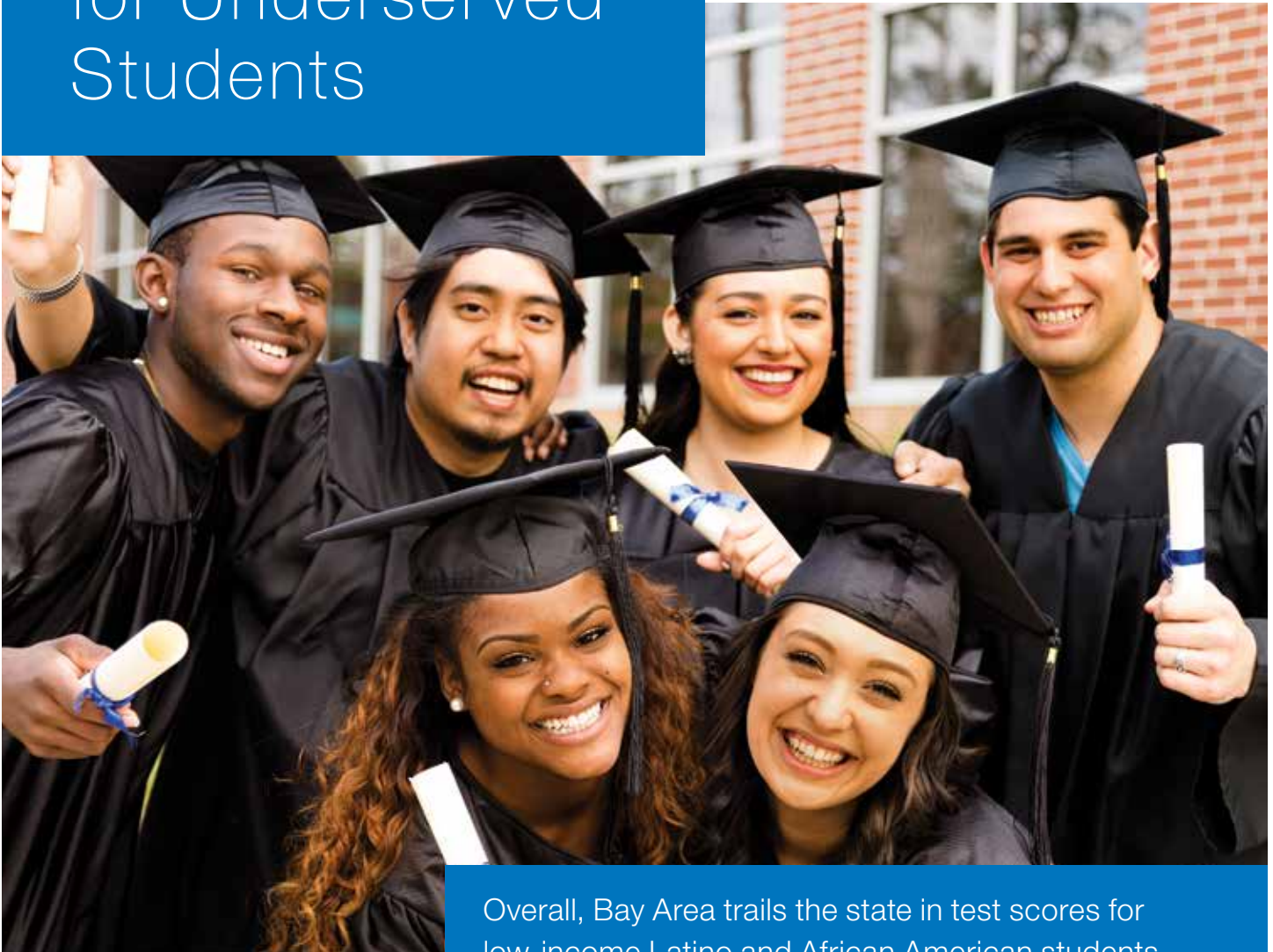


Top Bay Area Public Schools for Underserved Students



Overall, Bay Area trails the state in test scores for low-income Latino and African American students, but some schools buck the trend.

The new 2014-2015 state test results show a big gap in student achievement, specifically with low-income African American and Latino students performing far worse than other students. The problem is even more serious in the Bay Area, where local schools tend to trail the state average in test scores for these student groups. This report highlights 54 Bay Area public schools that achieved strong results for underserved students, showing what students can achieve and pointing the way toward how all schools can better support underserved students.

