Oakland Unity Middle School

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Who We Are

- Teachers, school leaders, and parents from Oakland Unity High School (OUHS)
- Proven track record of student achievement in Oakland at OUHS
- 100+ API gain over 5 years
- 65% of graduates accepted to 4-year colleges
- 84% of 12th graders complete A-G requirements
- 90% graduation rate
- Over 10 years of charter management experience
- Experience in curriculum and instruction, finance, administration, pupil services, community outreach, and facilities

Our Mission

Preparation of students for a rigorous high school environment and admission to and success in college and the careers of their choice.

Our Vision

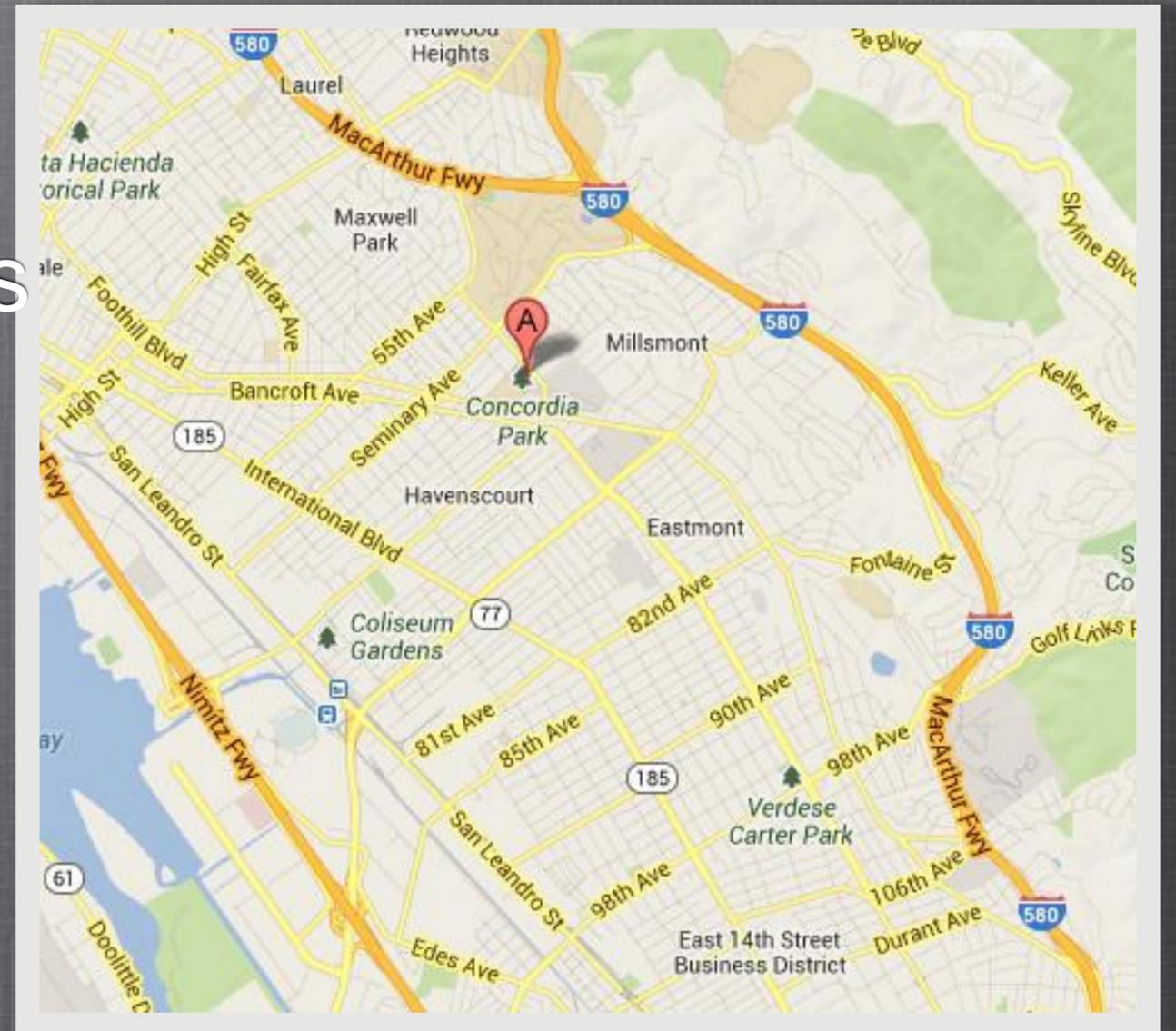Student acquisition of the skills necessary for success in college and beyond through:

