Olive Grove Charter - Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara County Board of Education

June 11, 2026



Background and Context

A Strong 25-Year Track Record in Santa Barbara County

Olive Grove is a family of four schools.

Olive Grove Charter - Santa Barbara (OGCS) is one of four charters established to serve Santa Barbara County families after the Shasta-Anderson decision required separate charters for each learning center location.

Proven Partnership Model

Three schools were successfully renewed by their local districts:

- Olive Grove Charter - Buellton
- Olive Grove Charter - Lompoc
- Olive Grove Charter - Orcutt/Santa Maria

While each school serves its distinct community, the philosophy, methodology, and organizational principles remain shared across all four sites.

Background and Context

Charter Renewal Process

State Board of Education-Authorized

Since 2018, OGCS has been authorized by the SBE with a strong, collaborative relationship focused on positive student outcomes and school improvement.

Due to a change in law, the SBE could no longer be the authorizer of the charter school upon expiration of its charter term (June 30, 2026).

District

OGCS's Santa Barbara learning center is located within Santa Barbara Unified School District's boundaries. The charter submitted its renewal petition to the District, and it was denied.

Appeal

The charter appealed this decision to the SBE. Renewal was recommended by the California Department of Education and approved by the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools to move forward to the SBE, where a 5-year renewal was approved.

Delegation of Oversight

The SBE delegated authorization of the charter to the Santa Barbara County Board of Education beginning July 1, 2026.

About Our School

- **Flex-Based Independent Study Program**
  Serving TK-12 students with a flexible educational model designed to meet individual needs and learning styles
- **Blended Learning Approach**
  Combining online curriculum with in-person support to maximize student engagement and success
- **Community-Based Education**
  Serving Santa Barbara and its surrounding communities with accessible learning opportunities







Our Mission

> The mission of Olive Grove Charter School is to prepare students with the skills necessary to self-advocate, communicate effectively, utilize technology responsibly, and pursue higher education or the workforce on their path to becoming successful adults. With the supportive leadership of their parents/guardians, credentialed teachers, and support team, our students utilize a rigorous, standards-based, online curriculum. Olive Grove is committed to an educational environment where TK-12 students excel at completing coursework and learning independently.

Strong Support Systems

Parents/guardians, credentialed teachers, and support team guiding student success

Rigorous Curriculum

Standards-based, online curriculum designed for independent learning

Excellence Focus

Creating an educational environment where TK-12 students excel independently

Core Values

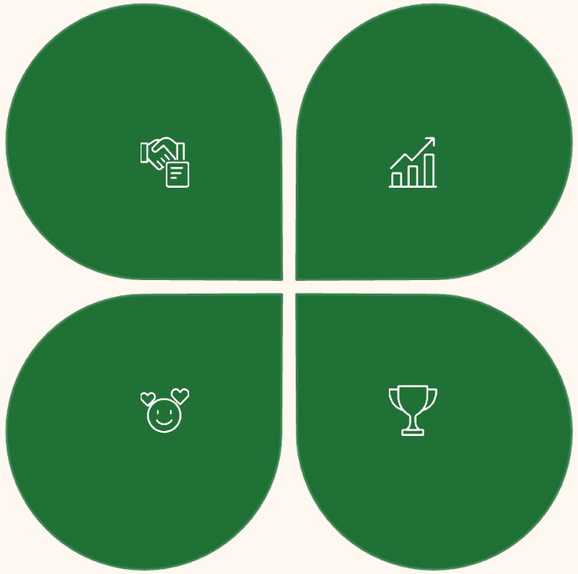


Partnership

- Collaborative team approach
- Active parent involvement
- Mutual accountability
- Building trust relationships

Compassion

- Individualized understanding
- Equity and respect
- Inclusive environment
- Cultivating kindness



Engagement

- Personalized learning support
- Rigorous, adaptable curriculum
- Safe, accessible learning centers

Empowerment

- Self-reliance and advocacy
- Personal responsibility
- Building resilience
- Fostering independence



Why Do Families Choose Olive Grove?

