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Granada Hills Charter’s standardized test scores in the top 10 percent of California schools

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GRANADA HILLS, Calif. August 24, 2016 – The results of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) place Granada Hills Charter High School in the top seven percent of schools in Mathematics and the top nine percent in English Language Arts in California\(^1\). The test evaluates proficiency in English and Mathematics based on Common Core State Standards; 80 percent of GHCHS students met or exceeded the standards in English Language Arts and 59 percent met or exceeded the standards in Mathematics. This is an increase from 76 percent in English Language Arts and 58 percent in Mathematics in 2015, the first year of the test.

“Although we recognize that standardized tests are only one way to measure student achievement, we are very pleased to see an increase in proficiency,” says David Bensinger, GHCHS Administrative Director of Instruction.

The CAASPP test is administered online and consists of multiple-choice questions and constructed responses and essays that evaluate the Common Core learning principles of writing competency, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Based on the student’s answers, this computer-adapted test adjusts the level of questions to reflect an individual’s mastery of the subject.

Earlier this month, the school mailed individual results to parents showing how well their student scored on the test. “The adaptive nature of the test provides students and their families with individualized information about student performance and gives us insight into how our instructional program is aligned to the new standards,” says Bensinger.

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About Granada Hills Charter High School: Granada Hills Charter High School, the largest charter school in the nation, is an independent public school in the San Fernando Valley. A fiscally independent conversion charter school, Granada Hills Charter has a current student enrollment of approximately 4,600 and an annual student wait list of almost 3,000. The School’s student body is considered one of the most diverse, with more than 40 languages other than English spoken at home and over 60

\(^1\) Based on California Department of Education data released 8/24/2016. This percentage ranking is based on percentage of students meeting or exceeding state’s Common Core standards. Ranking includes all California schools with reported CAASPP data but excludes schools with insignificant student population (fewer than 11 tested).
nationalities represented. Over 2,300 students are eligible for the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. As a 501c3 non-profit benefit corporation, the School’s Governing Board is the legal entity overseeing all school policy and its $50 million operating budget. In August 2015, Granada Hills Charter opened iGranada Digital Arts & Sciences, an innovative blended learning program, on its new Devonshire campus. In 2016, Niche.com recognized GHCHS as the #1 public high school in California and #26 public high school in the United States of America.