SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS IN LOS ANGELES

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As the Black Student Achievement Parent Leadership Team, we would like to thank you for diving into sensitive data on Black students in Los Angeles. We are a team of Black parents, educators, and community members that deeply understand and know the power, knowledge and resiliency of the Black community - our community. We are saddened by the academic findings for Black students in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools outlined in this brief. We strongly believe that all students, especially Black students, can achieve at high levels.

This is not only a belief, but a fact given that there is no achievement gap at birth. Black children do not come into this world at a deficit.

Schools are falling short in preparing Black students to achieve their full potential. The district enrolls more than 50,000 Black students, but only three out of 10 of those students are on grade level in English and only two out of 10 are on grade level in math. These findings weigh heavy on our hearts and push our team to work with community members to find and work toward solutions that will improve the academic experience and well-being of Black students in LAUSD.

By showcasing these findings for Black students, we hope to join parents and other stakeholders in Los Angeles to disrupt the current power structure that continues to produce poor academic outcomes for Black students.

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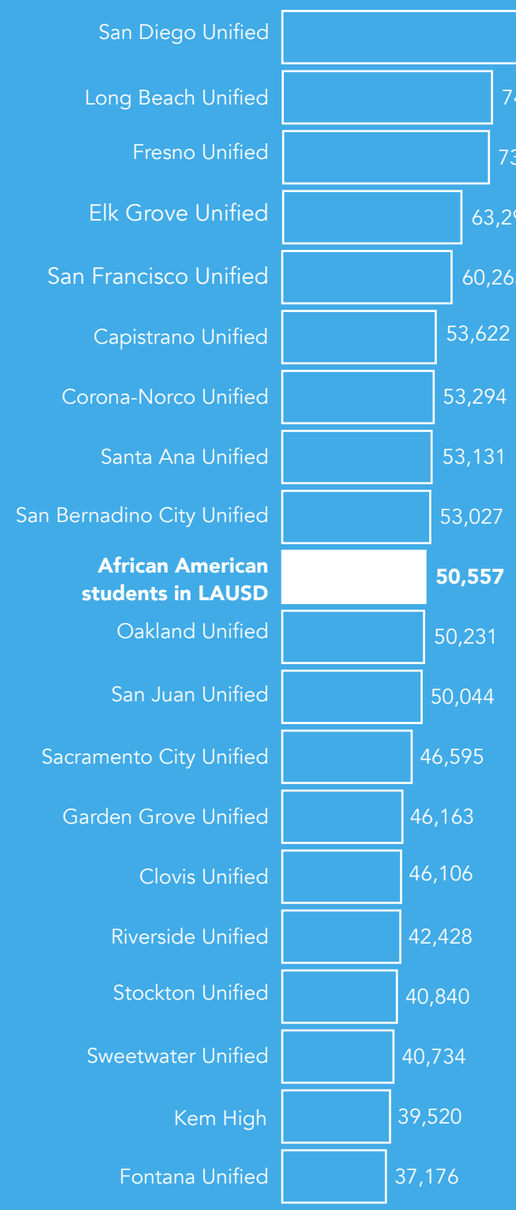
IF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS IN LAUSD WERE ONE DISTRICT, THEY WOULD BE THE 11TH LARGEST IN CALIFORNIA

TOP 20 LARGEST DISTRICTS IN CA AFTER LAUSD

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

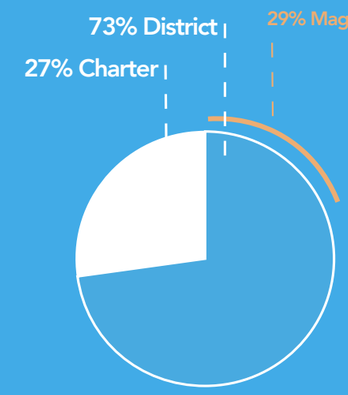


Source: California Department of Education, Largest and Smallest Public School Districts, 2017-18

There are 50,557 African American students enrolled in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools, making up 8% of all students. About 6% of students are low-income and African American (39,813 in total). With over 620,000 students enrolled, LAUSD is the second largest school district in the nation. It is by far the largest school district in California. If LAUSD African American students were served by one district alone, that district would be the 11th largest in the state, larger than districts like Oakland Unified and Riverside Unified.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL TYPE

Most African American students are enrolled in traditional district and magnet schools.



Source: California Department of Education, student enrollment files, 2017-18

Source: LAUSD Office of Data & Accountability, African American enrollment by school type, 2017-18

ALL KIDS CAN LEARN AT HIGH LEVELS, BUT SCHOOLS ARE FALLING SHORT IN PREPARING AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS.

In Los Angeles Unified, only 31 out of 294 schools* reach the statewide average in English and math for their African American students.

ENGLISH

ONLY 3 OUT OF 10

African American students in Los Angeles Unified are on grade level in English

MATH

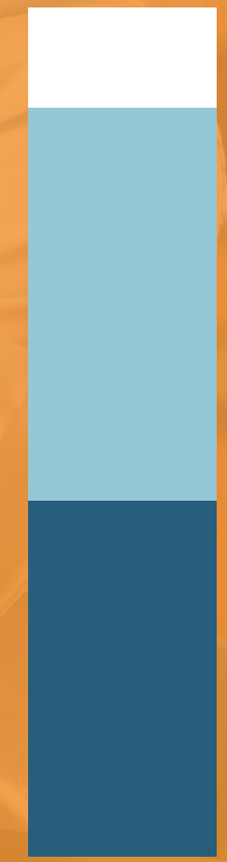
ONLY 2 OUT OF 10

African American students in Los Angeles Unified are on grade level in math

Source: California Department of Education, California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), 2017-18

**Schools must have 20 or more African American students taking state tests to be included in this data brief. Out of 465 schools with at least 20 African American students enrolled, only 294 schools have 20 or more African American students taking state tests.*

WHILE MORE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, **ONLY HALF OF THESE GRADUATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A UC OR CSU.**



8 OUT OF 10

African American students graduate

ONLY HALF

OF THOSE GRADUATES ARE UC/CSU ELIGIBLE[2]