Health & Wellness Needs

Students with physical or mental health concerns or those who have had safety issues in traditional settings

Families in Transition

Families facing relocation, housing instability, care needs, or work schedules requiring flexibility in educational programming

Learners Benefiting From Flexible Schedules & Environments

Students looking for a personalized setting that accommodates their circumstances, unique learning styles, and goals

District Transfer Option

Students who require specialized support for credit recovery and personalized guidance to reach their goal of returning to the district



Programs & Supports

Academic Support

Small group and one-on-one tutoring in all subjects, providing targeted intervention and skill development

English Learner Support

ELD Program fully aligned with California EL Roadmap, resulting in notable increases in achievement & highlighted during authorizer site visits

Mental Health Services

Comprehensive counseling and wellness resources to support students' social-emotional needs and overall well being

Arts Programming

Prop 28-funded visual arts and guitar instruction, enhancing creative expression opportunities



Career Technical Education

Three robust CTE Pathways introduced in 2025-26: Cosmetology; Health Science & Medical Technology; and Business Management





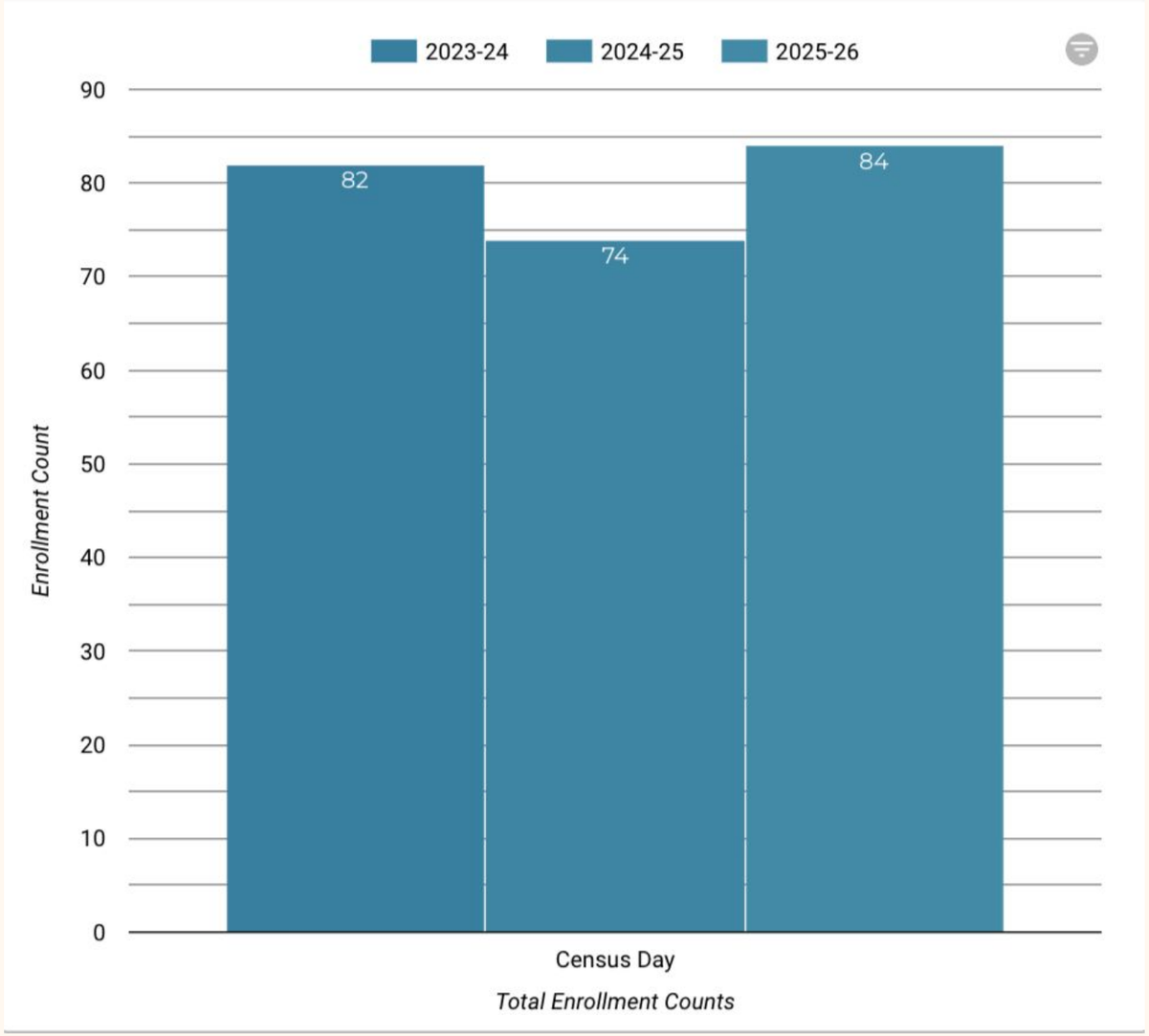
Enrollment

Enrollment is rising after a dip in 2024-25.
2025-26 enrollment as of Census Day: **84**
Estimated enrollment for **2026-27**: **90**