This fall, California published the first year of results for schools on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), which replaces the tests used under the California State Testing and Reporting (STAR) system in place since the late 1990s. The CAASPP is designed to measure student mastery of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and math, which California schools started implementing in 2012-2013.

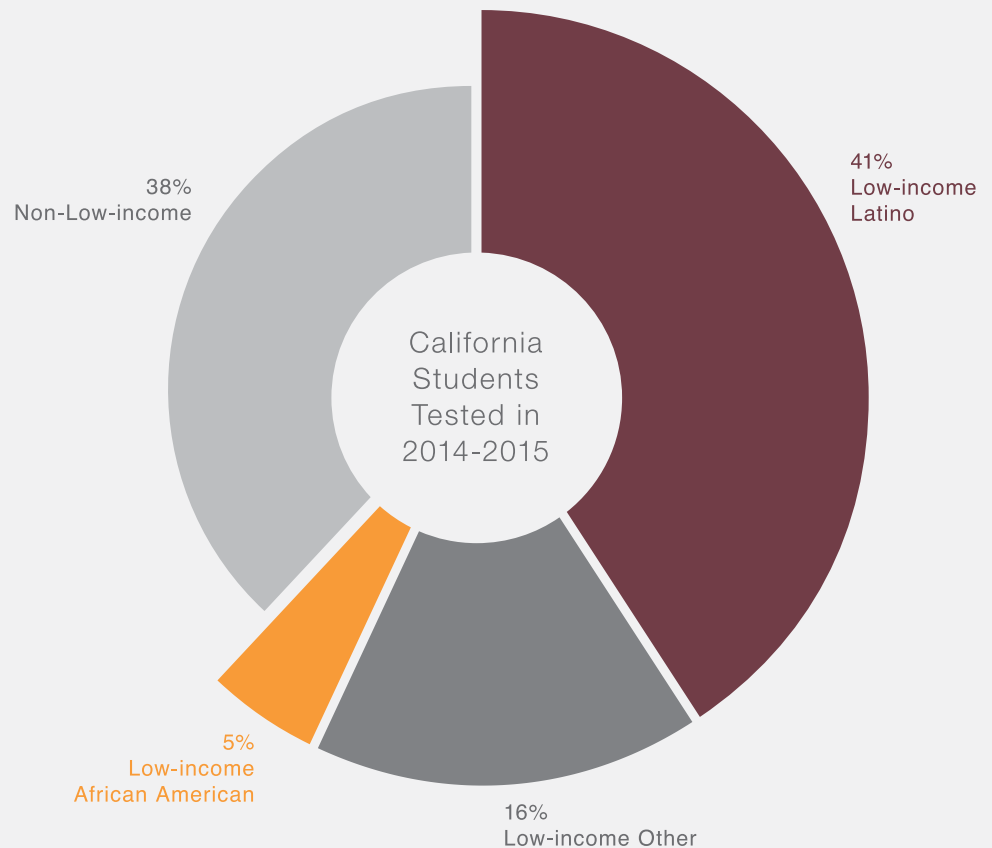
It was expected that the CAASPP would be more challenging for students since the new standards demand more critical thinking skills and represent a major shift in teaching and learning. In this baseline year, across California, only 44% of students met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts and only 33% in math. The scores for low-income students were much lower, revealing an even larger achievement gap than before on this more rigorous test.

Across the State, Huge Numbers of Students Are Underserved

This report examines the 2014-15 test scores to see how low-income Latino and low-income African American students performed across the Bay Area, and then looks specifically at schools in the Bay Area who serve a relatively large proportion of low-income Latino and low-income African American students. Our analysis highlights those schools whose underserved students earned higher proficiency rates in English and math than the state averages for all students.

Last year, 62% of students tested in California were from low-income families. Because these children have the lowest achievement rates in the state, this report focuses on low-income Latino and African American students. Together they make up 46% of all students tested in the state.

