

Making Waves Academy

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers



What makes Making Waves Academy special? What are the outcomes?



Making Waves Academy prepares students through rigorous academics, holistic social-emotional skill development, and innovative college and career programming



100%

of graduates meet the "A-G" admissions requirements for UC/CSU eligibility



Making Waves Academy graduates have the opportunity to gain college scholarships, coaching, and more through Making Waves Foundation's college success program



Who attends Making Waves Academy?



Students are primarily from Richmond and west Contra Costa County



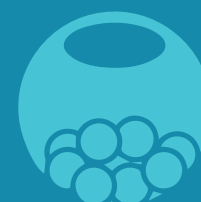
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Making Waves Academy enrolls more than 1,100 students in 5th through 12th grade

99%

of students are students of color and 80% are from socioeconomically disadvantaged households

Enrollment is based on a lottery because demand is high



What is a public charter school in California and why do they exist?



Charter schools are public schools



Charter schools are cost-free and serve diverse student populations

Charter schools have flexibility in filling community needs for innovative or thematic options



Charter schools are held accountable to performance standards and education laws



What are the similarities and differences between traditional public schools and public charter schools?

Similarities

- Both are responsible for teaching approved state curriculum and administering state testing
- Both can not consider gender, race, ethnicity, or religion in the admissions process

Differences

- Charter schools are allowed to set an innovative programmatic vision and allocate their budget with oversight from a local board
- Charter schools must be approved for renewal every five years

How is Making Waves Academy funded?



Making Waves Academy is cost-free to attend like all public schools



Charter schools receive a mix of local, state, and federal government funding



Making Waves Academy is a non-profit that receives charitable contributions. Funding is not shared with any outside entity.