2025-26 Demographics

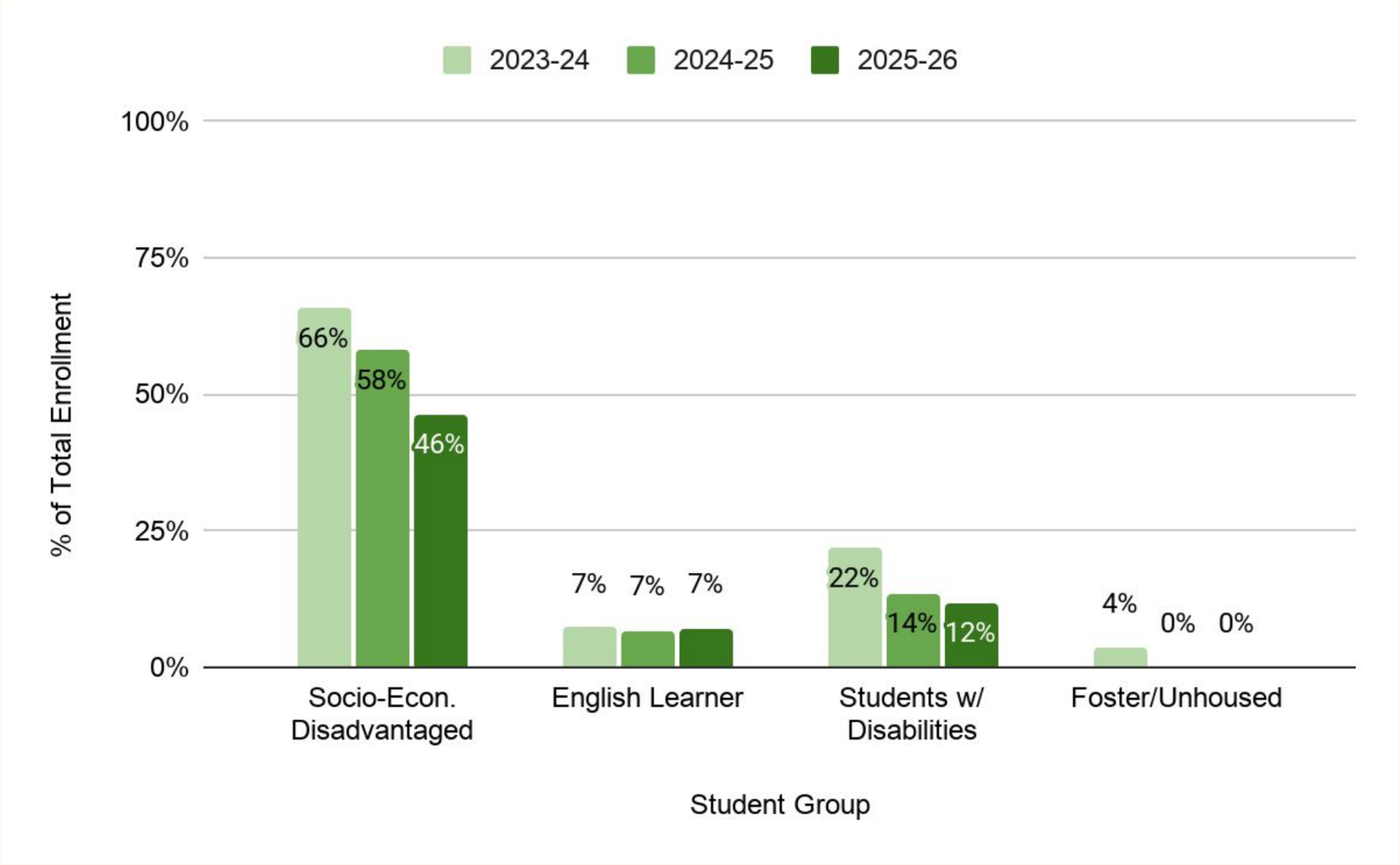
Hispanic and White students represent the largest race/ethnicity groups - 69.1% Hispanic & 23.8% White.

