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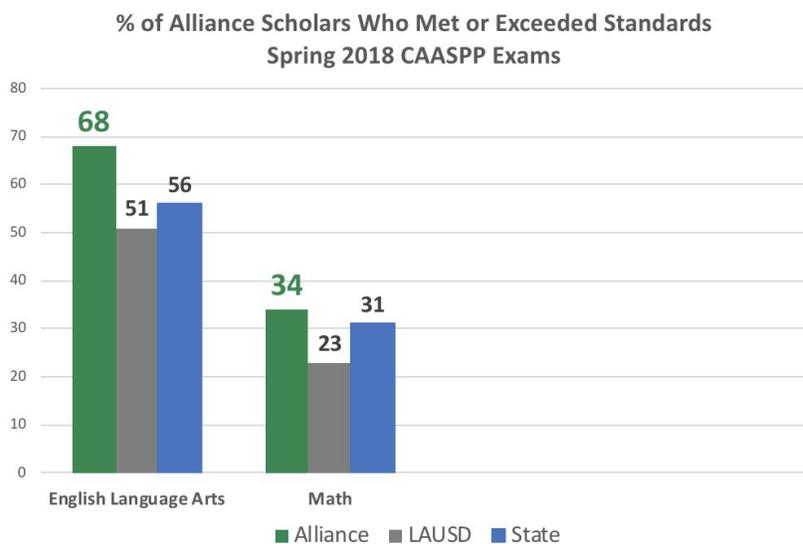
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**Alliance College-Ready Public Schools Beat the Odds;  
High Schools Surpass both District and State**

2018 CAASPP results reflect commitment to college readiness for low-income scholars

**Los Angeles, CA, October 8, 2018**—Alliance high school scholars, ninety-four percent of whom come from low income families, again outperformed their district and state peers in both English and Math, according to the 2018 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The data shows that 68% of Alliance juniors, who took the CAASPP test in the spring of 2018, met or exceeded English Language Arts standards compared to 56% at the state level, and 51% at the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). In math, 34% of Alliance scholars met or exceeded standards compared to 31% of students across California and 23% at LAUSD.



“At Alliance, we’ve set a high bar for every scholar who walks through our doors. Our goal is that 75% or more of our scholars will graduate with a four-year degree,” explains Dan Katzir, Chief Executive Officer at Alliance College-Ready Public Schools. “To evaluate how we are tracking to our goal, we look to key performance indicators for our scholars, like the recent CAASPP results, college entrance exams and AP exams, as well as regular assessments to evaluate progress and make adjustments to meet the needs of each scholar.”

Alliance is the largest nonprofit network of public charter schools in Los Angeles, serving 13,000 scholars, across 25 schools in Los Angeles. 98% of Alliance scholars are Latino or African American, 94% take part in the free and reduced lunch program, 17% are English language learners, and 10% percent require special education services.

On average, scholars come to Alliance schools reading four to five years below grade level which requires Alliance to structure instruction to meet the needs of its student body, including early and intensive intervention support, maintaining small class sizes, longer school days and a longer school year compared to traditional public schools, and offering free, after-school tutoring.

Today, 95% of Alliance scholars graduate high school and are accepted to college, 73% to a four-year program.

In addition to focusing on academic success in high school, Alliance counselors work with scholars during the college application process to match scholars to the four-year colleges and universities where they are most likely to earn a four year degree. Counselors use the [Power 150™ Index](#), an Alliance-curated<sup>1</sup> list of the top 150 colleges with a graduation rate of 75% or

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<sup>1</sup> The Power 150 Index is based on data from the 2014 National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Alliance analyzed and ranked 4,200 colleges and universities nationally with a graduation rate of 75% or higher for underrepresented minorities.



higher for underrepresented minorities, to create a personalized top 10 list of universities where scholars have the highest chance of both admission and, more importantly, success in college. To date, Alliance's college matching initiative has shown promising results. At one school, Alliance Cindy & Bill Simon Technology High School in Watts, Los Angeles, expected college graduation for scholars has tripled in three years, just by improving college matching.

**About Alliance College-Ready Public Schools**

Alliance College-Ready Public Schools is one of the largest and most successful nonprofit charter school networks in the nation, operating 25 high-performing, public charter middle and high schools that educate nearly 13,000 students in Los Angeles's lowest income neighborhoods. Alliance schools have been recognized among the best in the nation by US News & World Report, Newsweek, the U.S. Department of Education and the California Department of Education. Since opening its first school in 2004, 95% of Alliance scholars graduate high school and are accepted to college.

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