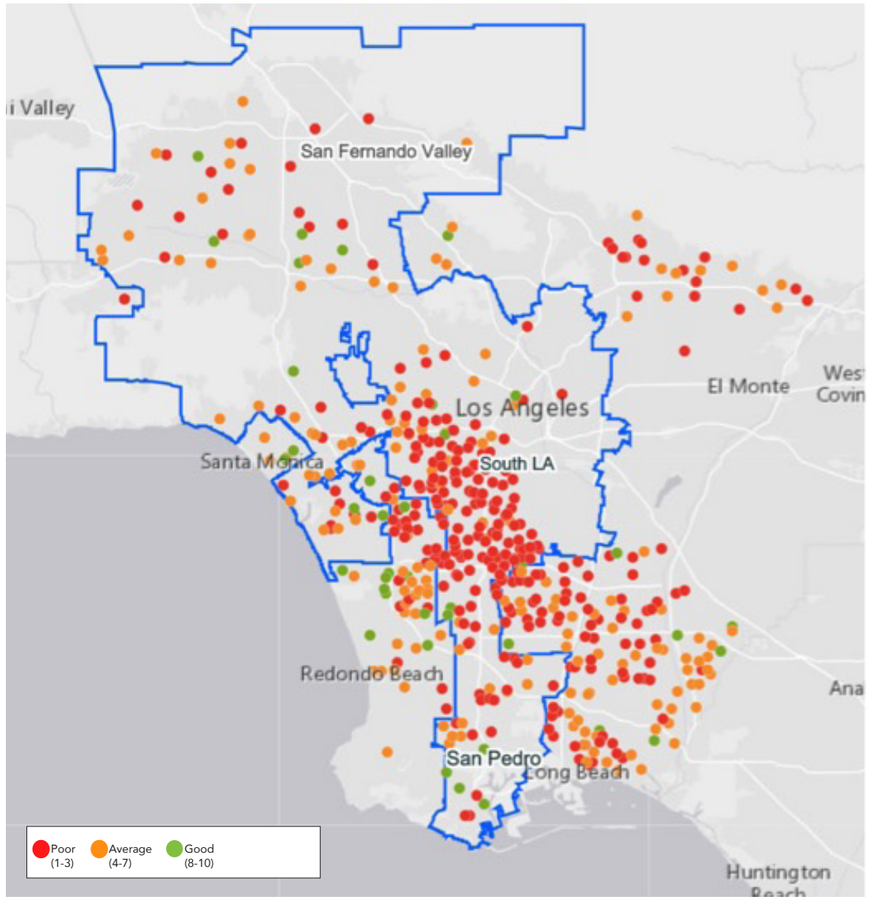
Source: California Department of Education, four-year cohort graduation rates and University of California/California State University (UC/CSU) eligibility requirements, 2017-18.

REGARDLESS OF WHERE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS LIVE, THEY HAVE A VERY SMALL CHANCE OF ATTENDING A HIGH-PERFORMING SCHOOL.

The maps below provide a picture of the quality of schools in LAUSD based on GreatSchools' Ratings.[3] The map on the left (Figure A) shows school performance for African American students at the school. The map on the right (Figure B) shows school performance for White students at the school. These maps demonstrate a stark reality: regardless of where African American students live, they have very few options for a high-performing school.

FIGURE A: MOST SCHOOLS HAVE RED OR "POOR" GREATSCHOOLS RATINGS FOR THEIR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

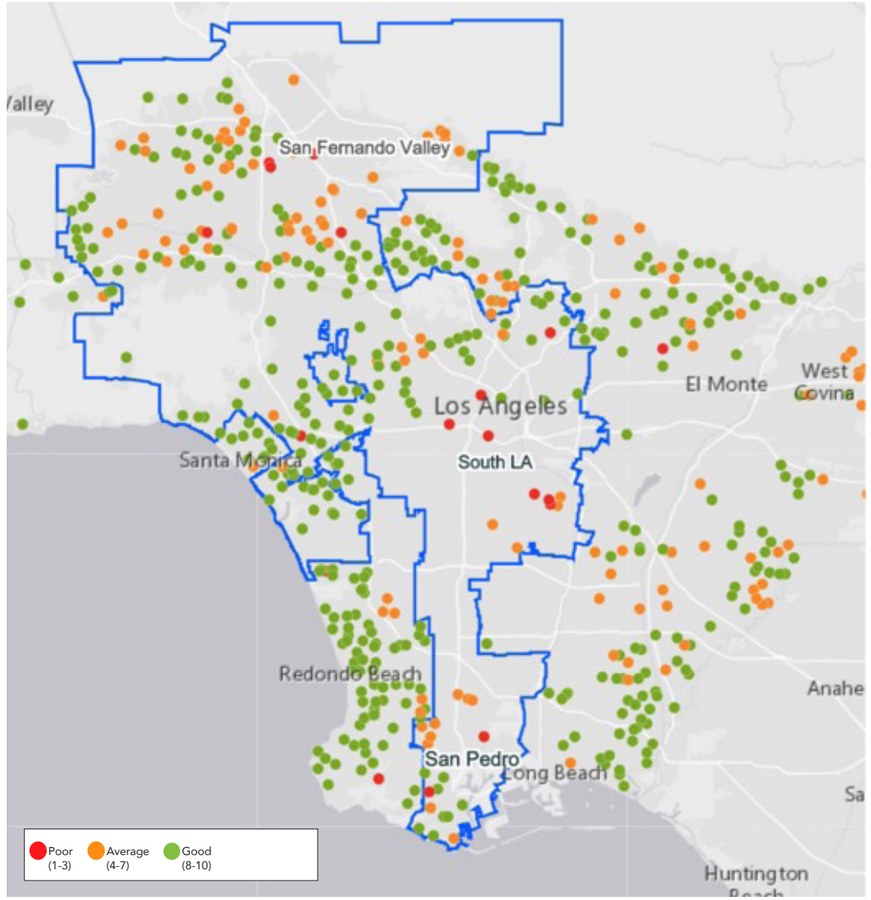
GreatSchools Rating for African American Students in Los Angeles Unified, 2017-18



African American Students: Out of 235 schools in LAUSD with at least 20 African American students enrolled, 166 have a red (or "poor") rating for African American students. Most of these schools are in South Los Angeles. Only 14 schools achieve an eight, nine or a 10 rating for this subgroup.

FIGURE B: MOST SCHOOLS HAVE GREEN OR "GOOD" GREATSCHOOLS RATINGS FOR THEIR WHITE STUDENTS

GreatSchools Rating for White students in Los Angeles Unified, 2017-18



White Students: Only 15 schools in the entire district have a red (or "poor") rating for White students. In fact, 145 out of 351 schools in LAUSD with at least 20 White students enrolled achieve a green (or "good) rating for White students. Most of these schools are in higher-income neighborhoods of Los Angeles.

SUMMARY

The 50,557 African American students in LAUSD make up one of the largest student populations in the state. Yet, they are being let down by schools and poorly prepared for college and career. Summarized below are some key findings highlighted in this brief:

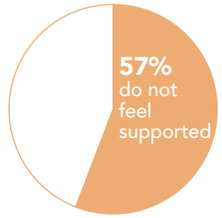
1. **Only three out of 10 African American students are on grade level in English and only two out of 10 in math.**
2. **While graduation rates are high, only half of all African American graduates are eligible to apply to a UC or CSU.**
3. **Regardless of where African American students live, they have very few options to attend a high-quality school, whether it's charter or district. One-hundred sixty-six out of 235 schools in LAUSD with at least 20 African American students enrolled have a red (or "poor") rating for African American students.**

GOING DEEPER

Beyond academic outcomes, it's important to also understand students' experiences at school. Parents may ask, "Is my child excited to go to school every day? Do they feel safe and welcome at school?" Below are a few findings that help answer these questions.

