

**The DREAM Project**  
(Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring)

**Overview:** *The DREAM Project© ([www.dominicandream.org](http://www.dominicandream.org)) is a US 501(c)3 that operates in the Dominican Republic as an educational institution. It builds and operates schools and related programs for over 9,000 indigent children, youth and young adults from age three to their mid-twenties.*

The DREAM Project© runs 14 programs in more than 20 villages and towns primarily in the rural areas of the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. The programs include Montessori Schools (1,500 students), after-schools classes both in public schools and at our local centers (2,000 students), libraries (6 locations, 2,000 participants), at-risk youth groups in sexual health and gender relations (1,000 youth), vocational training for older teenagers and young adults (300 youth and young adults), summer schools and camps (1,700 students), computer labs and coding training, and book fairs in which DREAM gives over 20,000 age-appropriate, fun, brand-new books in Spanish to over 2,000 children each year.

The DREAM Project publishes a quarterly magazine written by teen-agers about subjects on their minds, writing competitions in conjunction with Major League Baseball in which children compose stories about baseball and their lives (three books are chosen each year out of scores of submissions and then are illustrated and published by DREAM), and the first and only Bachata music school in Latin America. Bachata is a country music genre that has become a rage throughout Latin America and other Latino communities around the globe. Bachata originated in the hills of the Dominican Republic and until recently was generationally conveyed from mouth to ear, like early folk and Appalachian music in the United States.

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