

OUSD Public Hearing Charter Renewal 2024



ASCEND TK-8 SCHOOL

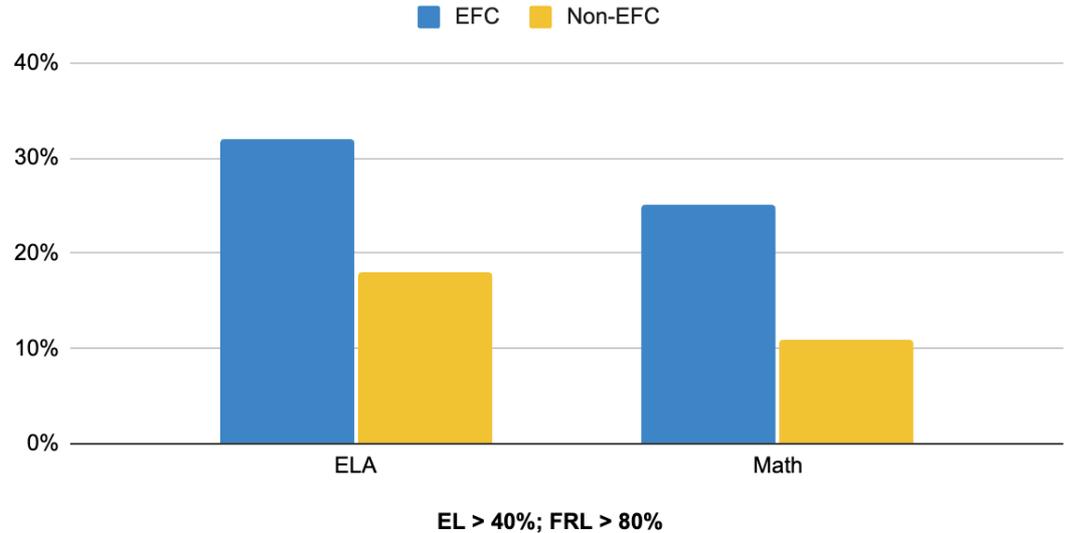
Changing Outcomes in East Oakland Since 2005



Education *for* Change

Serving **2700** students in
East Oakland

Oakland 2023 SBAC Proficiency:
Schools with High FRL and EL Populations





EFC students challenge the predictable patterns of performance and access to opportunity in this country by demonstrating the essential academic competencies, personal agency, and integrated identity necessary to be prepared for a meaningful and productive life.



The vision of ASCEND is to **nurture a passion for learning and cultivate personal agency** in order to discover who we are, what we need and how to advocate for it. Together, our community of students, families and staff **explores, learns and grows through success and failure**. Diverse learners thrive through an approach that develops the whole individual, which includes **arts-integration, expeditionary learning, personalization, and a focus on social and emotional growth**. Through a common vision guided by love, we empower each other to forge our own paths and to create a school that reflects the world we want.

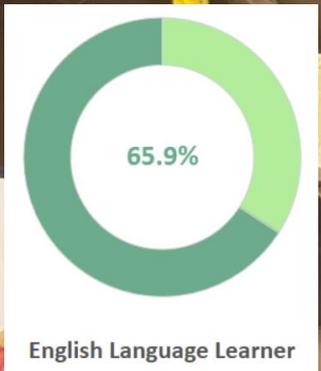
A Day in the Life of ASCEND



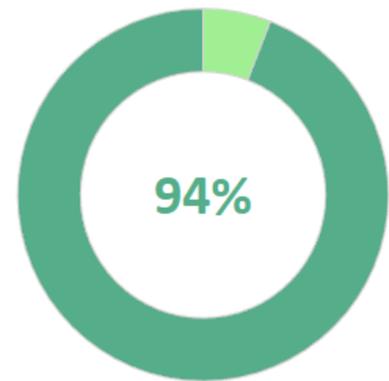
Who Do We Serve?



Free/Reduced Lunch



English Language Learner



Unduplicated Count

We Are a Community School!