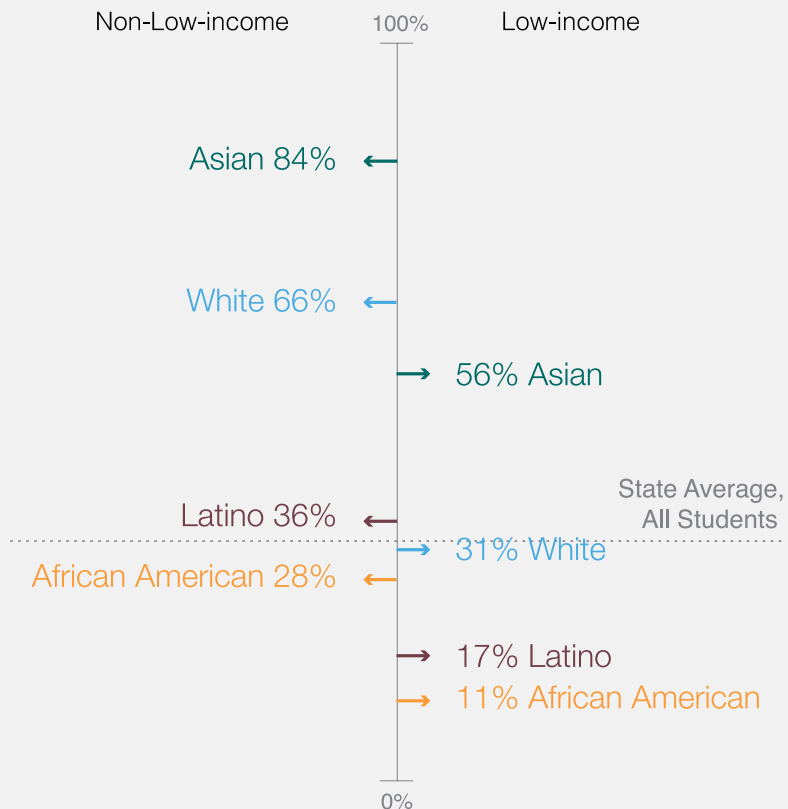
Over Half of California Students are Low-income



Bay Area Schools Show Wide Achievement Gaps Between Student Groups

Mirroring the statewide trend, Bay Area schools are not producing the same results for all students. Many Bay Area schools show a large gap in performance not only between economically disadvantaged and non-economically disadvantaged students, but also dramatic gaps between different racial/ethnic groups within the same economic status. In other words, many Bay Area schools show low-income Latino and African American students lagging far behind their peers.

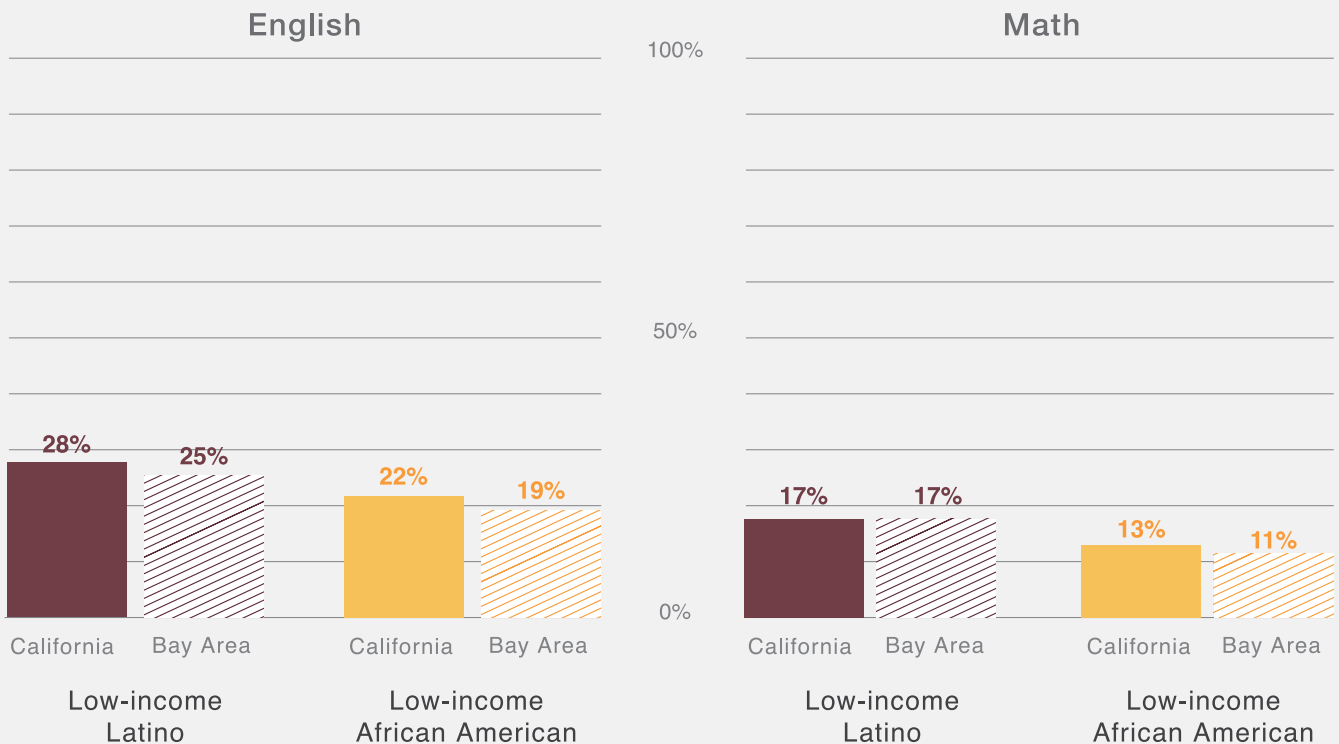
CAASPP 2014-2015 average proficiency rates **in math**, by student group and economic status