MANY AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS DO NOT FEEL WELCOME AND SUPPORTED IN THEIR SCHOOLS

According to the 2017-18 LAUSD School Experience Survey results[4], **more than half of African American students don't consider their school to be a supportive and inviting place to learn** and only half of all African American students felt their teachers grade them fairly.



Source: LAUSD School Experience Survey Results, 2017-18

WHILE SUSPENSION RATES HAVE DECREASED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE STILL MORE LIKELY TO BE SUSPENDED THAN THEIR PEERS.

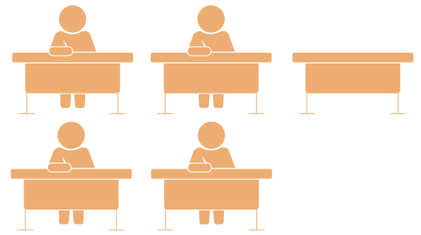
While LAUSD schools have decreased their suspension rates over the past few years from 7% in 2011-12 to 3% last year, **for every White student suspended, nearly four Black students are suspended**. LAUSD has the second highest rate of suspensions of Black male students in California[5]. In this brief, we flagged 17 schools for high suspension rates[6] compared to the state average.

1 White student suspended vs. 4 Black students suspended

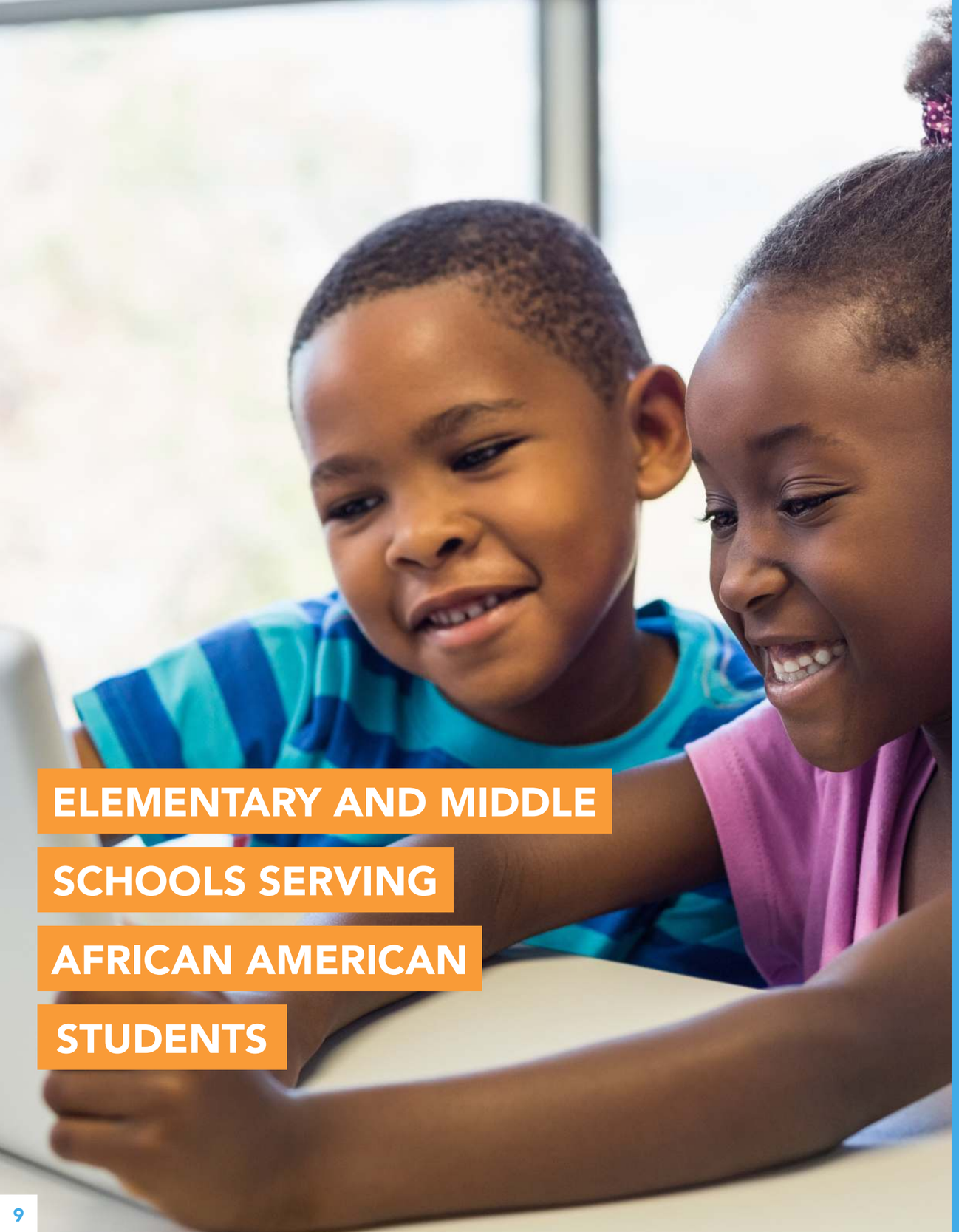
Source: California School Dashboard, Suspension Rates, 2017-18

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES OF CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM IN THE DISTRICT.

More than 1 in 5 African American students misses 15 or more days of school, double the rate of White and Latino students. Negative experiences at school and lack of engagement contribute to chronic absence[7] which means African American students have fewer opportunities to learn.



Source: California School Dashboard, Chronic Absenteeism, 2017-18



ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS SERVING AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

This brief shows how LAUSD schools are serving African American students based on the latest state test scores in English and math, graduation rates, and the percentage of graduates that have completed the coursework necessary to be eligible to attend a UC or CSU. African American students make up 8% of students in LAUSD. This spotlight includes all of the schools in Los Angeles serving at least that same percentage of African American students.

We start with schools serving the smallest African American student populations and progress to those serving the most.

▲ **8-25%** African American students

● **25-50%** African American students

■ **MORE THAN 50%** African American students

Source:
California Department of Education, California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), 2017-18. California Department of Education, four-year cohort graduation rates and University of California/California State University (UC/CSU) eligibility requirements, 2017-18.

Notes:
1. We included a neighborhood variable from the *Los Angeles Times* neighborhood map of Los Angeles County. This allows readers to more easily find and identify the schools in their neighborhood.

2. Schools with data highlighted in blue have reached or exceeded the state average for all students in English or math for their African American students.

3. Schools with nontraditional grade spans are included more than once on this sheet. Performance data was calculated with publicly-available data, and may be limited for some schools due to suppression by the California Department of Education.

