



Oakland Unity High School

**Charter Renewal Public Hearing
Wednesday, December 14, 2011**

Our Mission



- *Prepare our students for admission to and success in college.*
- *Offer a rigorous curriculum that meets the University of California A-G requirements.*
- *Provide a comprehensive support program that promotes healthy youth development.*
- *Prepare our students to apply their knowledge and skills for the benefit of the community and environment.*

Our Story



Oakland Unity High School: A Brief History of an Exemplary Charter School.

2003 => Unity opened for its first cohort of 100 9th and 10th graders.

2006 => Unity graduated first senior class. Unity received accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for a six-year term (with a mid-term review).

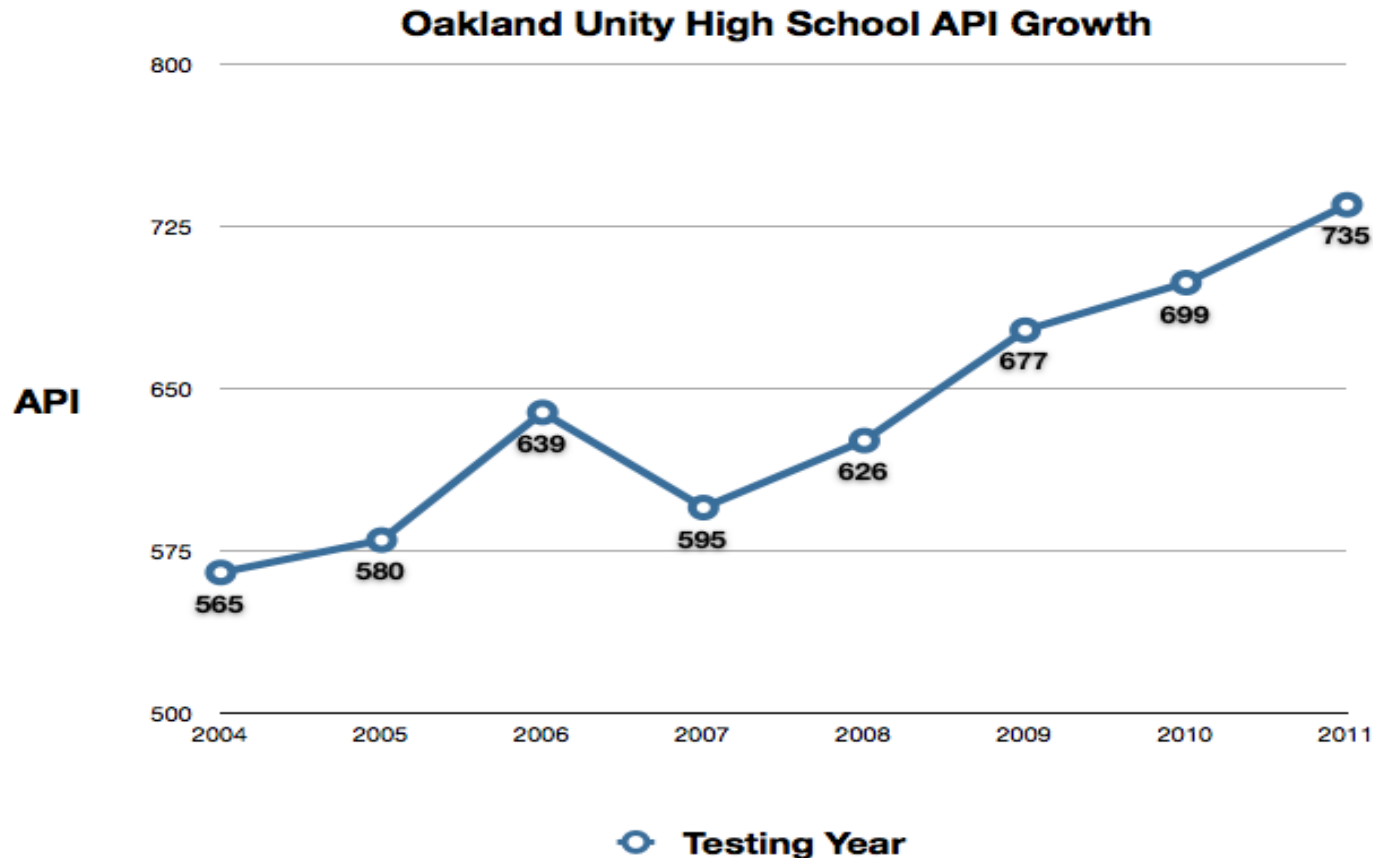
2007 => Unity conducted its first admissions lottery due to high demand for entrance (has held enrollment lottery every year since 2007). Oakland Unified School District renewed Unity's charter for a five-year term.

