

ORANGE COUNTY GIRLS NEED OUR HELP

The COVID-19 pandemic will have lasting effects on the girls of Orange County. With schools closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and returning in the Fall on a split shift schedule, girls are at risk of **falling behind and dropping out**. If not mitigated, the educational and economic disruption caused by this pandemic will lead to **lasting academic and life setbacks** for current students.



School Closures = Increase in Truancy. Truancy rates are higher in high poverty communities. 1 in 3 students in those communities are not participating in remote learning.

21% of students are not participating in school during COVID-19 closures.

The majority of teachers in the US report that if they're able to connect with their students, they're only able to do so on

a weekly basis.



The American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of one school counselor to 250 students.

1:1251 is Orange County's school counselor to student ratio.



1 in 10

Orange County students were chronically absent **BEFORE** COVID-19 and school closures. Chronic absenteeism is associated with **lower academic performance** and an increased **risk of dropping out of school**

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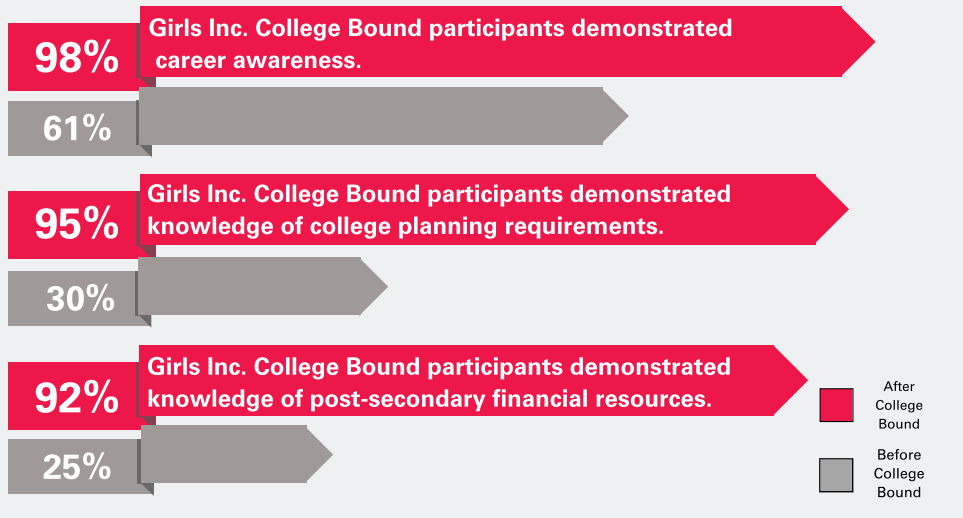
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Girls Inc. of Orange County's College Bound: Grad Lab is a six-month comprehensive and intensive college readiness program for high school girls. Its purpose is to support girls in establishing their personal and academic goals to be a competitive college applicant and a successful college student. In the 2018-2019 school year, 282 girls received Girls Inc. College Bound programming. **Results show...**

College Bound **PREPARES** girls for life in college and beyond in a **safe, supportive, pro-girl environment**. Program areas focus on financial aid, personal statements, stress management, and more.



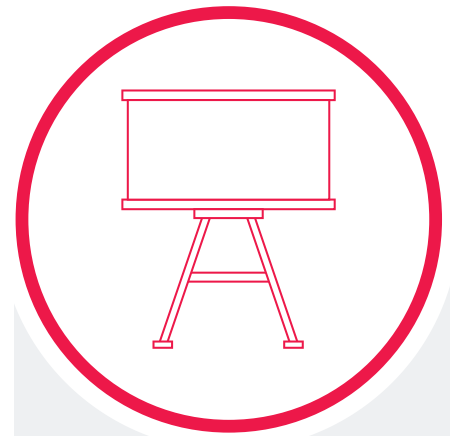
Girls Inc. College Bound: Grad Lab girls **acquire the skills** to make informed decisions about their future.



of our 2019 cohort of College Bound: Grad Lab girls are attending college this Fall



say they know the specific requirements needed to get into different colleges or universities



Girls Inc. of Orange County's College Bound: Grad Lab offers

127 hours

of comprehensive ACT tutoring, college essay writing coaching, and college planning education.

Girls Inc. College Bound: Grad Lab expands girls' access to scholarship opportunities. Since 1999, College Bound participants have been awarded **close to \$1,000,000** in scholarships.



96% of Girls Inc. College Bound girls say they know the total cost they will have to pay for college



“ Girls Inc. helped me with the choices that I've been struggling with. Now I know what I want and what to do, thanks to this program. ”
Girls Inc. of Orange County College Bound participant

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