

Superintendent Report

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Denise Saddler
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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Our Vision

All OUSD students will find joy in their academic experience while graduating with the skills to ensure they are caring, competent, fully-informed, critical thinkers who are prepared for college, career, and community success.

Our Mission

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) will build a Full Service Community District focused on high academic achievement while serving the whole child, eliminating inequity, and providing each child with excellent teachers, every day.



Superintendent Report Overview



School Highlights

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Results



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120 Middle & High School Students & Staff Enjoy Cazadero Music Retreat

There was lots of joyful music coming from the woods in Cazadero, in the North Bay over the weekend of October 3. 120 music students and their teachers spent days practicing and performing in the annual Fall Jumpstart Music Retreat. They performed in concert bands, orchestra, and choir.

The schools involved were: Bret Harte Middle, Claremont Middle, Edna Brewer Middle, Melrose Leadership, Montera Middle, Roosevelt Middle, United For Success, Westlake Middle and West Oakland Middle schools, plus Castlemont High, Oakland High, Oakland Tech, and Skyline High schools.

The weekend culminated with a big concert in the Cazadero amphitheater. It was a great time of music, teamwork, and exploring a beautiful natural setting.



Initiative: Joyful Schools

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Hundreds of Students Visit Fremont High for OUSD → CSU College Day

On Saturday, October 4, hundreds of students of all ages gathered at Fremont High School for the second-annual OUSD → CSU College Day, a landmark family-friendly event organized in partnership with California State University (CSU), the Oakland Promise, and the Oakland Children's Initiative. This historic occasion was the second time that all 22 CSU campuses were represented at a single event in Northern California. Last year's event was at Fremont, as well.

Students from preschool through 12th grade, along with their families, had the opportunity to meet and engage with representatives from every CSU campus—including San Francisco State University, Cal State East Bay, Chico State University, and San Diego State University. Students learned about academic programs, explored campus offerings, and gained insights into student life across the CSU system. Plus, they could get help with applications and financial aid.



Initiative: Empowered Graduates

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Hintil Ku'u Ča CDC Enjoys Special Blessing Ceremony

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, Monday, October 13, there was a special gathering at Hintil Ku'u Ča Child Development Center. Students, families, staff, and members of the Native American community came together for a ceremony blessing the facility and the land where it sits. I was honored - as a former site administrator at Hintil - to join the celebration and say a few words.

The history of the school can be traced back to the nearly two year long occupation of Alcatraz island by Native Americans in 1969-1971. Hintil Ku'u Ča was borne from the occupation on Alcatraz, and was eventually moved to OUSD when the District offered the space.

The event included the unveiling of a new mural (partly shown in the photo) and a potluck meal that everyone sat down to enjoy in community. It was a joyous occasion that left students, staff, and families feeling more connected to the school and the land where it resides.



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Fremont High Hosts Statewide Linked Learning Conference

On October 7, dozens of education leaders from across the state visited Fremont High School during a Linked Learning Summit organized by Career Ladders Project, Community Schools Learning Exchange, ConnectEd, EdTrust-West, Learning Policy Institute, Linked Learning Alliance, and UCLA Center for Community Schooling.

The visit included tours of classrooms engaged in the pathway work Fremont is known for, such as Media and Architecture. The visit also included a panel discussion with school and district staff about how they educate students in the pathway model, and the impact it has.

The Summit included a discussion about the State's investments to create high schools that meet the learning and developmental needs of students and the need for the State to continue supporting these critical investments.

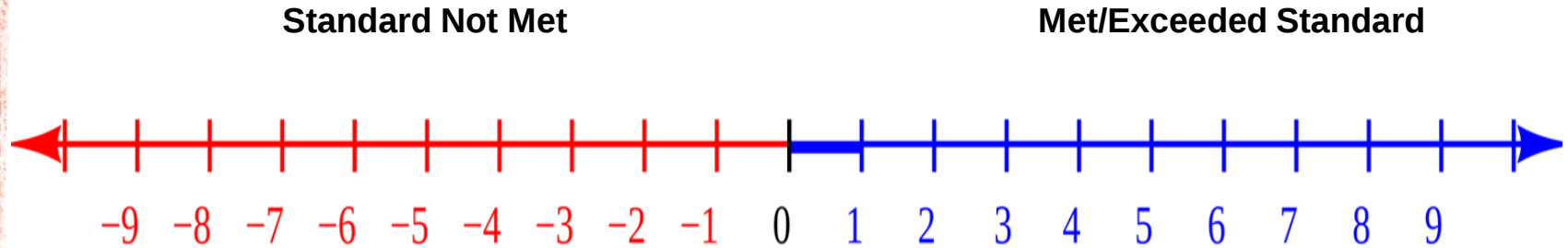


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Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Results