4. We denote which schools have magnet programs. A magnet program is a themed school within LAUSD that is open to all students, regardless of neighborhood. Some magnet programs occupy entire school sites and some are smaller programs located within a larger campus. LAUSD's magnet program was created in the 1970s as part of a court-ordered desegregation plan intended to increase racial equality in schools.

⚑ Denotes a school that had a "red" suspension indicator on the California State Dashboard for that subgroup of students. This means that school has an especially high suspension rate for that subgroup of students and/or a significant increase in suspension rate from the previous year.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH 8-25% AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

This spotlight includes all elementary schools in LAUSD with 8-25% African American students enrolled and serving at least 20 African American students. We've highlighted the highest performing schools in blue. Out of 82 elementary schools, only 14 reach the state average for all students in English and eight for math.

ENGLISH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
Park Western Place (Magnet)	8%	San Pedro	81%
Chapman	15%	Gardena	69%
Community Magnet Charter (Charter) (Magnet)	12%	Bel-Air	68%
Canfield Avenue	12%	Beverlywood	65%
Nora Sterry	14%	Sawtelle	65%
Playa Vista	17%	Playa Vista	61%
Hancock Park	9%	Mid-Wilshire	57%
Rio Vista	9%	Studio City	57%
Lomita Math/Science/Technology (Magnet)	10%	Lomita	53%
Riverside Drive (Charter)	8%	Sherman Oaks	52%
Serrania Ave Charter For Enriched Studies (Charter)	9%	Woodland Hills	52%
Carson Street	8%	Carson	52%
Grand View Boulevard	12%	Culver City	52%
One Hundred Eighty-Sixth St	17%	Harbor Gateway	51%
Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista (Charter)	8%	Sawtelle	48%
Leland Street	9%	San Pedro	48%
Braddock Drive (Magnet)	11%	Del Rey	48%
Hamlin Charter Academy (Charter)	10%	West Hills	46%
Dolores Street	8%	Carson	44%
Del Amo	21%	Carson	42%
Castle Heights Elementary	11%	Beverlywood	41%
Carthay Elementary Of Environmental Studies (Magnet)	23%	Carthay	39%
Harbor City	10%	Harbor City	39%
Eshelman Avenue	13%	Lomita	38%
Thirty-Second Street USC Performing Arts (Magnet)	12%	University Park	38%
President Avenue	16%	Harbor City	37%
Bonita Street	12%	Carson	37%
Towne Avenue	12%	Carson	35%
Calahan Street	9%	Northridge	34%
Saturn Street	18%	Mid-City	34%
Cienega	12%	West Adams	34%
Ninety-Ninth Street	22%	Green Meadows	34%
Birdielee V. Bright	22%	Exposition Park	33%
Denker Avenue	14%	Gardena	33%
Palms	16%	Palms	32%
One Hundred Twenty-Second St	17%	Willowbrook	30%
Fifty-Second Street	16%	Vermont Sq	29%
Menlo Avenue	13%	Vermont Sq	28%
Catskill Avenue	10%	Carson	28%
ISANA Nascent Academy (Charter)	23%	Jefferson Park	27%

49%: Overall English State Rate

32%: African American English State Rate

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ENGLISH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
Aspire Juanita Tate Academy (Charter)	8%	Florence	26%
Charles W. Barrett	24%	Vermont Vista	26%
Amestoy (Magnet)	17%	Gardena	26%
Dr. Owen Lloyd Knox	20%	Broadway-Manchester	26%
Sixty-Sixth Street	10%	Florence	24%
Figueroa Street	21%	Vermont Vista	24%
Dr. Theodore T. Alexander Jr. Science Center (Charter)	13%	Exposition Park	23%
Ninety-Second Street	9%	Watts	23%
Meyler Street	8%	West Carson	22%
Short Avenue	13%	Del Rey	22%
Twenty-Fourth Street	12%	Jefferson Park	22%
McKinley Avenue	17%	Florence	21%
Judith F. Baca Arts Academy	10%	Florence-Firestone	21%
Ninety-Fifth Street	23%	Westmont	20%
Manchester Avenue	19%	Vermont Vista	20%
Ninety-Sixth Street	20%	Watts	20%
Barton Hill	13%	San Pedro	20%
Aspire Inskeep Academy (Charter)	10%	Florence	18%
Gerald A. Lawson Academy of the Arts, Mathematics and Science	18%	Vermont-Slauson	18%
Seventy-Fifth Street	13%	Florence	18%
One Hundred Eighteenth St	23%	Broadway-Manchester	17%
Loren Miller	16%	Florence	17%
Budlong Avenue	18%	Vermont-Slauson	17%
Compton Avenue	21%	Watts	17%
Normandie Avenue	19%	Vermont Sq	17%
Westminster Avenue (Magnet)	14%	Venice	15%
One Hundred Seventh St (Magnet)	21%	Broadway-Manchester	15%
Ninety-Third Street	18%	Green Meadows	14%
John W. Mack	15%	Adams-Normandie	14%
Russell	9%	Florence-Firestone	14%
Ninth Street	9%	Downtown	14%
South Park	17%	Florence	12%
Alta Loma	10%	Mid-City	12%
Weigand Avenue	16%	Watts	10%
Lenicia B. Weemes	24%	Exposition Park	10%
One Hundred Thirty-Fifth St	14%	Harbor Gateway	9%
Sixth Avenue	19%	Jefferson Park	7%
Gil Garcetti Learning Academy	14%	Vermont-Slauson	6%
One Hundred Ninth Street	19%	Green Meadows	6%
Sixty-First Street	12%	Vermont-Slauson	6%
Grape Street	24%	Watts	6%

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MATH

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Park Western Place (Magnet)	8%	San Pedro	65%
Community Magnet Charter (Charter) (Magnet)	12%	Bel-Air	54%
Lomita Math/Science/Technology (Magnet)	10%	Lomita	49%
One Hundred Eighty-Sixth St	17%	Harbor Gateway	49%
Grand View Boulevard	12%	Culver City	45%
Chapman	15%	Gardena	44%
Braddock Drive (Magnet)	11%	Del Rey	43%
Serrania Ave Charter For Enriched Studies (Charter)	9%	Woodland Hills	43%
Playa Vista Elementary	17%	Playa Vista	39%
Aspire Juanita Tate Academy (Charter)	8%	Florence	39%
Hamlin Charter Academy (Charter)	10%	West Hills	38%
Hancock Park	9%	Mid-Wilshire	37%
Harbor City	10%	Harbor City	36%
Palms	16%	Palms	36%
Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista (Charter)	8%	Sawtelle	35%
Canfield Avenue	12%	Beverlywood	35%
Rio Vista	9%	Studio City	35%
Carthay Elementary Of Environmental Studies (Magnet)	23%	Carthay	34%
Riverside Drive (Charter)	8%	Sherman Oaks	33%
Calahan Street	9%	Northridge	31%
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Carson Street	8%	Carson	22%
Birdielee V. Bright	22%	Exposition Park	22%
Eshelman Avenue	13%	Lomita	21%
Saturn Street	18%	Mid-City	21%
Thirty-Second Street USC Performing Arts (Magnet)	12%	University Park	21%
Nora Sterry Elementary	14%	Sawtelle	20%
Bonita Street Elementary	12%	Carson	20%

