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## **Alliance High Schools Close College-Readiness Gap; Outperforming State Averages in English and Math**

*2017 CAASPP Results Show Innovative and  
Scholar-First Approach Working for Thousands of Children*

**Los Angeles**— Alliance high schools significantly outperformed neighboring schools as well as district and statewide averages in English Language Arts (ELA) and math -- closing the gap in college-readiness that has burdened students from low-income families for decades -- according to the 2017 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) which was released today.

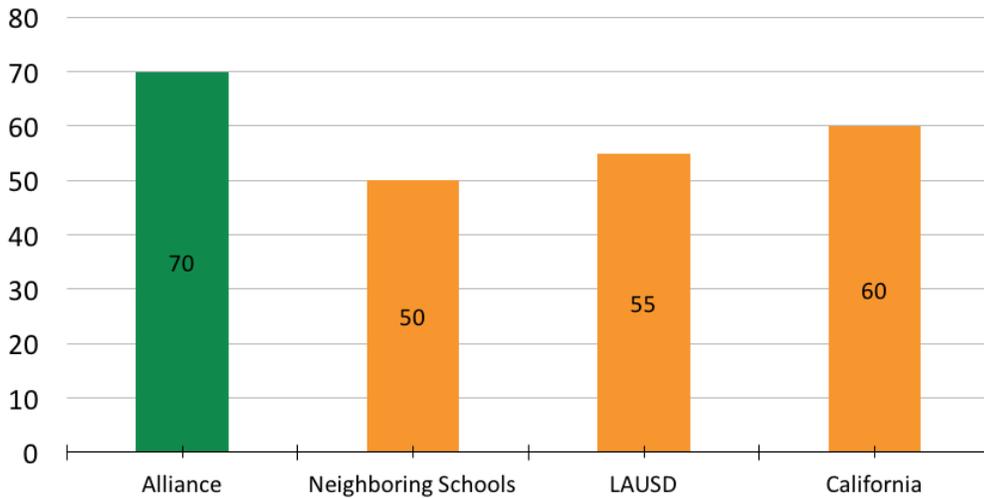
Despite the average student coming to Alliance reading four to five years below grade level, 70% percent of Alliance 11<sup>th</sup> graders perform at or above the state standards in ELA, compared to 50% for neighboring traditional schools, 55% for LAUSD overall, and 60% for the state.

“Every decision made at Alliance is through a scholar-first lens of closing the achievement gap,” said Alliance CEO Dan Katzir. “Alliance schools’ performance on the 2017 CAASPP reaffirms that our laser focus on scholar growth is preparing them for success in college and beyond.”

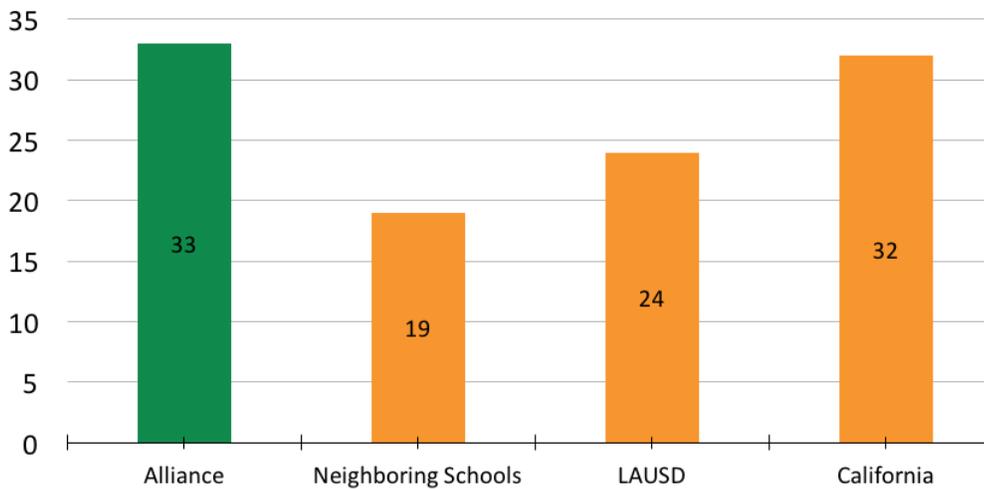
Every year, Alliance uses the CAASPP results to inform instructional strategies to better serve its scholars, 94% of whom qualify for free and reduced lunch, and to equip them with the knowledge they need for 21st century careers.

“I am so proud of our students. These solid results are only possible because of the tremendous work they put in every day,” said Jill D’Andrea, Biology Teacher and Science Department Chair at Alliance Patti & Peter Neuwirth Leadership Academy in South LA. “These scores also show the benefits of an independent Alliance charter network, one that allows teachers the flexibility and autonomy — free from bureaucracy — they need to help put kids first.”

**High School ELA: % of Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards**



**High School Math: % of Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards**



**About Alliance College-Ready Public Schools:** Alliance College-Ready Public Schools is one of the largest and most successful charter school networks in the nation, operating 25 high-performing, public charter middle and high schools that educate nearly 13,000 students from Los Angeles' lowest income communities. 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 graduates have been accepted to college.