High expectations

Highly supportive community

High quality teaching

Students to be Served

- Start with 80 6th and 7th graders
- Grow to 225 by 2018-19
- Located in the East Oakland neighborhood, with demographics that reflect the surrounding community
- Two key demographic groups:
- English Language Learners
- Students from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds

Educational Program Pillar # 1

HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

- Academic support
- Healthy minds and bodies
- Robust After-school Program
- Advisory Program
- Daily advisory meetings with a cohort Advisor
- Caring Advisor monitors student progress and provides support for each student to meet their potential
- Curriculum focuses on building positive social skills and study skills

Educational Program Pillar #2

High Expectations:

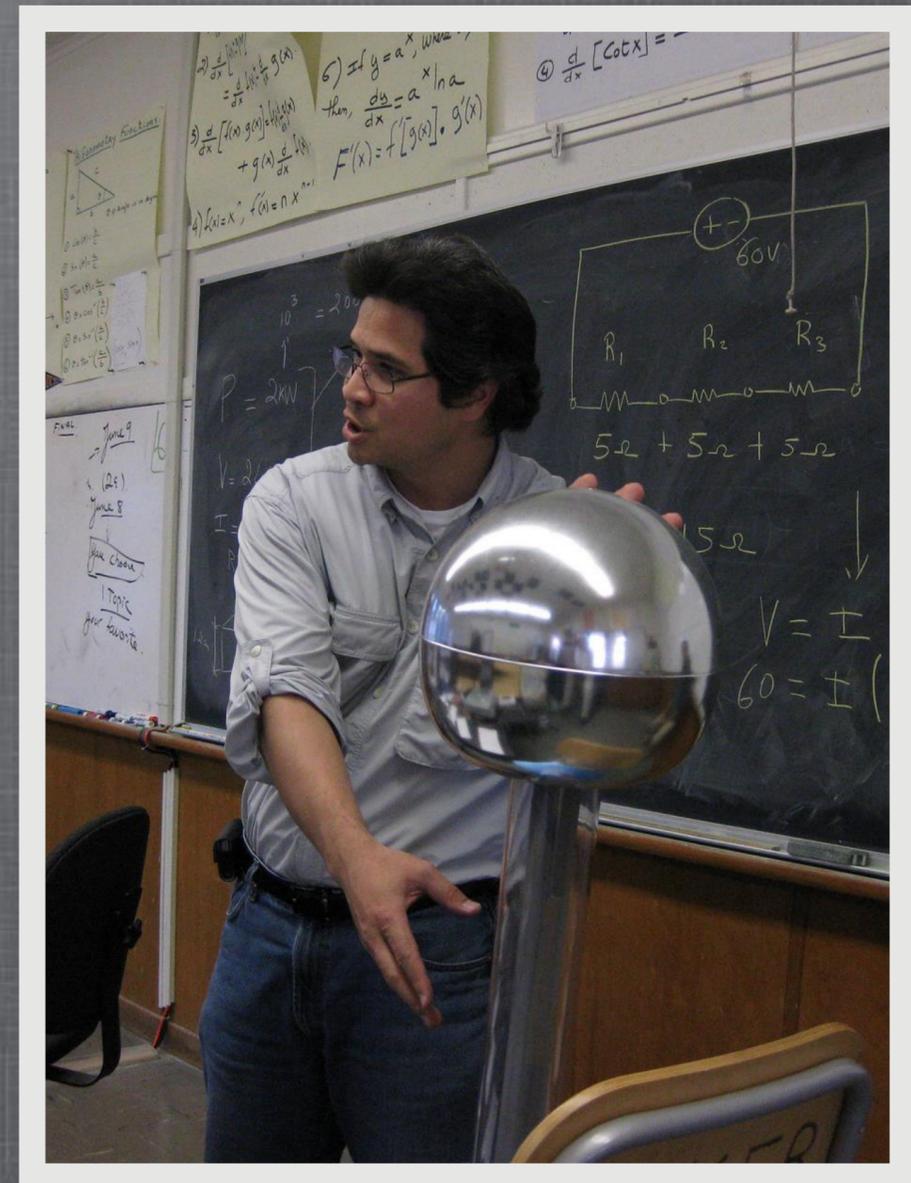"Students will float to the mark you set for them."
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- Rigorous and culturally relevant curriculum
- Authentic assessments
- College-going culture
- Curriculum based on common core standards

