According to the Education Commission of the States, STEAM education improves student achievement and fosters opportunities to apply creativity and innovation to solving real-world problems.

**SUMMER STEAM INSTITUTE’S REACH**

Through external partnerships Engaging Creative Minds (ECM) was able to provide 304 students in Allendale, Barnwell and Charleston counties between 4-6 weeks of summer camp programming at no cost and 36 teachers with Professional Development, allowing us to reach 33% more low-income students than the previous summer.

100% of the students at Summer STEAM Institute® were engaged in creative thinking and problem solving.

**SUMMER STEAM INSTITUTE’S IMPACT**

Student scores significantly increased for low-income students when engaged in ECM’s six-week Summer STEAM Institute®.

95.3% of Sanders-Clyde Elementary campers who attended ECM’s camp at their school experienced NO SUMMER LEARNING LOSS and of those students 58.54% INCREASED THEIR READING SCORES.

In addition, Janice Malone, principal at Sanders-Clyde Elementary reported a positive school culture shift unseen the previous year. Students were excited to come to school and were so completely engaged in the learning, no students were sent to her for behavior modification.