Bay Area is Behind the State in Test Scores for Underserved Students

Bay Area schools consistently trail the state average in test scores for low-income African American students and low-income Latino students. This trend holds across hundreds of schools and dozens of districts in the Bay Area.

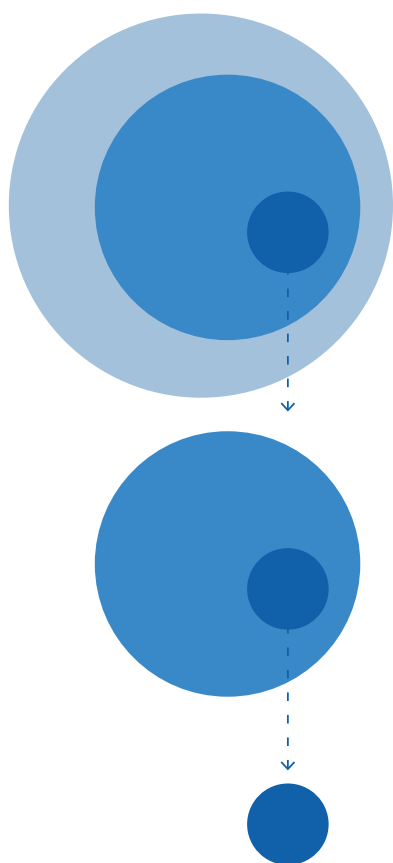
CAASPP 2014-2015 proficiency averages in **English and math** for low-income Latino and low-income African American students



Fifty-four Bay Area Schools Stand Out in Results for Underserved Students

Our analysis looked at public schools across the Bay Area, excluding those with selective admissions criteria and alternative schools. Only included are schools that have a large proportion of underserved students: at least the state average percentage of low-income Latino students (41%) or low-income African American students (5%).

Among these Bay Area public schools, 54 achieved better results on the 2014-2015 state tests for their underserved students than the state's overall average for all students.



Of the 1,200 Bay Area schools

573 serve a significant proportion of underserved students*

But in only 54 of these schools, underserved students meet or exceed the state average for all students in English or math**

*Schools with more than the state's average percentage of low-income Latino students (41%) or low-income African American students (5%)

**Based on 2014-15 CAASPP English and math scores

On the following pages of this report, these top schools are highlighted. We should learn from them and implement their best practices to better serve more students across the Bay Area.

Top-Performing Bay Area Public Schools for Low-income African American Students

Among schools that have at least 5% low-income African American students

English			
	School	District/Charter Management Organization	% of Low-income African American Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standard**
Elementary Schools	Los Medanos Elementary	Pittsburg Unified	53%
	Lincoln Elementary	Oakland Unified	52%
	Pioneer Elementary	Brentwood Union Elementary	47%
	Henry Haight Elementary	Alameda Unified	44%
	Cleveland Elementary	Oakland Unified	42%
	Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy	San Francisco Unified	42%
	Peralta Elementary	Oakland Unified	41%
Middle Schools	American Indian Public Charter School II (Charter)	Oakland Unified / American Indian Model Schools	67%
	Orchard Park	Antioch Unified	55%
High Schools	Impact Academy of Arts & Technology (Charter)	Hayward Unified / Envision Schools	73%
Math			
	School	District/Charter Management Organization	% of Low-income African American Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standard**
Elementary Schools	Cleveland Elementary	Oakland Unified	48%
	Los Medanos Elementary	Pittsburg Unified	47%
	Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	38%
	Chabot Elementary	Oakland Unified	38%
	Peralta Elementary	Oakland Unified	36%
	Olinda Elementary	West Contra Costa Unified (El Sobrante)	36%
Middle Schools	American Indian Public Charter School II (Charter)	Oakland Unified / American Indian Model Schools	64%
High Schools	Impact Academy of Arts & Technology (Charter)	Hayward Unified / Envision Schools	36%