2008 => Unity receives CA Proposition 1D award for new facility construction.

2010 => Members of Unity's first class graduated from UCSC, Mills, the University of San Francisco, and SJSU. Unity's attendance has exceeded 96% during the past six school years.

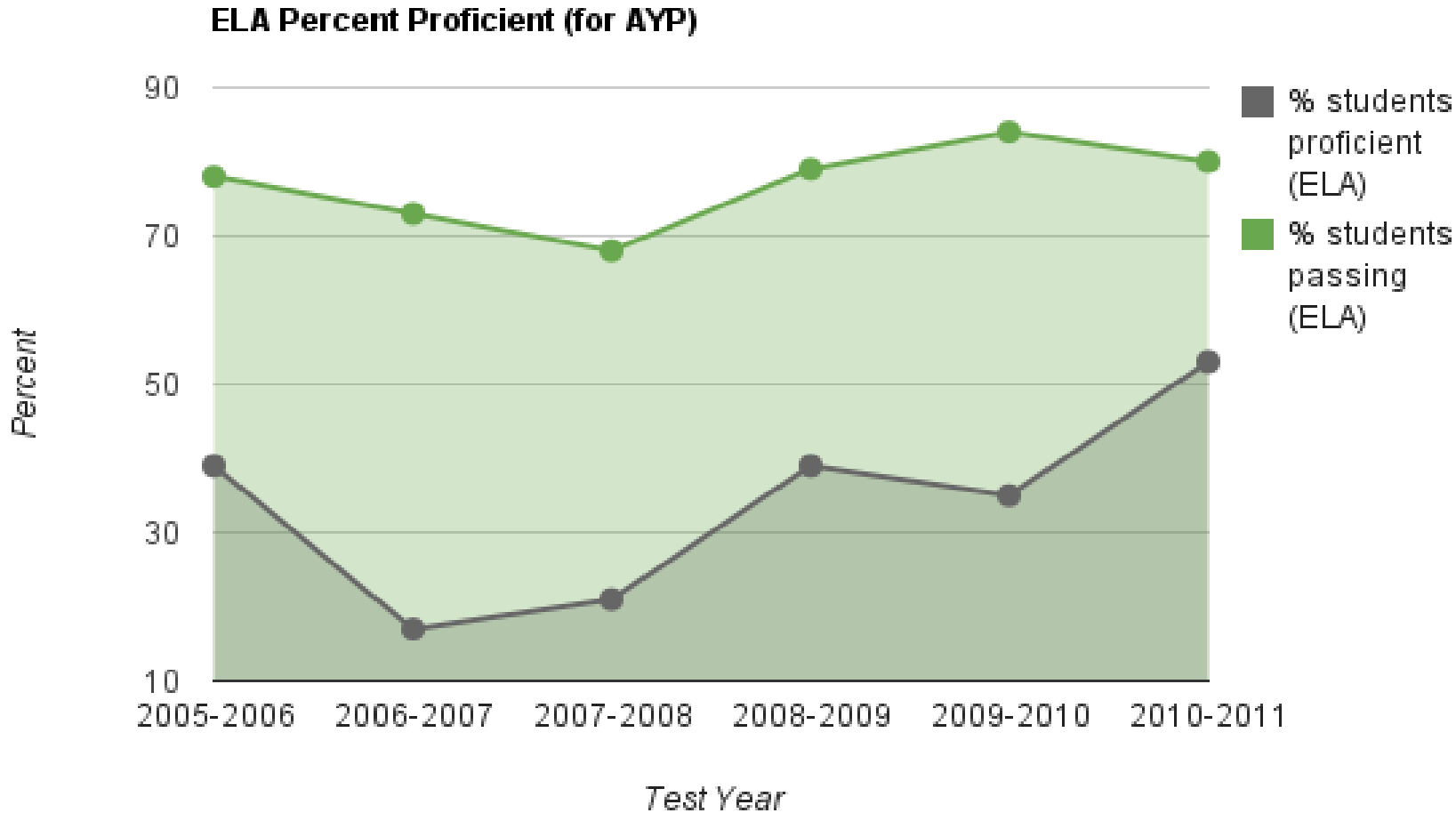
2011 => Unity's API score for the 2010-2011 school year was 735, representing a total growth of 140 points since the 2006-2007 school year. More than 70% of our graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges / universities.