Educational Program Pillar # 3

Highly Effective Teaching

- Backwards design
- Data-driven decision making
- Collaborative teaching environment
- Unity Blended Learning Model: Khan Academy, Study Sync, Aleks, Exit Ticket
- Project-Based Learning: Understanding By Design, Buck Institute
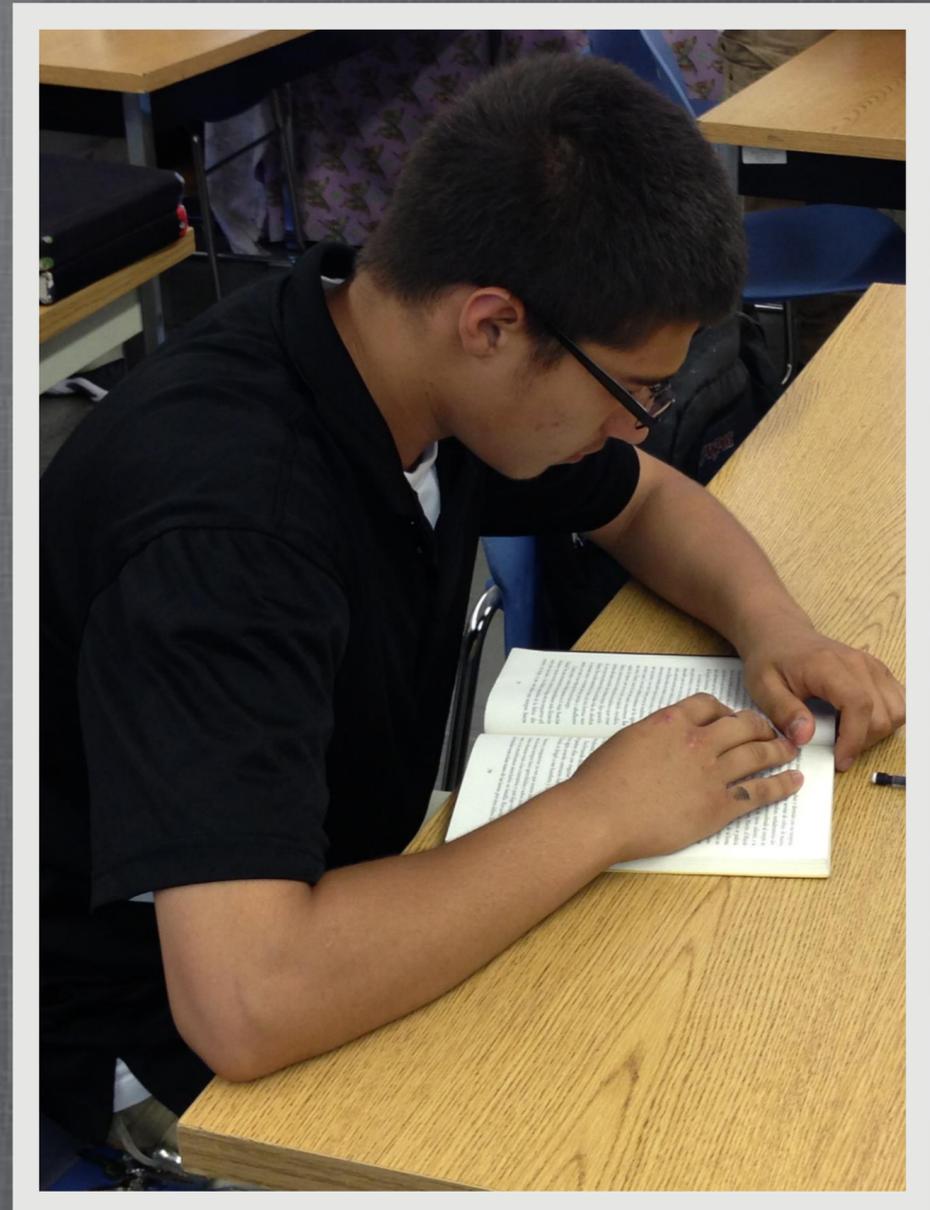
Supporting Struggling Students

- Summer Success Program
- Student Support Plan
- Mandatory 6th grade After-school Program
- 7th and 8th grade After-school Program
- Mental Health Services
- Summer Credit Recovery

Additional Support for English Language Learners

- Project-based learning
- Heterogeneous groupings
- Supplemental pullout instruction by English instructor
- After-school support and tutoring
- Ongoing professional development
- Specialized Silent Sustained Reading library

Why Our Model Works

- Grounded in research and educational best practices
- Teacher-centered, teacher driven
- Created by educators with extensive experience working in the community
- Field-tested over the past 10 years at OUHS