**Only schools at which low-income African American students' scores on the 2014-15 CAASPP meet or exceed the state's average proficiency rate for all students in the subject at that school level, and that serve more than the state average percentage of this subgroup were included. Data reflects the percentage of each school's low-income African American students whose scores meet or exceed the state standard.

Top-Performing Bay Area Public Schools for Low-income Latino Students

Among schools that have at least 41% low-income Latino students

English

	School	District/Charter Management Organization	% of Low-income Latino Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standard**
Elementary Schools	Gilroy Prep School (Charter)	Gilroy Unified / Navigator Schools (Gilroy)	76%
	KIPP Heritage Academy (Charter)	Franklin-McKinley Elementary / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Jose)	52%
	Cornerstone Academy Preparatory (Charter)	Franklin-McKinley Elementary / Cornerstone (San Jose)	48%
	Highland Elementary	West Contra Costa Unified (Richmond)	45%
	Los Medanos Elementary	Pittsburg Unified	44%
	Montalvin Manor Elementary	West Contra Costa Unified (Richmond)	42%
	Burbank Elementary	Hayward Unified	41%
	Richmond College Preparatory (Charter)	West Contra Costa Unified / Richmond College Prep Schools (Richmond)	40%
	Marshall Elementary	San Francisco Unified	40%
Middle Schools	KIPP Summit Academy (Charter)	San Lorenzo Unified / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Lorenzo)	72%
	KIPP Heartwood Academy (Charter)	Alum Rock Union Elementary / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Jose)	54%
	College Connection Academy	Franklin-McKinley Elementary (San Jose)	51%
	Richmond Charter Academy (Charter)	West Contra Costa Unified / Amethod Public Schools (Richmond)	43%
	Ida Jew Academies (Charter)	Mount Pleasant Elementary (San Jose)	42%
High Schools	Oakland Charter High (Charter)	Oakland Unified / Amethod Public Schools	88%
	Lighthouse Community Charter High (Charter)	Oakland Unified / Lighthouse	78%
	Impact Academy of Arts & Technology (Charter)	Hayward Unified / Envision Schools	75%
	Summit Public School: Tahoma (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Summit Public Schools (San Jose)	74%
	Oakland Unity High (Charter)	Oakland Unified	74%
	KIPP San Jose Collegiate (Charter)	East Side Union High / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Jose)	72%
	Leadership Public School - Hayward (Charter)	Hayward Unified / Leadership Public Schools	70%
	Aspire Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy (Charter)	Oakland Unified / Aspire Public Schools	67%
	Making Waves Academy (Charter)	Contra Costa County Office of Education / Making Waves Foundation (Richmond)	66%
	Summit Preparatory Charter High (Charter)	Sequoia Union High / Summit Public Schools (Redwood City)	66%
	Aspire California College Preparatory Academy (Charter)	Alameda County Office of Education / Aspire Public Schools (Berkeley)	61%
	Leadership Public School - Oakland R & D Campus (Charter)	Oakland Unified / Leadership Public Schools	59%
Downtown College Preparatory High School (Charter)	San Jose Unified / Downtown College Prep	58%	
Leadership Public School - Richmond (Charter)	West Contra Costa Unified / Leadership Public Schools (Richmond)	57%	