Measuring our Success (Academic Performance Index)



- ***140-point gain since 2007***
- ***Highest performing 9-12 grade high school program in Oakland***

Measuring our Success (CAHSEE - ELA)



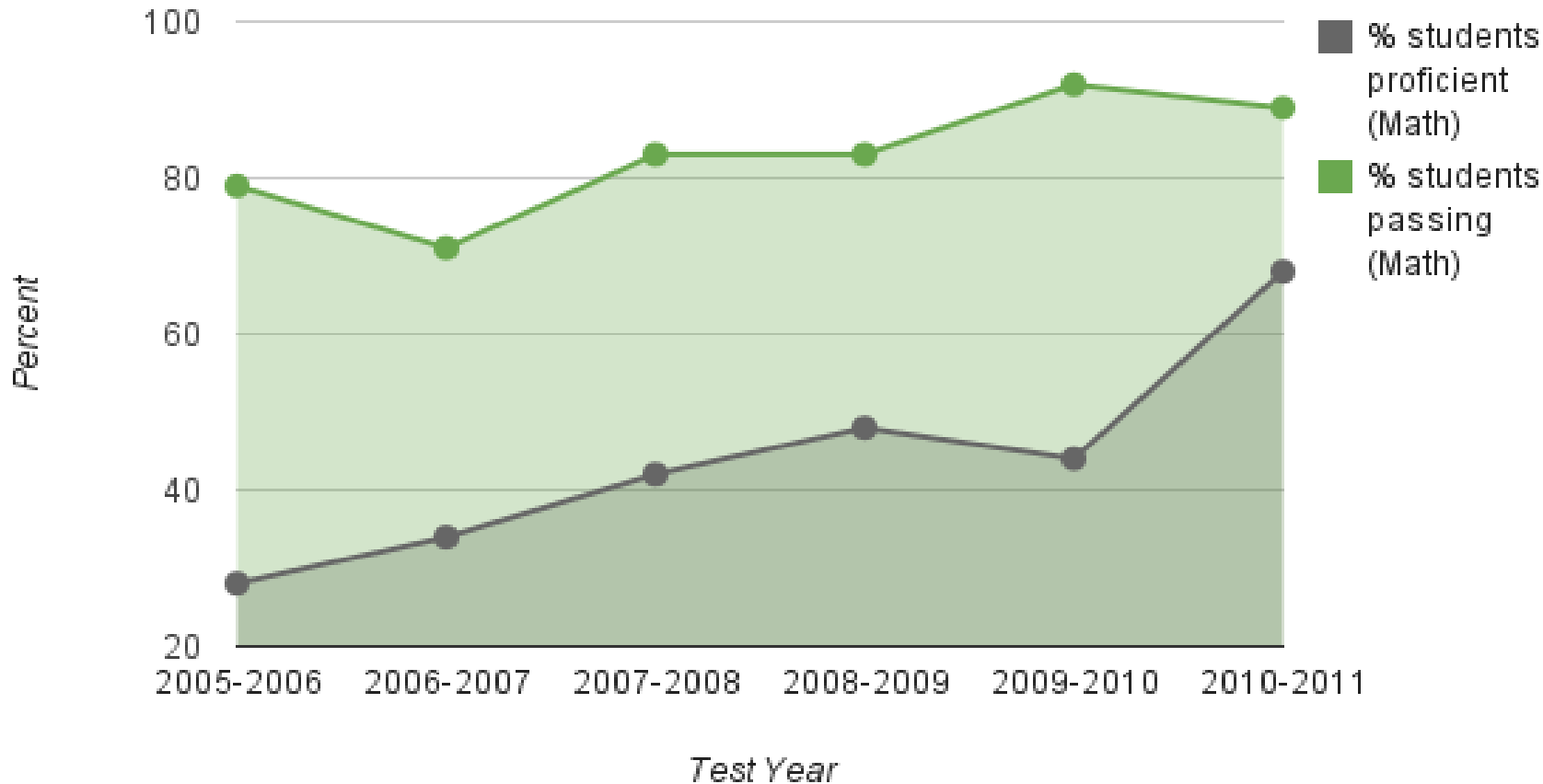
Passed: 80.4% (53 out of 66) was 83% in 2010

Proficient (380 and above): 53% (35 out of 66) was 35% in 2010!