42%: Overall Math State Rate

23%: African American Math State Rate

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MATH

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Dr. Owen Lloyd Knox	20%	Broadway-Manchester	19%
Amestoy (Magnet)	17%	Gardena	19%
President Avenue	16%	Harbor City	19%
Meyler Street	8%	West Carson	19%
One Hundred Eighteenth St	23%	Broadway-Manchester	18%
Ninety-Second Street	9%	Watts	18%
Russell (Magnet)	9%	Florence-Firestone	17%
Compton Avenue	21%	Watts	17%
Figueroa Street	21%	Vermont Vista	17%
Sixty-Sixth Street	10%	Florence	16%
Lenicia B. Weemes	24%	Exposition Park	16%
ISANA Nascent Academy (Charter)	23%	Jefferson Park	16%
Barton Hill	13%	San Pedro	16%
Fifty-Second Street	16%	Vermont Sq	16%
Judith F. Baca Arts Academy	10%	Florence-Firestone	16%
Budlong Avenue	18%	Vermont-Slauson	15%
Manchester Avenue	19%	Vermont Vista	14%
One Hundred Seventh St (Magnet)	21%	Broadway-Manchester	14%
Dr. Theodore T. Alexander Jr. Science Center (Charter)	13%	Exposition Park	14%
Twenty-Fourth Street	12%	Jefferson Park	13%
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Leland Street Elementary	9%	San Pedro	12%
McKinley Avenue Elementary	17%	Florence	12%
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Sixty-First Street	12%	Vermont-Slauson	9%
Ninety-Third Street	18%	Green Meadows	9%
One Hundred Thirty-Fifth St	14%	Harbor Gateway	9%
Alta Loma Elementary	10%	Mid-City	8%
Gil Garcetti Learning Academy	14%	Vermont-Slauson	8%
Normandie Avenue	19%	Vermont Sq	7%
Seventy-Fifth Street	13%	Florence	7%
Sixth Avenue	19%	Jefferson Park	5%
South Park	17%	Florence	5%
Aspire Inskeep Academy (Charter)	10%	Florence	5%
Grape Street	24%	Watts	1%
One Hundred Ninth Street	19%	Green Meadows	0%
Ninth Street	9%	Downtown	0%

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23%: African American Math State Rate

MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH 8-25% AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

This spotlight includes all middle schools in LAUSD with 8-25% African American students enrolled and serving at least 20 African American students. We've highlighted the highest performing schools in blue. Out of 35 middle schools, only two reach the state average for all students in English and two for math.

ENGLISH

MIDDLE SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
Robert A. Millikan Affiliated Charter & Performing Arts (Charter) (Magnet)	10%	Sherman Oaks	51%
Palms (Magnet)	24%	Palms	50%
Thirty-Second Street USC Performing Arts (Magnet)	12%	University Park	49%
Paul Revere Charter (Charter) (Magnet)	12%	Pacific Palisades	46%
New Designs (Charter)	11%	University Park	45%
Westside Global Awareness (Magnet)	21%	Venice	44%
The City (Charter)	11%	Sawtelle	42%
Mark Twain (Magnet)	13%	Mar Vista	39%
Alliance Jack H. Skirball (Charter)	10%	Green Meadows	39%
John Burroughs (Magnet)	10%	Hancock Park	39%
Stephen M. White	12%	Carson	38%
Alexander Fleming (Magnet)	15%	Lomita	38%
Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (Magnet)	21%	Mid-City	37%
New Los Angeles Charter (Charter)	8%	Mid-City	36%
Hubert Howe Bancroft (Magnet)	15%	Hollywood	31%
Emerson Community (Charter)	21%	Westwood	30%
Pio Pico	9%	Arlington Heights	29%
ISANA Nascent Academy (Charter)	23%	Jefferson Park	28%
Richard Henry Dana	8%	San Pedro	28%
Watts Learning Center (Charter)	12%	Green Meadows	27%
Animo Western (Charter)	20%	Athens	22%
Daniel Webster	23%	Sawtelle	21%
Andrew Carnegie	22%	Carson	21%
Animo Mae Jemison(Charter)	18%	Willowbrook	21%
Johnnie Cochran, Jr.	19%	Arlington Heights	20%
Foshay Learning Center	15%	Exposition Park	20%
Crown Prep Academy (Charter)	10%	Jefferson Park	20%
Mary McLeod Bethune (Magnet)	12%	Florence	16%
John Muir (Magnet)	11%	Vermont-Slauson	15%
Animo James B. Taylor (Charter)	9%	Green Meadows	12%
Charles Drew (Magnet)	18%	Florence-Firestone	12%
City of Angeles	10%	East Los Angeles	11%
Public Policy (Charter)	15%	Exposition Park	0%

49%: Overall English State Rate

31%: African American English State Rate

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MATH

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Thirty-Second Street USC Performing Arts (Magnet)	12%	University Park	38%
Palms (Magnet)	24%	Palms	37%
Robert A. Millikan Affiliated Charter & Performing Arts (Charter) (Magnet)	10%	Sherman Oaks	34%
Westside Global Awareness (Magnet)	21%	Venice	33%
New Los Angeles Charter	8%	Mid-City	32%
The City	11%	Sawtelle	30%
Paul Revere Charter (Charter) (Magnet)	12%	Pacific Palisades	29%
John Burroughs (Magnet)	10%	Hancock Park	28%
Alexander Fleming (Magnet)	15%	Lomita	28%
Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (Magnet)	21%	Mid-City	26%
New Designs Charter	11%	University Park	25%
Alliance Jack H. Skirball	10%	Green Meadows	23%
ISANA Nascent Academy	23%	Jefferson Park	20%
Mark Twain (Magnet)	13%	Mar Vista	20%
Emerson Community Charter	21%	Westwood	20%
Stephen M. White	12%	Carson	19%
Hubert Howe Bancroft (Magnet)	15%	Hollywood	14%
Daniel Webster	23%	Sawtelle	14%
Andrew Carnegie	22%	Carson	14%
Richard Henry Dana	8%	San Pedro	13%
Foshay Learning Center	15%	Exposition Park	13%
Johnnie Cochran, Jr.	19%	Arlington Heights	11%
John Muir (Magnet)	11%	Vermont-Slauson	10%
Animo Western Charter	20%	Athens	8%
Animo Mae Jemison Charter	18%	Willowbrook	8%
Pio Pico Middle	9%	Arlington Heights	7%
Watts Learning Center (Charter)	12%	Green Meadows	7%
Charles Drew (Magnet)	18%	Florence-Firestone	7%
Mary McLeod Bethune (Magnet)	12%	Florence	6%
Crown Preparatory Academy	10%	Jefferson Park	6%
City of Angeles	10%	East Los Angeles	5%
Animo James B. Taylor Charter	9%	Green Meadows	0%
Public Policy Charter	15%	Exposition Park	0%

37%: Overall Math State Rate

18%: African American Math State Rate

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ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH 25-50% AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

This spotlight includes all elementary and middle schools in LAUSD with 25-50% African American students enrolled and serving at least 20 African American students. We've highlighted the highest performing schools in blue. Out of 29 elementary schools, only four reach the state average for English and three for math. Out of 15 middle schools, only one reaches the state average for all students in English and math.