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Our Families = Our Partners



Family Leadership Council

- Over 20 family members engaged in monthly FLC meetings
- Representative governance structure at school and org-wide level

Making Learning Visible

- 3-way learning partnership: families, students, and staff
- Annual Expos and Student-led Conferences
- Over 85% family participation

Lit for Literacy

- Developed early literacy knowledge and skills of over 60 parents & caregivers
- Engaged families in classroom accountability walk-throughs



Arts-Integrated Expeditionary Learning



Rigorous, Hands-on Inquiry



Arts Integration



Community Service

Outdoor Equity



We are not passengers, we are CREW



Special Education: Serving 11% of ASCEND Students



EVERYONE
has a chance
to grow.



**1 Coordinator, 4 Ed Specialists,
1 School Psychologist, 1 Speech
Therapist, 4 Clinicians, and
4 Paraprofessionals
implementing**

FULL INCLUSION

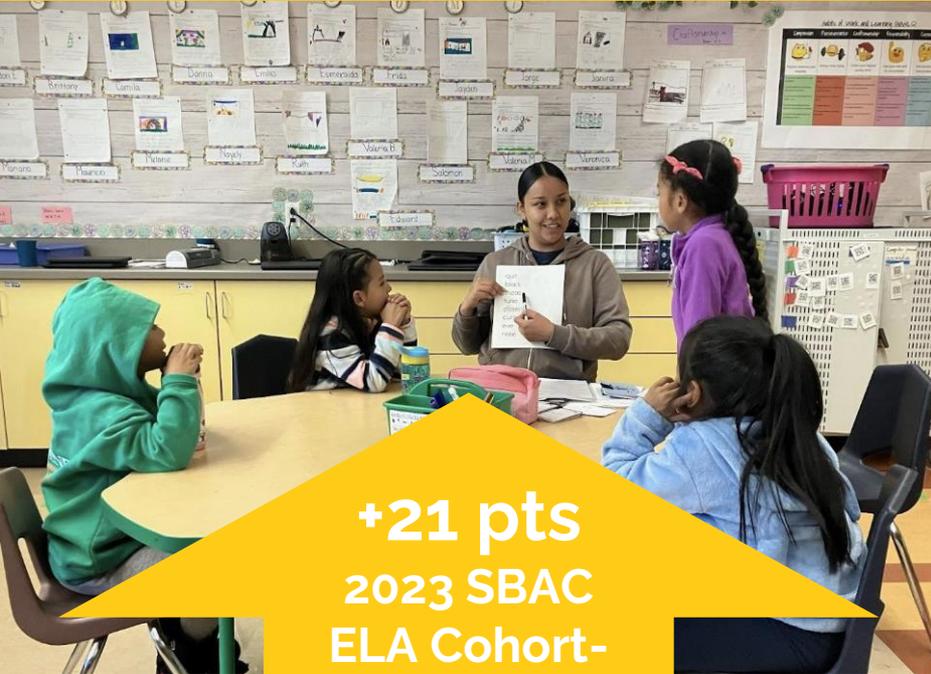
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**Cohort-matched DFS
Growth on SBAC Math**

+20

**Cohort-matched DFS
Growth on SBAC ELA**

Supporting English Learners to Thrive



+21 pts
2023 SBAC
ELA Cohort-
matched ELs
DFS Growth

Intentional EL Support Structures

- GLAD and other visual supports built into Tier 1 instruction
- Learning expeditions emphasize explicit language development, academic discourse, and hands on learning
- Small-group interventions
- Newcomer support group

Thriving Educators: Collaboration and Development



Multiple development structures

- Annual *Strong Start*
- Content-specific PLCs
- Expeditionary Learning PD
- Dedicated collaboration time
- Individualized coaching

Diversity and retention

- Collaboration with union
- Educator pipeline opportunities
- More than 20 staff are ASCEND alums, parents, and Oakland born and raised!

Collective Impact



2023 SBAC	Student Growth Percentile	Core Growth Index
ELA	91%	10 out of 10
Math	97%	10 out of 10

- ✓ Early Literacy proficiency **INCREASED 24%** in two years!
- ✓ Chronic absenteeism **DECLINED 7%** in SY23/24
- ✓ Suspension rate remained low at **1%**