Measuring our Success (CAHSEE - Math)



Math Percent Proficient (for AYP)



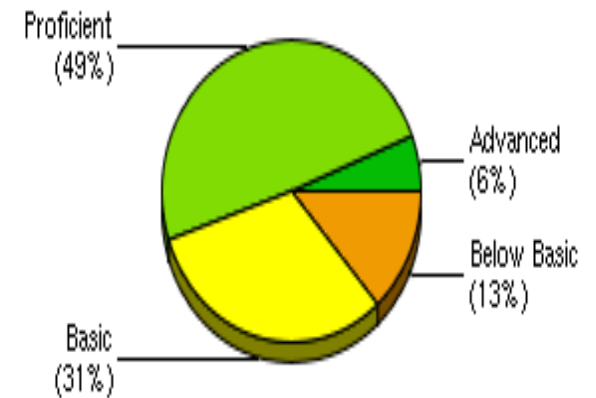
Passed: 89.4% (59 out of 66) was 92% in 2010

Proficient (380 and above): 68.18% (45 out of 66) was 44% in 2010!

Academic Excellence - Focus on Data Driven Instruction



- Quarterly standards-based assessments for all core subjects.
- Focus on intervention for students that are not performing at "Advanced" or "Proficient" levels.
- Development of "Data Tools" for teachers, administrators, and students.
- Dedicated staff development time to plan assessments and review data (teacher => students => department => administrators).



Academic Excellence - Enabling Our Students to Achieve



- **Small classes averaging 25 students**
- **Multiple safety net support structures (teachers, advisors, counselors, administration, and parent/guardians)**
- **Dedicated grade-level, advisor, and department teams with weekly staff development meeting time**
- **Grade-level and individualized college counseling, including transcript review and college application support**
- **Safe campus and productive learning environment**
- **College Tours and Study Tours**
- **A-G Approved coursework for all students**
- **AP course offerings (Art, Physics, Spanish, and Calculus)**
- **CAHSEE support for all students**
- **SAT preparation classes**



Academic Excellence - Emerging Learners



- Students have access to counseling
- P7 support classes
- Extended school year opportunities
- Online credit recovery opportunities
- Student Support Meetings
- Student and parent/guardian access to detailed grade information



Academic Excellence - Focus on Projects



- Apply new learning
- Connect classroom learning with "real world" issues
- Build community
- Share learning with families and larger community
- Research-based PBL





Building Community - Focus on Character



Advisory Program

- Structure
- Advisor's role
- Curriculum
- Care for Self
- Care for Community



"The Whole Child"



Hands-on enrichment -

- Tech Bridge/BEAM
- Unity Live
- Summer Success
- College tours
- BACSAC Sports (Soccer, basketball, volleyball, cross-country, baseball)



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Creative enrichment -

- Arrow Soul
- Clay Sculpting
- Creative writing
- Capoeira
- Journalism
- Yearbook
- Spirit week



OUSD Collaborations



Global Warming project - Presentations to OUSD Elementary and Middle School audiences.

American Government collaboration with Life Academy - 12th grade students from OUHS and LIFE created and submitted the Educate California Ballot Initiative "Tax to Fund Free State Resident Tuition at UC and CSU".

Oaktown Teen Times - OUHS Journalism students co-wrote many stories with students from OUSD high schools.

QCSD (Quality Community School Development) - Mr. David Castillo (Principal) participated in the development of OUSD Quality Standards.

Student recruitment - Oakland Unity High School recruits 80% of incoming freshmen class from OUSD middle schools.

Thank you!



Oakland Unity High School alumni are currently attending:

University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Merced
University of California, Davis
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Riverside
University of California, Los Angeles

Sonoma State University
Sacramento State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Fresno State University
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Stanislaus
California Polytechnic SLO
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Los Angeles
University of San Francisco
Mills College