ENGLISH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
WISH Community (Charter)	26%	Westchester	72%
Open Charter Magnet (Magnet) (Charter)	26%	Westchester	70%
One Hundred Fifty-Sixth Street	26%	Gardena	69%
Kentwood	36%	Westchester	53%
City Language Immersion (Charter)	27%	Arlington Heights	38%
Mid-City's Prescott School of Enriched Sciences (Magnet)	29%	Jefferson Park	37%
Westport Heights	39%	Westchester	37%
Wilshire Crest	35%	Mid-Wilshire	35%
Watts Learning Center (Charter)	48%	Broadway-Manchester	35%
KIPP Vida Prep Academy (Charter)	33%	Vermont Sq	34%
Crescent Heights Boulevard (Magnet)	40%	Mid-City	28%
Angeles Mesa	35%	Hyde Park	27%
One Hundred Fifty-Third Street	27%	Gardena	26%
Brentwood Science (Magnet)	31%	Brentwood	25%
Virginia Road	38%	West Adams	25%
Hillcrest Drive (Magnet)	47%	Baldwin Hills/ Crenshaw	23%
Normont	25%	Harbor City	23%
Woodcrest	30%	Westmont	21%
One Hundred Sixteenth Street	27%	Green Meadows	20%
Raymond Avenue	31%	Vermont Knolls	19%
Western Avenue	30%	Vermont Sq	17%
Fifty-Ninth Street	35%	Hyde Park	16%
West Athens	26%	Athens	15%
YES Academy	36%	Hyde Park	13%
Martin Luther King Jr.	27%	Exposition Park	11%
Florence Griffith Joyner	28%	Watts	11%

49%: Overall English State Rate

32%: African American English State Rate

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
WISH Community (Charter)	26%	Westchester	68%
Libertas College Prep (Charter)	26%	Leimert Park	47%
KIPP Philosophers Academy (Charter)	42%	Florence-Firestone	38%
Animo Westside (Charter)	33%	Playa Vista	32%
Katherine Johnson STEM Academy	49%	Westchester	28%
Resolute Academy (Charter)	26%	Watts	25%
Glenn Hammond Curtiss (Magnet)	48%	Carson	23%
Samuel Gompers	34%	Broadway-Manchester	21%
Alliance Virgil Roberts Leadership Academy (Charter)	27%	Hyde Park	20%
Robert E. Peary (Magnet)	28%	Gardena	18%
California Collegiate (Charter)	25%	Vermont-Slauson	18%
TEACH Academy of Technologies (Charter)	28%	Gramercy Park	15%
Animo Phillis Wheatley (Charter)	44%	Athens	12%

49%: Overall English State Rate

31%: African American English State Rate

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MATH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
One Hundred Fifty-Sixth Street	26%	Gardena	53%
Open Charter Magnet (Charter) (Magnet)	26%	Westchester	53%
WISH Community (Charter)	26%	Westchester	51%
Watts Learning Center (Charter)	48%	Broadway-Manchester	37%
City Language Immersion (Charter)	27%	Arlington Heights	31%
KIPP Vida Prep Academy (Charter)	33%	Vermont Sq	28%
Crescent Heights Boulevard (Magnet)	40%	Mid-City	28%
Kentwood	36%	Westchester	27%
Mid-City's Prescott School of Enriched Sciences (Magnet)	29%	Jefferson Park	27%
Westport Heights	39%	Westchester	19%
Hillcrest Drive (Magnet)	47%	Baldwin Hills/ Crenshaw	18%
Brentwood Science (Magnet)	31%	Brentwood	18%
Wilshire Crest	35%	Mid-Wilshire	16%
One Hundred Sixteenth St	27%	Green Meadows	15%
Raymond Avenue	31%	Vermont Knolls	14%
Angeles Mesa	35%	Hyde Park	12%
Virginia Road	38%	West Adams	12%
Woodcrest	30%	Westmont	11%
One Hundred Fifty-Third Street	27%	Gardena	11%
Lovelia P. Flournoy (Magnet)	26%	Watts	8%
Martin Luther King Jr.	27%	Exposition Park	7%
Coliseum Street	48%	Baldwin Hills/ Crenshaw	7%
Western Avenue	30%	Vermont Sq	7%
Fifty-Ninth Street	35%	Hyde Park	6%
Florence Griffith Joyner	28%	Watts	6%

42%: Overall Math State Rate

23%: African American Math State Rate

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
WISH Community (Charter)	26%	Westchester	42%
Libertas College Prep (Charter)	26%	Leimert Park	33%
KIPP Philosophers Academy (Charter)	42%	Florence-Firestone	24%
Katherine Johnson STEM Academy	49%	Westchester	19%
Animo Westside (Charter)	33%	Playa Vista	18%
California Collegiate (Charter)	25%	Vermont-Slauson	15%
Resolute Academy (Charter)	26%	Watts	15%
Alliance Virgil Roberts Leadership Academy (Charter)	27%	Hyde Park	15%
Glenn Hammond Curtiss (Magnet)	48%	Carson	13%
Robert E. Peary (Magnet)	28%	Gardena	11%
Samuel Gompers	34%	Broadway-Manchester	5%
Animo Phillis Wheatley (Charter)	44%	Athens	4%
Edwin Markham	25%	Watts	3%

37%: Overall Math State Rate

18%: African American Math State Rate

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH MORE THAN 50% AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

This spotlight includes all elementary and middle schools in LAUSD with more than 50% African American students enrolled and serving at least 20 African American students. We've highlighted the highest performing schools in blue. Out of 22 elementary schools, only three reach the state average for all students in English and two for math. Out of nine middle schools, zero middle schools reach the state average for all students in English and math.

