

Beyond Limits Academic Program

Affordable academic supports for every learner!

The Beyond Limits Story

Founded in 2014 as a program of Stamford Peace Youth Foundation, Beyond Limits was built by Brian Kriftcher and Andrew Sklover on a bold objective to use formal and informal academic support **to level the academic playing field for eager learners in Fairfield County**, regardless of income level, background, or circumstance.

We believe success begins with **access to support, resources, and relationships that inspire**. That's why our high-quality, subsidized, non-school-based, math and science tutoring is *just the beginning*.

Our wraparound services include informal mentoring, enrichment programming, family workshops, and academic advocacy — **creating a coterie of supports that strengthen a child's foundation for learning and growth**.

By collaborating with local partners, we grow our capacity and create a **sustainable and inclusive academic support network** that *inspires a thirst for knowledge and equitable access to opportunities*.

We're not just closing the opportunity gap. **We're building a movement — one session, one relationship, one student at a time.**



Our mission is to create a more equitable academic landscape among students in lower Fairfield County through tutoring, informal mentoring, advocacy, and collaboration with local community partners.

Peer Tutoring; Plus So Much More

Peer Tutoring

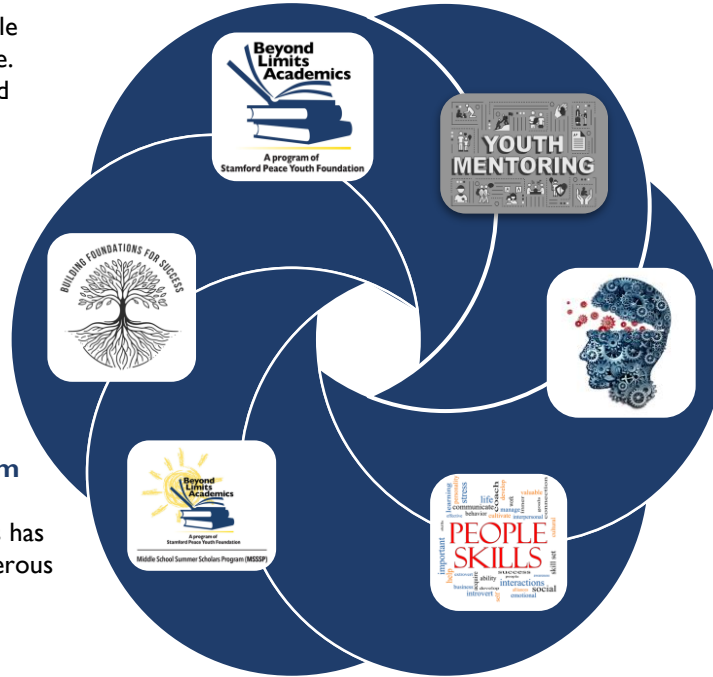
Services are highly subsidized, ensuring equitable access for families regardless of level of income. Dedicated tutoring rooms, a family lounge, and shared resources foster a supportive learning environment.

Building Foundations for Success Program (BFFS)

Provides academic support and enrichment, and on-site advisory meetings for students in Stamford High School's Early College Studies (ECS) program.

Middle School Summer Scholars Program (MSSSP)

Our annual bridge program for rising 6th graders has increased the confidence and preparation of numerous students prior to entering middle school.



Mentoring

We pair students with upperclassmen mentors who provide role modeling, and consistent academic and social-emotional guidance. Through trusted and encouraging relationships, mentors help students build confidence, set goals, and navigate inevitable challenges inside and outside the classroom.

Enrichment Programming

We offer workshops and activities that strengthen both academic and life skills, from leadership to networking; time management and study strategies; data and computer science.

Youth Employment

Paid peer tutors get the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others while learning valuable life skills.

The Uniqueness of Our Model



Peer-Powered Learning

Our student-to-student informal mentoring model builds confidence, connection, and mutual growth for tutors and learners alike



Youth Employment & Leadership

Tutoring offers a flexible first job or volunteer role, giving youth valuable work experience, responsibility, and leadership skills



Mission-Driven Equity

We are committed to closing the opportunity gap through subsidized access and long-term investment in student success



Community-Centered Impact

We engage families and local community partners to ensure students thrive in and out of school



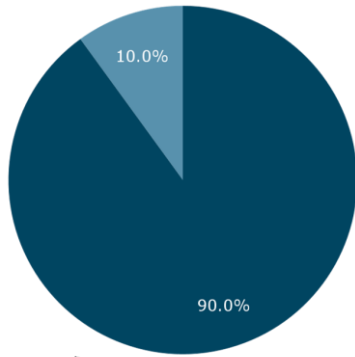
Holistic Growth

We actively engage students to be their best selves in every way

Those We Serve; and Our Community Collaborations

Participant Profile

● Eligible for discounted services ● Not Eligible

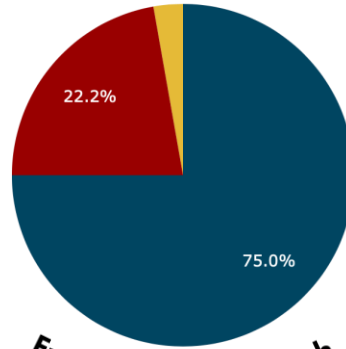


Equity Through Access

Providing accessible, affordable, high-quality academic supports with 90% of participants eligible for discounted services.

How much has Beyond Limits tutoring improved your confidence and positivity about school?

● Significant improvement ● Somewhat improvement ● Neutral



Empowerment Through Support

Personalized tutoring, enrichment programming, and informal mentoring help students reach their full potential.

Building a Support System



Community Through Collaboration

A growing support network creates a broad and supportive learning environment driving success.

The Impact of Beyond Limits

Metrics attest to our success with students, tutors, and families

- **Proven Track Record:** 200+ students served annually; significant annual attraction/retention rate since inception in 2014.
- **High ROI for Community:** Every dollar directly supports tutoring, mentoring, enrichment, and youth employment.
- **Addressing Critical Need:** Learning deficits pervade nationwide — our work is more urgent than ever.
- **Sustainable Impact:** We don't just close academic gaps. We build long-term confidence, resilience, and a foundation for long-term achievement.

“In 2024, students in Connecticut who were identified as economically disadvantaged scored, on average, 39 points lower than non-economically disadvantaged students in Grade 8 mathematics” - NCES

250+ Enrolled Students

90% On-Site Sessions

81.6% Improved Confidence *(In students)*

99% Satisfaction Rate *(From parents)*



Thank You!



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