CA Dashboard Terms



Distance from Standard (DFS)

Standard Met/ Exceeded

Standard Not Met

Status vs. Growth

Status- overall performance

Growth- compare years

Targets for Success: SBAC (Gr 3-8 Only)

Focus Area	2022-2023 DFS	2023-2024 DFS	2024-2025 Targets	2024-25 Actual DFS
SBAC ELA	-50.9	-53.8	All schools will test 98% of students. All schools will increase DFS by 15 ppts.	-51.0
SBAC Math	-75.5	-77.7	All schools will test 98% of students. All schools will increase DFS by 20 ppts.	-72.8

School Successes - Academics

SBAC Performance Grades 3-11

Schools* with DFS increase in ELA (≥ 5 points)

Elementary Schools (including K-8 Schools)

School	Increase	DFS 24-25	DFS 23-24
Markham	25.9	-120.4	-146.3
Piedmont	24.0	-38.3	-62.3
Hoover	19.8	-85.8	-105.6
Chabot	15.7	60.3	44.6
SEED	15.5	-50.4	-65.9
Glenview	14.8	21.7	6.9
Bridges	14.0	-116.6	-130.6
Korematsu	13.8	-115.8	-129.6
Peralta	11.7	58.8	47.1
Esperanza	9.7	-90.2	-99.9
Carl Munck	7.2	-51.4	-58.6
Fruitvale	5.5	-115.7	-121.2

* Only schools with participation rates above 90% in both 2025 and 2024 SBAC are included in this analysis.

Schools* with DFS increase in ELA (≥ 5 points)

Middle and High Schools (including 6-12 Schools)

School	Increase	DFS 24-25	DFS 23-24
MetWest	42.6	-41.3	-83.9
Montera	23.8	5.7	-18.1
Claremont	22.3	32.8	10.5
Frick	11.0	-153.8	-164.8
Oakland High	7.5	-39.0	-46.5
Edna Brewer	6.6	23.6	17.0
Bret Harte	5.9	-85.7	-91.6
Elmhurst	5.4	-91.6	-97.0

* Only schools with participation rates above 90% in both 2025 and 2024 SBAC are included in this analysis.

Schools* with DFS increase in Math (≥ 5 points)

Elementary Schools (including K-8 Schools)

School	Increase	DFS 22-23	DFS 23-24
Burckhalter	33.7	-54.8	-88.5
TCN	29.8	-68.5	-98.3
Hoover	25.6	-93.9	-119.5
Peralta	21.1	42.8	21.7
LSA	20.1	-107.9	-128
ICS	16.9	-90.8	-107.7
Highland	16.5	-114.3	-130.8
Reach	12.1	-80.7	-92.8
Garfield	10.5	-89.3	-99.8
Chabot	5.5	47	41.5
Joaquin Miller	5.2	6.1	0.9

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Schools* with DFS increase in Math (≥ 5 points)

Middle and High Schools (including 6-12 Schools)

School	Increase	DFS 22-23	DFS 23-24
MetWest	42.1	-138.5	-180.6
Oakland High	17.8	-99.8	-117.6
Bret Harte	14.6	-127.4	-142
Frick	12.4	-199	-211.4
Roosevelt	11.7	-105.9	-117.6
Elmhurst	11	-141	-152
Montera	9.7	-44.5	-54.2
Claremont	8.9	-6.7	-15.6

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Targets for Success: SBAC & Local

Focus Area	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
SBAC ELA	-50.9	-53.8	-51.0 (-2.8)
SBAC Math	-75.5	-77.7	-72.8 (-4.9)

2025-2026 Target

SBAC: All schools will test 98% of students. All schools will increase DFS by 15 ppts (ELA) & 20 ppts (Math).

For more data, please visit ousddata.org and the [SBAC Dashboard](#).

Foci for 2025-2026 School Year

- ★ [4 LCAP Goals](#)
- ★ [District Strategic Plan Initiatives](#): Early Literacy; Empowered Graduates, MS Math; Joyful Schools (Attendance, Safety & Suspensions); Professional Staff
- ★ **Continuous School Improvement Framework**
 - ★ Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS);
 - ★ English Language Learning: Designated and Integrated English Language Development, Newcomer Drop-out rate; and
 - ★ Special Education IEP Quality & Completion.
- ★ **Evaluations**- coaching for all staff.



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