ENGLISH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
Cowan Avenue (Magnet)	78%	Westchester	71%
Loyola Village (Magnet)	59%	Westchester	54%
Broadacres Avenue	79%	Carson	54%
Paseo del Rey Fundamental (Magnet)	51%	Playa del Rey	43%
Ambler Avenue (Magnet)	81%	Carson	38%
KIPP Empower Academy (Charter)	62%	Vermont Knolls	36%
Windsor Hills Math Science (Magnet)	86%	View Park-Windsor Hills	36%
Seventy-Fourth Street (Magnet)	65%	Manchester Sq	35%
Cimarron Avenue	75%	Hawthorne	33%
ICEF View Park Prep (Charter)	96%	Hyde Park	31%
Avalon Gardens	58%	Willowbrook	30%
Leapwood Avenue	76%	Carson	29%
Fifty-Fourth Street	78%	View Park-Windsor Hills	25%
Purche Avenue (Magnet)	63%	Gardena	25%
Annalee Avenue	83%	Carson	21%
ICEF Innovation L.A. (C)	71%	View Park-Windsor Hills	21%
Tom Bradley Global Awareness (Magnet)	66%	Leimert Park	21%
Community Prep Academy (Charter)	66%	Hyde Park	18%
Century Park	58%	Inglewood	17%
Manhattan Place	59%	Gramercy Park	12%
La Salle Avenue	60%	Gramercy Park	12%
Forty-Second Street	63%	Leimert Park	8%

49%: Overall English State Rate

32%: African American English State Rate

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MATH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
Cowan Avenue (Magnet)	78%	Westchester	65%
Broadacres Avenue	79%	Carson	48%
KIPP Empower Academy (Charter)	62%	Vermont Knolls	36%
Ambler Avenue (Magnet)	81%	Carson	33%
Loyola Village (Magnet)	59%	Westchester	32%
Seventy-Fourth Street (Magnet)	65%	Manchester Sq	28%
Cimarron Avenue	75%	Hawthorne	27%
Paseo del Rey Fundamental (Magnet)	51%	Playa del Rey	26%
Leapwood Avenue	76%	Carson	25%
Windsor Hills Math Science (Magnet)	86%	View Park-Windsor Hills	25%
ICEF View Park Prep (Charter)	96%	Hyde Park	21%
Avalon Gardens	58%	Willowbrook	19%
Purche Avenue (Magnet)	63%	Gardena	18%
ICEF Innovation L.A. (C)	71%	View Park-Windsor Hills	17%
Annalee Avenue	83%	Carson	14%
Community Prep Academy (Charter)	66%	Hyde Park	13%
Fifty-Fourth Street	78%	View Park-Windsor Hills	10%
Manhattan Place	59%	Gramercy Park	9%
Century Park	58%	Inglewood	8%
Tom Bradley Global Awareness (Magnet)	66%	Leimert Park	6%
Forty-Second Street	63%	Leimert Park	3%
La Salle Avenue	60%	Gramercy Park	2%

42%: Overall Math State Rate

23%: African American Math State Rate

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
KIPP Scholar Academy (Charter)	50%	Vermont Sq	45%
ICEF View Park Prep (Charter)	94%	Hyde Park	31%
Community Prep Academy (Charter)	66%	Hyde Park	30%
KIPP Academy of Opportunity (Charter)	72%	Vermont Knolls	29%
Orville Wright (Magnet)	61%	Westchester	29%
Boys Academic Leadership Academy	74%	Westmont	20%
New Designs Charter School-Watts	52%	Willowbrook	20%
Audubon (Magnet)	58%	Leimert Park	11%
Horace Mann UCLA Community	52%	Chesterfield Sq	4%

49%: Overall English State Rate

31%: African American English State Rate

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARDS
KIPP Scholar Academy (Charter)	50%	Vermont Sq	26%
Orville Wright (Magnet)	61%	Westchester	16%
KIPP Academy of Opportunity (Charter)	72%	Vermont Knolls	11%
ICEF View Park Prep (Charter)	94%	Hyde Park	11%
Boys Academic Leadership Academy	74%	Westmont	8%
New Designs Charter School-Watts	52%	Willowbrook	7%
Community Prep Academy (Charter)	66%	Hyde Park	6%
Audubon (Magnet)	58%	Leimert Park	4%
Horace Mann UCLA Community	52%	Chesterfield Sq	1%

37%: Overall Math State Rate

18%: African American Math State Rate

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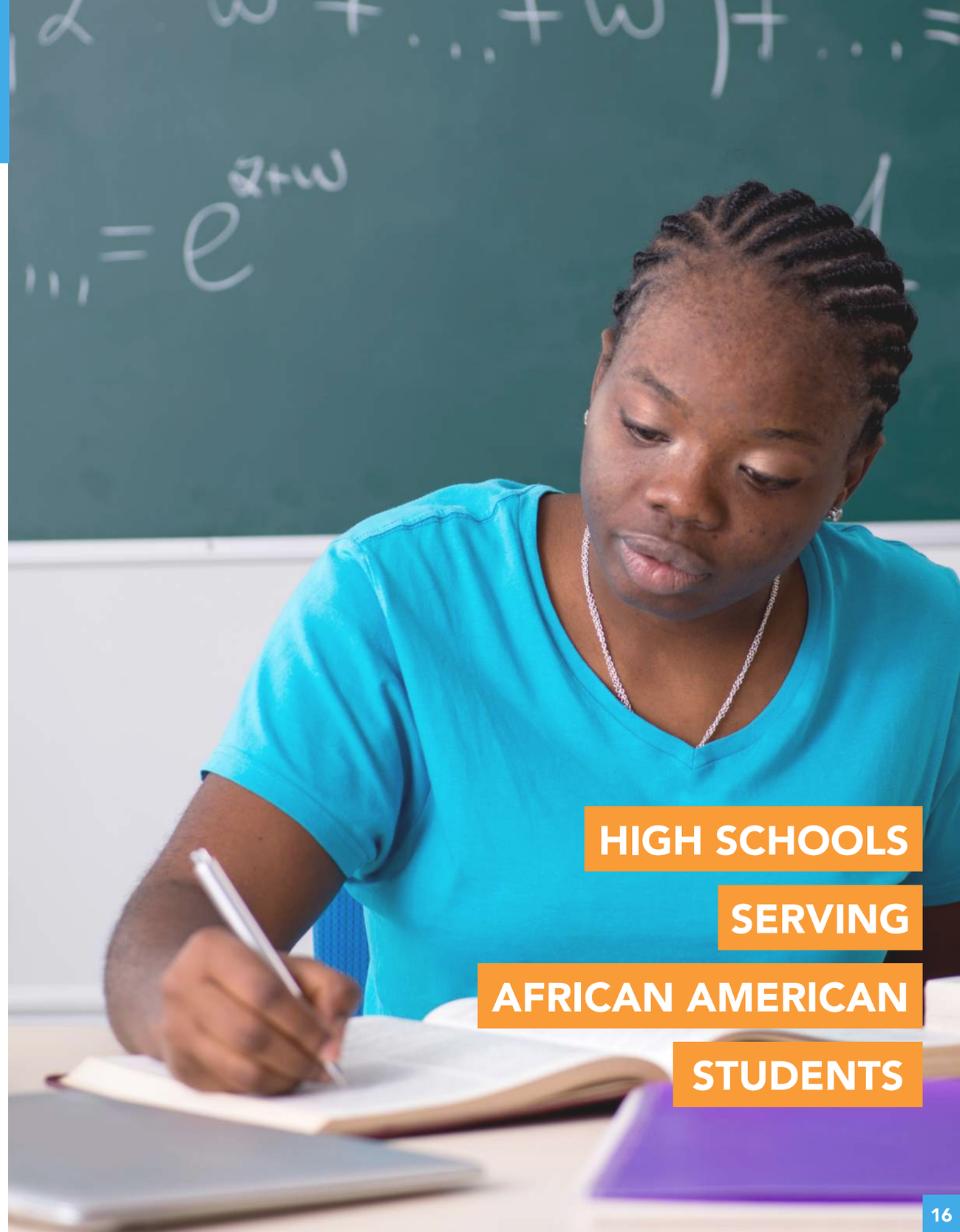

