and fellows connect in small groups virtually during the school day.

**99%** of schools reported that students grew in academic learning and engagement.

*"Ignite gave my students the one-on-one attention they crave and deserve! My students had the opportunity to not only learn at a pace that fit them but also to build a relationship with an educator who got to know them very well."*

- School Partner

**95%** of students reported that their fellows taught them in the way they learned best.

*"It really made me start believing that I could be taught in my own way and still be smart. I learned patience and I had a great time with my Ignite fellow."* - Student

### Foster Belonging



Fellows are committed to building deep relationships with students.



Fellows focus on weekly belonging themes centered on:

- Respecting students' multiple identities
- Affirming students' capacity to succeed
- Recognizing students' agency and contributions

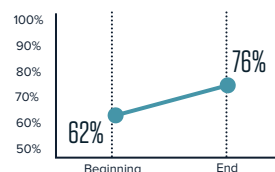
*"Ignite includes a social emotional learning component that allows our students to build a strong relationship with their fellows. This connection helps students build confidence in their learning."* - School Partner



**89%** of students said they enjoyed Ignite sessions.



**84%** of students felt like they mattered in Ignite.



How much students said they mattered to others at school grew **14%** in 10 weeks.

# Building a Diverse Leadership Force for Educational Equity

Teach For America finds, develops, and supports exceptional, equity-minded leaders -- individually and in teams -- so they can transform education and expand opportunity with children, starting in the classroom.

## IGNITE FELLOWS

61%

identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color

52%

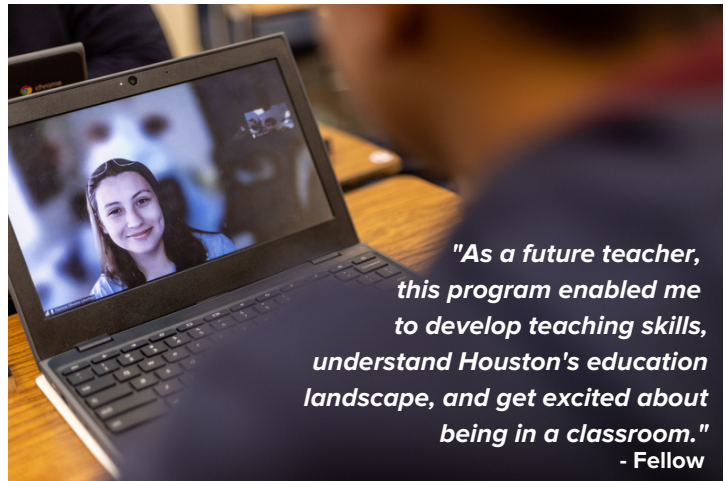
identify as coming from a low-income background

97%

gained new insights about the state of education + their role in working towards educational equity

51%

of seniors applied to teach as a Teach For America corps member



*"As a future teacher, this program enabled me to develop teaching skills, understand Houston's education landscape, and get excited about being in a classroom."*  
- Fellow

## Deepening Local Impact Through Strategic Partnerships

Ignite strategically partners with schools to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn, lead, and thrive.

Ignite enables Jackson Elementary to offer targeted literacy intervention across first through third grade.

*"We have gone all in on Ignite and now use it as a key feature of our intervention plan so that all students who have the need receive reading intervention every day."*

**Lauren May, Master Teacher (South Louisiana '08)**  
*Jackson Elementary, a Teach For America - South Louisiana partner*



As a result of partnering to provide customized support with literacy, 77% of Ignite students met their growth goals as measured by DIBELS. Students' sense of belonging grew as well -- 91% of students said they mattered to others at school after participating in Ignite.

At Whittier Middle School, 84% of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in Ignite met their math growth goals as measured by the MAP assessment.



*"Because of Ignite, students were more successful in reaching their academic goals. Not only did they reach their MAP growth goals, but all of the students that needed to pass the Texas standardized assessment for algebra did so due to the tutoring."*

**Leilani De La Garza, Instructional Coach**  
*Whittier Middle School, a Teach For America - San Antonio partner*

### OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

**2300**  
Students

**728**  
Fellows

**84**  
Veteran Educators

**46**  
School Partners

**9**  
Communities

IN 2022-23, IGNITE IS THRILLED TO PARTNER WITH 4500+ STUDENTS, 1500+ FELLOWS, 80+ VETERAN EDUCATORS, 74 SCHOOLS, AND 19 COMMUNITIES ACROSS TFA'S NATIONAL NETWORK.