

CESAR CHAVEZ OUR VOICE CURRICULUM



The *Our Voice* Curriculum, a product of the Cesar Chavez Foundation (CCF), is a rigorous 6-8th grade 10-week curriculum designed to promote growth in English Language Arts and inspire students to transform their lives and communities by igniting their leadership. Students learn from the example of civil rights leader, Cesar Chavez, developing skills in research, close reading, argumentative writing, and presentation. The curriculum positions students to develop their unique voice, culminating in a social justice campaign of their choice. The **Education Fund** is dedicated to building a just society by educating the hearts and minds of children through culturally responsive, diverse products and services in under-resourced communities.

About Our Program:

- Provides two options: 1) curriculum and teacher training or 2) fully managed virtual afterschool enrichment program
- Incorporates best practices in culturally responsive ELA and ELD instruction
- Includes training and support: Preservice virtual training and during-unit check-ins with CCF coach
- Includes virtual or on-site field trip to the National Chavez Center Monument
- Participants join a community of Si Se Puede! Educators

Key Features:

- Project-based unit culminating in student presentations
- ELA/ELD Common Core State Standards-aligned (CCSS), measured on pre-/post-writing task
- SEL and Social Justice competencies pre-/post-survey
- Initial training and ongoing virtual support from CCF instructional team
- Fully managed instructional program is taught by culturally competent credentialed teachers

We Strive for Students to:

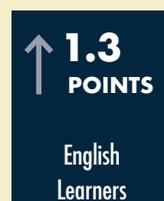
-  Strengthen literacy and language development skills
-  Learn and practice social-emotional learning strategies
-  Learn about Cesar Chavez through primary sources
-  Activate their own leadership within their communities

2021-22 PILOT RESULTS

- ✓ 100% of teachers recommend *Our Voice* curriculum and training
- ✓ Significant growth in SEL Competencies: "Growth Mindset" and "Learning Strategies"
- ✓ Writing Growth: Measurable growth in grade-level writing (See graph below)

10-week Growth on 4-point CCSS Argumentative Writing Rubric

All students in the
Our Voice program
made growth in their
writing in just
10 weeks!



*"The end of all education should surely be service to others."
- Cesar Chavez*



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