Math

	School	District/Charter Management Organization	% of Low-income Latino Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standard**
Elementary Schools	Rocketship Spark Academy (Charter)	Franklin-McKinley Elementary / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	58%
	Gilroy Prep School (Charter)	Gilroy Unified / Navigator Schools (Gilroy)	57%
	Rocketship Mosaic Elementary (Charter)	Franklin-McKinley Elementary / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	52%
	KIPP Heritage Academy (Charter)	Franklin-McKinley Elementary / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Jose)	50%
	The Mission Preparatory School (Charter)	State Board of Education / Mission Preparatory (San Francisco)	50%
	Los Medanos Elementary	Pittsburg Unified	47%
	Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	46%
	Rod Kelley Elementary	Gilroy Unified	46%
	Richmond Charter Elementary-Benito Juarez (Charter)	West Contra Costa Unified / Amethod Public Schools (Richmond)	45%
	E. M. Grimmer Elementary	Fremont Unified	43%
	Rocketship Alma Academy (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	42%
	Richmond College Preparatory (Charter)	West Contra Costa Unified / Richmond College Prep Schools (Richmond)	42%
	Cornerstone Academy Preparatory (Charter)	Franklin-McKinley Elementary / Cornerstone (San Jose)	42%
	Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	42%
	Rocketship Discovery Prep (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	40%
	Rocketship Si Se Puede Academy (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	40%
	Decima M. Allen Elementary	San Bruno Park Elementary	40%
	Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep (Charter)	Santa Clara County Office of Education / Rocketship Education (San Jose)	36%
Horrall/LEAD Elementary	San Mateo-Foster City (San Mateo)	35%	
Middle Schools	KIPP Summit Academy (Charter)	San Lorenzo Unified / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Lorenzo)	62%
	KIPP Heartwood Academy (Charter)	Alum Rock Union Elementary / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Jose)	41%
	Richmond Charter Academy (Charter)	West Contra Costa Unified / Amethod Public Schools (Richmond)	40%
	Solorsano Middle	Gilroy Unified	31%
High Schools	Lighthouse Community Charter High (Charter)	Oakland Unified / Lighthouse	54%
	KIPP San Jose Collegiate (Charter)	East Side Union High / KIPP Bay Area Schools (San Jose)	53%
	Leadership Public School - Hayward (Charter)	Hayward Unified / Leadership Public Schools	48%
	Oakland Charter High (Charter)	Oakland Unified / Amethod Public Schools	48%
	Oakland Unity High (Charter)	Oakland Unified	46%
	Impact Academy of Arts & Technology (Charter)	Hayward Unified / Envision Schools	45%
	Making Waves Academy (Charter)	Contra Costa County Office of Education / Making Waves Foundation (Richmond)	38%
	Coliseum College Prep Academy	Oakland Unified	30%
Summit Preparatory Charter High (Charter)	Sequoia Union High / Summit Public Schools (Redwood City)	30%	

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Let's Change the Odds for Low-income Students

Right now, the odds are stacked against the tens of thousands of low-income Latino and African American students in the Bay Area who are not performing at grade level in English or math. Unless we work urgently to change the trajectory for these children – our children – the vast majority of them will not earn a college degree. And we know that without a college degree, most jobs that pay a middle-class salary are out of reach, leaving them with few opportunities in this region with such a high cost of living.

What does it say about the Bay Area that, despite the extraordinary wealth here, low-income Latino and African American students are actually doing better elsewhere in the state?

The good news in this report is that some Bay Area public schools are bucking this trend. Some of the schools highlighted in this report are so high-performing that they've closed the achievement gap for some groups of traditionally underserved students. Many of them have created such rigorous academic programs that scores for their low-income Latino and African American students are up to four times the state average for their subgroup in English and math. We should celebrate these top schools for their hard work and strong outcomes. Most importantly, we should learn from them and move quickly to make sure that every child has access to high-performing public schools.

About Innovate Public Schools

Innovate Public Schools is a nonprofit organization focused on ensuring that all Silicon Valley and Bay Area students, including low-income students and students of color, receive an excellent education. We publish easy-to-understand school quality data and research to highlight problems and solutions. We work with educators from both school districts and charter schools to launch new schools and turn around low-performing schools. We provide training and support for parents in high-need communities so they can effectively advocate for better schools. Learn more at www.innovateschools.org.

Methodology

Data Sources

- 2014-2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) English language arts/literacy (English) and mathematics results
- California Department of Education (CDE) Public School Directory database

School Sample

The school sample is limited to traditional charter and public schools serving students between grades K-12, as defined by CDE. For example, the sample does not include juvenile court schools, schools with selective admissions, or alternative independent study schools.

Criteria for Inclusion

The schools highlighted in this report on pages 7-9 meet the following criteria:

- The percentage of low-income African American (5%) or low-income Latino (41%) students tested in the school was equal to or higher than the state's average percentage of low-income African American or low-income Latino students; and
- The proficiency rate for the given student group (i.e., low-income African American or low-income Latino students) in English or math on the 2014-2015 CAASPP was equal to or higher than the state average for all students in the given school type (elementary, middle or high) and subject (English or math).

A more detailed methodology is available on the report landing page on our website: www.innovateschools.org/topschools



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