

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA STUDENT OUTCOMES (2014)

In Indiana, National History Day is most commonly assigned as a required class project, with all students in a particular class taking part. Students can enter their work into a series of competitive events, advancing from school fairs to regional, state and national competitions. National History Day is hosted and sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society.

87% of students reported a **strengthened interest in history** as a result of creating National History Day projects.

64% of Regional students said **History class was more fun** as a result of participating in History Day

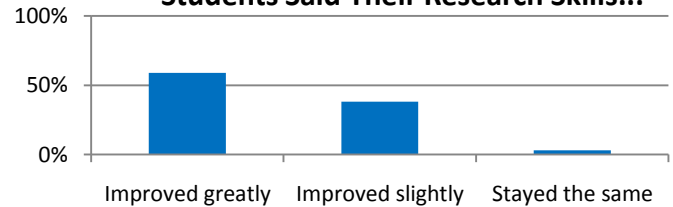
84% of students considered National History Day **one of their better learning experiences**.

92% of participating students said **they prefer learning through National History Day over a traditional classroom**.

History Day is Relevant to Students

- 93% of students said History Day was about as difficult or more difficult than they expected
- 89% of participating students stated the documents they read for History Day were about as difficult or more difficult than what they usually read
- 91% of students rated their experience with History Day as Excellent or Very Good

Students Said Their Research Skills...



Strengthening Literacy Skills

"The best part of the year was when a professor came up to me and advised me to go to college. That was so cool for a professor to see college potential in me."

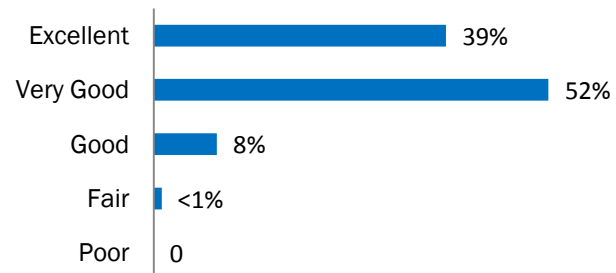
-Mayra, NHD Alum @ IPFW

- 95% of students reported **improved research skills** as a result of their participation in National History Day in Indiana
- 59% of those students said their experience **greatly improved their research skills**
- 86% of participating students said History Day **strengthened their confidence and interest in building projects** related to their project type
- 78% of participating students said they **learned new vocabulary** during their research for National History Day

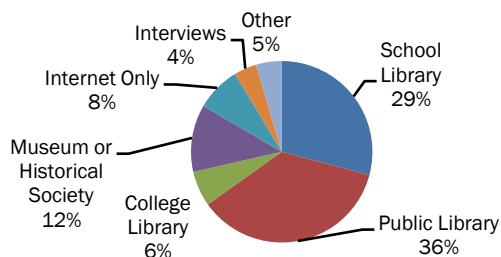
Student and Teacher Recognition

- More than \$4,000 in cash prizes awarded at the 2014 NHD State Contest
- Two teachers won \$500 as Patricia Behring Teachers of the Year
- More than 400 students won medals at local contests and advanced to the state contest
- 69 students advanced to the national contest
- Five students will win \$100 cash prizes November 2014 through May 2015 in Twitter contests
- More prizes being added throughout the year!

Participants Rated the Program Quality



Research Beyond the Internet



Parents See Learning in Action

- 83% of parents said their students **worked more on NHD outside of school** than usual school work
- 92% of parents noticed an **increased interest in history** among their participating students
- 96% of parents said they noticed their students had an **increased level of interest and confidence in making projects** as a result of participating in History Day



Data from student and parent surveys at regional NHD events (58 parent responses 12%; 80 student responses 8%) and State Contest for National History Day in Indiana (32 parent responses 17%; 26 student responses 8%).