

ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



District Vision

All students in the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (ARUED) are creative, collaborative and confident individuals with the competencies that will enable them to thrive in a diverse and competitive world.

District Priorities

- ✓ 1. Increase the rate of reclassification for English Language Learners
- ✓ 2. Redesign Middle Schools to improve student achievement
- ✓ 3. Strengthen parent engagement



OUR COMMITMENT: High Quality Educational Programs for All Students

Alum Rock has high student expectations and provides students with the academic rigor and student support that each student needs to be ready for the 21st century work environment.

During the past two years, three of our schools have been designated as a 'Golden Ribbon School': George Middle School, LUCHA and Adelante Academies. Our quest for high achievement and innovation has caught the attention of a number of partners, including: FIRST 5, Santa Clara County Office of Education and the City of San Jose. Our focus on Middle School redesign has created the Alum Rock Middle School Model focused on college and career readiness, starting in TK.

The district's Board of Trustees' philosophy:

"Every student in the district, regardless of gender, special needs, or social, ethnic, language or economic background has a right to a high-quality education that challenges the student to achieve to his/her fullest potential."

Highlights of District Successes

Redesignated 1,047 students as Fluent English Proficient, a 113% increase over the 2014-15 academic year.



2018 English Learner Reclassifications



Approximately **33% of ARUESD's student population are classified as English Learners.**

Alum Rock's targeted and data-driven initiatives have steadily increased the percentage of English Learner students that are Reclassified into Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) and decreased the percentage of Long-Term English Learners.

In 2017-18, nearly **21% of the district's English Learner students were Reclassified to Fluent English Proficient** – an increase of 12.5 percentage points since the 2014-15 academic year, when only 8% of English Learners were Reclassified to Fluent English Proficient.

The district's RFEP rate in 2017-18 was higher than the overall rate in Santa Clara County (13.2%) and the statewide rate (14.6%).

Middle School Redesign

All middle schools completed the redesign process, creating district-wide choices for College and Career Pathways.



STEAM ACADEMIES:

Ocala, Ryan

Curriculum and teaching methods emphasize 21st century learning with a particular focus on engineering & technology.



CODE TO THE FUTURE:

Arbuckle, César Chavez, LUCHA, Mathson, San Antonio

These elementary and middle schools partner with Code to the Future to provide students with a comprehensive computer science immersion program.



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS:

Cureton, Linda Vista, Lyndale Elementary Schools, with Gold Ribbon Award winner **George Middle School** as the flagship for the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Cluster.



MEDIA ARTS ACADEMY:

Hubbard
Hubbard Media Arts Academy is the first school in the Bay Area implementing the Youth Cinema Project, providing 4th and 7th grade students with the opportunity to learn and produce their own short-films.



NEW TECH NETWORK:

Fischer, Sheppard
As part of a 200-school national network, staff and students at Fischer Middle School of Business and Communications and Sheppard Middle School utilize advanced technology to solve problems and learn through research, experience, collaboration and creativity.



Renaissance Academy at **Fischer** and Renaissance Academy at **Mathson** were selected as **Gold Ribbon Schools** by the California Department of Education.

Ocala STEAM Academy, Fischer Business and Media Academy, and Sheppard Middle Schools have become Verizon's Innovative Learning Lab sites.

Parent Engagement

- **Community Liaisons:** Maintained a cadre of **24 community liaisons** – one at every site. Their role focuses not only on increasing parent engagement at the site, but also in translating school policies, activities, and culture for all parents.
- **Back to District Celebration:** Hosted the annual district celebration, attended by 467 parents/guardians.
- **Annual College Pathways Night:** Continued to provide upper elementary and middle school parents with an opportunity to learn more about supporting their students on their pathway to college. This year we hosted 2 “Pathway to College” nights, with 100 parents attending.



1,162 parents participated in ARUEDSD's Fall and Spring Parent University, a **66% increase** in the participation rate since 2014-15.

Parent Leadership Programs

Superintendent's Parent Advisory and Resource Committee (SPARC)

Superintendent's monthly meeting with parents representing each site. The representatives serve as a liaison between the site parents and the superintendent. They report back to other parents in either School Site Council or PTA meetings. During 2017-18, we increased parent attendance to the SPARC meetings from an average of 8-10 sites in 2015-2016 to 18-20 site representatives in 2017-18.

Annual Parent Jubilee

District-wide volunteer celebration sponsored by SPARC representatives. Parent volunteers from across the district are celebrated during this event.

Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)

We were able to expand the number of schools offering PIQE. Last year, we had about 60 parents graduate from this parent leadership program. This year we had another 60 graduates, but from different sites, increasing the number of sites offering this training.



Partnerships

✓ Implemented **15 preschool classrooms** in the district through partnerships with Kidango, Head Start, San Juan Bautista, YMCA. The pathway to college and career begins with high-quality early learning opportunities. ARUESD is committed to ensuring all of its youngest learners – starting in Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Kindergarten – have opportunities to participate in robust and high-quality early learning programs that foster a love of learning and establish a strong foundation for success in school, college, career, and life.

✓ Partnered with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County and SOMOS Mayfair to operate a Family Resource Center (FRC) at César Chavez Elementary School. The FRC provides year-round programs including, but not limited to: **parent workshops and training, early literacy, family engagement opportunities, and leadership development.**



Successfully obtained over **\$9 MILLION** in funding to support the district's high-quality, innovative programs.



Collaborated with Santa Clara County Office of Education to offer district-wide **health, social-emotional, and academic school-linked services.**



Obtained grant funding from Verizon Foundation to provide **1:1 iPads for every student** in Fischer, Joseph George and Ocala middle schools.



Continued to develop the innovative **Hubbard Media Arts Academy** in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

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