NEARLY 1 IN 2 YOUTH in U.S. public schools are from low-income communities, but where they live makes a difference:

- City: 60%
- Suburban: 40%
- Town: 52%
- Rural: 44%

Percentages indicate the number of students on free and reduced lunch.

[Achievement Gap Widens Over Time]

Kids from low-income families often start school unprepared. Despite progressing at the same rates during the school year, gaps widen each summer—and students fall farther behind their peers. The gap culminates in low H.S. graduation and college attainment rates, limited job prospects, and negative economic impact.

ALL KIDS HAVE POTENTIAL. That’s why we support their academic, physical and social-emotional development from cradle to career with holistic programs that don’t just close the gap—they help kids realize who they are and all they can achieve.

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