HIGH SCHOOLS

This spotlight includes all of the high schools in LAUSD with 8% or more African American students enrolled and serving at least 20 African American students. We've highlighted the highest performing schools in blue. Out of 32 high schools, only five reach the state average for all students in English and two for math. The only school reaching or exceeding the state average for all students in both English and math is King/Drew Medical Magnet High.

8-25% African American Students

HIGH SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	% STANDARD MET/ABOVE IN ELA/MATH	% AFRICAN AMERICAN GRAD RATE	% AFRICAN AMERICAN UC/CSU ELIGIBLE
Ednovate - USC Hybrid High College Prep (Charter)	Downtown	18%	ELA 50%, MATH 38%	91%	100%
Alliance Renee and Meyer Luskin Academy High (Magnet)	Hyde Park	16%	ELA 43%, M 9%	88%	100%
Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (Magnet)	Mid-City	21%	ELA 47%, MATH 30%	100%	79%
Hollywood Senior High (Magnet)	Hollywood	12%	ELA 58%, M 13%	89%	67%
Manual Arts Senior High	Vermont Square	16%	ELA 22%, M 5%	85%	64%
Venice Senior High (Magnet)	Mar Vista	13%	ELA 46%, MATH 28%	74%	57%
Academy for Multilingual Arts and Science at M.M.D.H.	Green Meadows	22%	ELA 13%, M 3%	65%	53%
Nathaniel Narbonne Senior High (Magnet)	Harbor City	22%	ELA 32%, M 14%	94%	52%
Palisades Charter High (C)(M)	Pacific Palisades	14%	ELA 55%, M 25%	96%	51%
Carson Senior High	Carson	21%	ELA 35%, M 25%	95%	51%
Taft Charter High (Charter)	Woodland Hills	9%	ELA 58%, M 19%	88%	49%
Rancho Dominguez Preparatory	Long Beach	20%	ELA 25%, M 14%	89%	48%
City of Angels	East Los Angeles	10%	ELA 25%, 0%	46%	36%
Fairfax Senior High (Magnet)	Fairfax	15%	ELA 30%, M 19%	83%	34%
Gardena Senior High (Magnet)	Gardena	23%	ELA 30%, M 7%	75%	32%
Los Angeles Senior High (Magnet)	Mid Wilshire	13%	ELA 17%, M 13%	71%	21%

31% Overall Math State Rate

56%: Overall ELA State Rate

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25-50% African American Students

HIGH SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	% STANDARD MET/ABOVE IN ELA/MATH	% AFRICAN AMERICAN GRAD RATE	% AFRICAN AMERICAN UC/CSU ELIGIBLE
TEACH Tech Charter High (Charter)	Westmont	36%	ELA 57%, MATH 0%	84%	100%
King/Drew Medical Magnet High (Magnet)	Willowbrook	42%	ELA 66%, MATH 34%	98%	74%
Animo South Los Angeles Charter (Charter)	Athens	29%	ELA 43%, MATH 0%	93%	66%
Humanities and Arts (HARTS) Academy of Los Angeles	Harbor City	25%	ELA 55%, M 10%	85%	65%
Alexander Hamilton Senior High (Magnet)	Mid-City	25%	ELA 42%, M 13%	88%	49%
Augustus F. Hawkins High C Responsible Indigenous S.E.	Vermont-Slauson	26%	ELA 28%, M 0%	83%	47%
George Washington Preparatory High (Magnet)	Westmont	41%	ELA 27%, M 4%	83%	43%
Alain Leroy Locke College Preparatory Academy (Charter)	Green Meadows	25%	ELA 12%, M 3%	44%	36%
University High School Charter (Charter)	Sawtelle	25%	ELA 62%, MATH 27%	89%	28%
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	Vermont Knolls	31%	ELA 3%, M 0%	57%	0%

31% Overall Math State Rate

56%: Overall ELA State Rate

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50% or more African American Students

HIGH SCHOOL	REGION	% AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SCHOOL	% STANDARD MET/ABOVE IN ELA/MATH	% AFRICAN AMERICAN GRAD RATE	% AFRICAN AMERICAN UC/CSU ELIGIBLE
CATCH Prep Charter High, Inc. (Charter)	Leimert Park	74%	ELA 50%, M 15%	95%	100%
New Designs Charter School-Watts (Charter)	Willowbrook	52%	ELA 23%, M 5%	59%	100%
ICEF View Park Preparatory Charter High (Charter)	Hyde Park	95%	ELA 36%, M 9%	87%	62%
WESM Health/Sports Medicine (Magnet)	Westchester	73%	ELA 31%, M 3%	88%	57%
Susan Miller Dorsey Senior High (Magnet)	Baldwin Hills/ Crenshaw	52%	ELA 27%, M 4%	81%	46%
Crenshaw Science, Technology Engineering, Math and Medicine Magnet (Magnet)	Hyde Park	69%	ELA 16%, 2%	86%	38%

31% Overall Math State Rate

56%: Overall ELA State Rate

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ENDNOTES

1. Schools must have 20 or more African American students taking state tests to be included in this data sheet. Out of 449 schools with at least 20 African American students enrolled, only 291 schools have 20 or more African American students taking state tests.

2. The cohort graduation rate is reported as the percentage of students who received a high school diploma within four years of entering 9th grade. The UC/CSU eligibility rate is the percentage of students from that cohort that are UC/CSU eligible. As such, it only accounts for those who graduated and not for students who dropped out between 9th and 12th grade.

3. GreatSchools is a national nonprofit organization that provides an overall snapshot of school quality based on how well a school prepares all its students for postsecondary success—be it college or career. We display GreatSchools Test Score ratings for African American students in this brief. Test score data include the percent of students who have reached proficiency by grade and subject, including all tested grades across English and math. These scores reflect rates of student grade-level proficiency, but they are limited in their ability to hone in on school quality. In California, the GreatSchools Test Score Rating is calculated using student performance data from the CAASPP.

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