

# ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



Gateway  
Educational  
Services

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Founded in 2009



# PURPOSE AND FOCUS

**Purpose:** Provide direct intervention in reading and math for students grades 2-9 through 1 to 1 tutoring sessions. College readiness grades 10-12

**Focus:** Parents can choose either reading or math for tutoring and we use STAR scores and other assessment tools to design a program for each student. We use iReady as our assessment tool.

Our tutors and staff are people the students can relate to culturally and we use curriculum to support growth and curiosity.

Common Core aligned.

For math we use ALEKS and focus on concept demonstration.

Reading intervention  
(phonics/vocabulary/comprehension and writing)



## South County (185 S. Patterson, Goleta)

- ▶ 55% Latinx, 30% African American, Other 15%
- ▶ Reading and Math Focus

## North County (218 N I Street, Lompoc)

- ▶ 90% African American
- ▶ Reading Literacy Only K-6
- ▶ Kinder transition pilot in Lompoc last summer from KSEP results

## OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS



## Who are our African American students and families in Santa Barbara County?

- ▶ 70% first-generation
- ▶ Over 70% from single parent household
- ▶ 48% biracial
- ▶ High % performing below current grade level

### Parent Engagement

- ▶ 1 to 1 meeting quarterly or as needed
- ▶ Progress reports every 8 weeks
- ▶ Parents of Black Students Advocacy Council (Monthly)
- ▶ Referring to mental health support in grant from Santa Barbara Foundation.



## FAMILY/STUDENT PROFILE

## 2023-2024 African American Students SBUSD

- ▶ 2 sessions per week from September to May.

### Academic Overview

- ▶ 1.5 to 3.5 grades below standard
- ▶ 6 students with IEP's
- ▶ Improvement ranged from 9.5% to 35%
- ▶ Parents pleased with the confidence building
- ▶ Progress reports given every 8 weeks and parents can contact us anytime
- ▶ High engagement and attendance

## EXAMPLES OF OUR RESULTS



## 2024 - 2025 Diagnostic Performance Summary (Grade 3)

	Diagnostic 1 09/17/24	Diagnostic 2 01/21/25	Diagnostic 3 05/27/25
<b>Diagnostic Growth</b>			
Progress to Typical Growth ⓘ	-	0/26 (0%)	27/26 (104%)
Progress to Stretch Growth® ⓘ	-	0/40 (0%)	27/40 (68%)

<b>Overall Placement</b>			
Placement & Scale Score ↑	● Grade 2 (491) Standard Error +/- 10	● Grade 2 (490) Standard Error +/- 10	● Early 3 (518) Standard Error +/- 10

<b>Placement by Domain</b>			
Phonological Awareness*	🌐 Not Assessed	● Max Score	● Max Score
Phonics* ↑	● Grade 2	● Max Score	● Max Score
High-Frequency Words*	● Surpassed Level	● Grade K	● Max Score
Vocabulary	● Grade 2	● Grade 1	● Grade 2
Comprehension: Overall	● Grade 2	● Grade 2	● Grade 2
Literature ↑	● Grade 2	● Grade 1	● Early 3
Informational Text	● Grade 2	● Grade 2	● Grade 1

Show Comprehension: Overall  ⓘ




↑ Placement Improved from Baseline  
\* Foundational Domains



- ▶ College Readiness Program (Grades 10-12) Test prep/College Application support/Mentoring/Focus on first-generation students from underrepresented communities. We started in 2013 and we have sent 178 students to college with full funding and 99% have graduated in four years!
- ▶ Our current cohort #13 is 5 Black/African American juniors and 2 Latinas juniors

## COLLEGE READINESS



## BLACK YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2025

### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Theme: **Becoming The Beloved Community**

Join us at Santa Barbara City College West Campus SBCC for an inspiring day of leadership development, community workshops, and cultural activities. Open to parents, students, and educators grades 5-12 in Santa Barbara County.

**Culture and Art**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in self-discovery through art, music, dance, and community leadership around students of

**Getting to Know Black Leaders**

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about successful leaders within Black history, both local and worldwide.

Childrens available for ages 3-7!

Questions? Contact: Connie Alexander or Audrey Gamble 805-896-1183

**AUGUST 16, 2025**  
**8:30AM - 5:00PM**  
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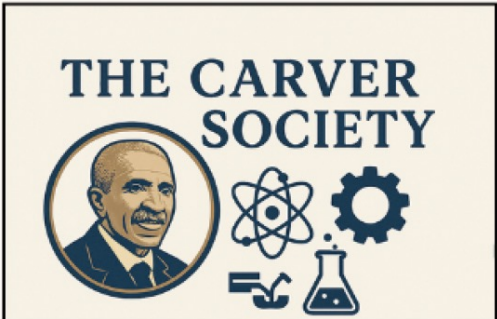
Activities: \*Puppetry \*Hip-Hop Dance and American Sign Language \*Choir \*Art (painting, drawing) \*Poetry \*West African Drumming

Transportation available for students from Lompoc and Santa Maria areas

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ STEAM Academy for Girls (Summer) ages 10-14  
Math/Engineering/Physics/Project based learning
- ▶ Obsidian Scholars grades 4-8 , leadership development, civic engagement, cultural history, art, and music
- ▶ Black Youth Leadership Summit grades 5-12 August. August 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 4<sup>th</sup> Year, largest event for Black Youth in SB County






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“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”  
-George Washington Carver



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- **CARVER  
SOCIETY/LOMPOC  
GRADES 7/8 STEM  
PATHWAYS PROGRAM  
2026**

**LOMPOC STUDENTS  
COHORT 20 STUDENTS  
PER YEAR**

**UCSB NATIONAL  
SOCIETY OF BLACK  
ENGINEERS**

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

### STOP THE HATE POSTER CONTEST WITH GUSD K-6 AND TWO SCHOOL IN LUSD 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR WITH GUSD

- ▶ GUSD Celebration Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2:30-5:00 at the Community Arts Workshop
- ▶ Over 500 submissions of art work
- ▶ Month of February for GUSD
- ▶ Month of March/April LUSD