SED students: 46.4%
SWD students: 11.9%
English Learner: 7.1%



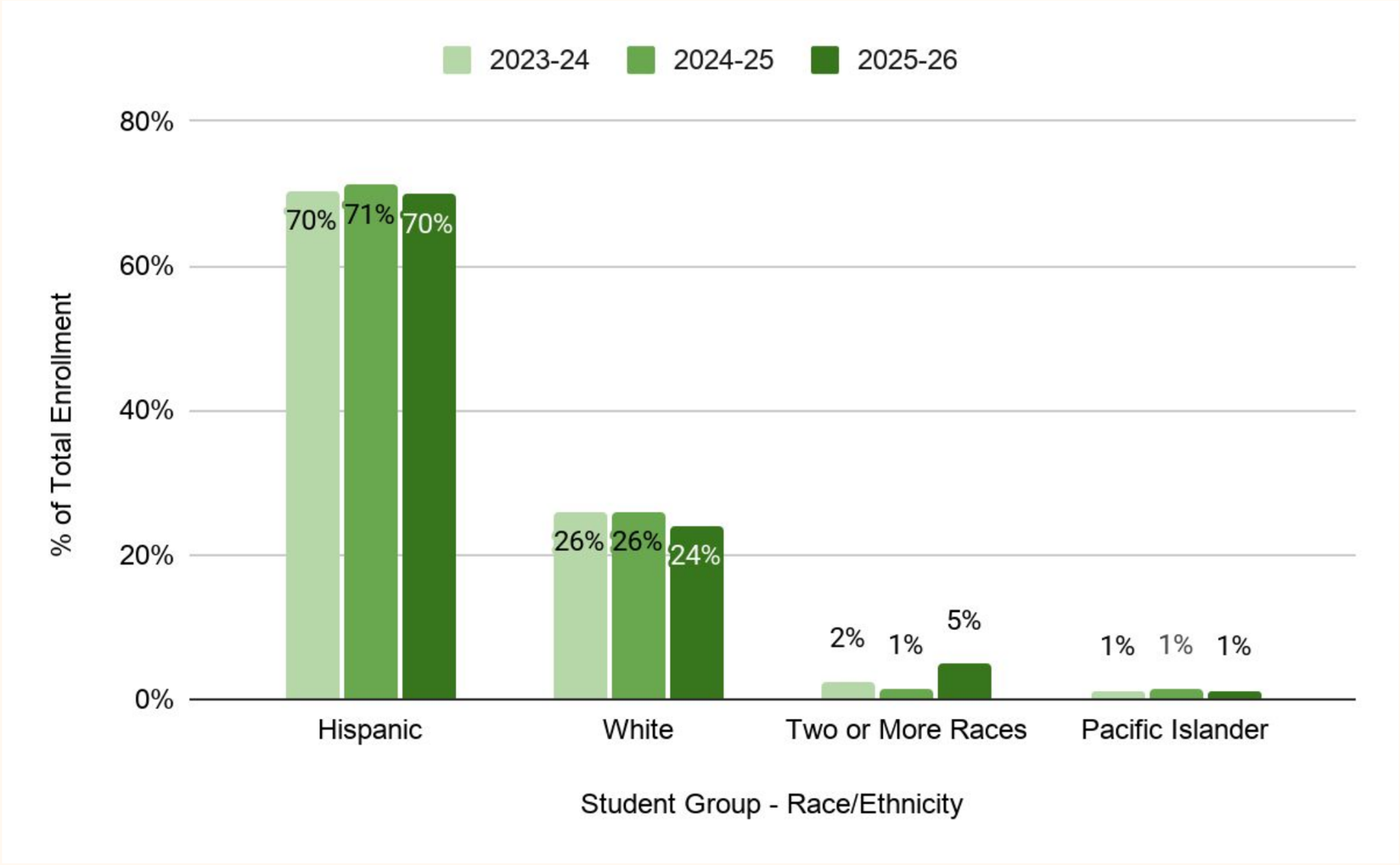
Census Day Enrollment Count Over Three Years
2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26

Enrollment by Student Group



Percent Enrollment by Student Group Over Three Years
2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26

Enrollment by Student Group, continued

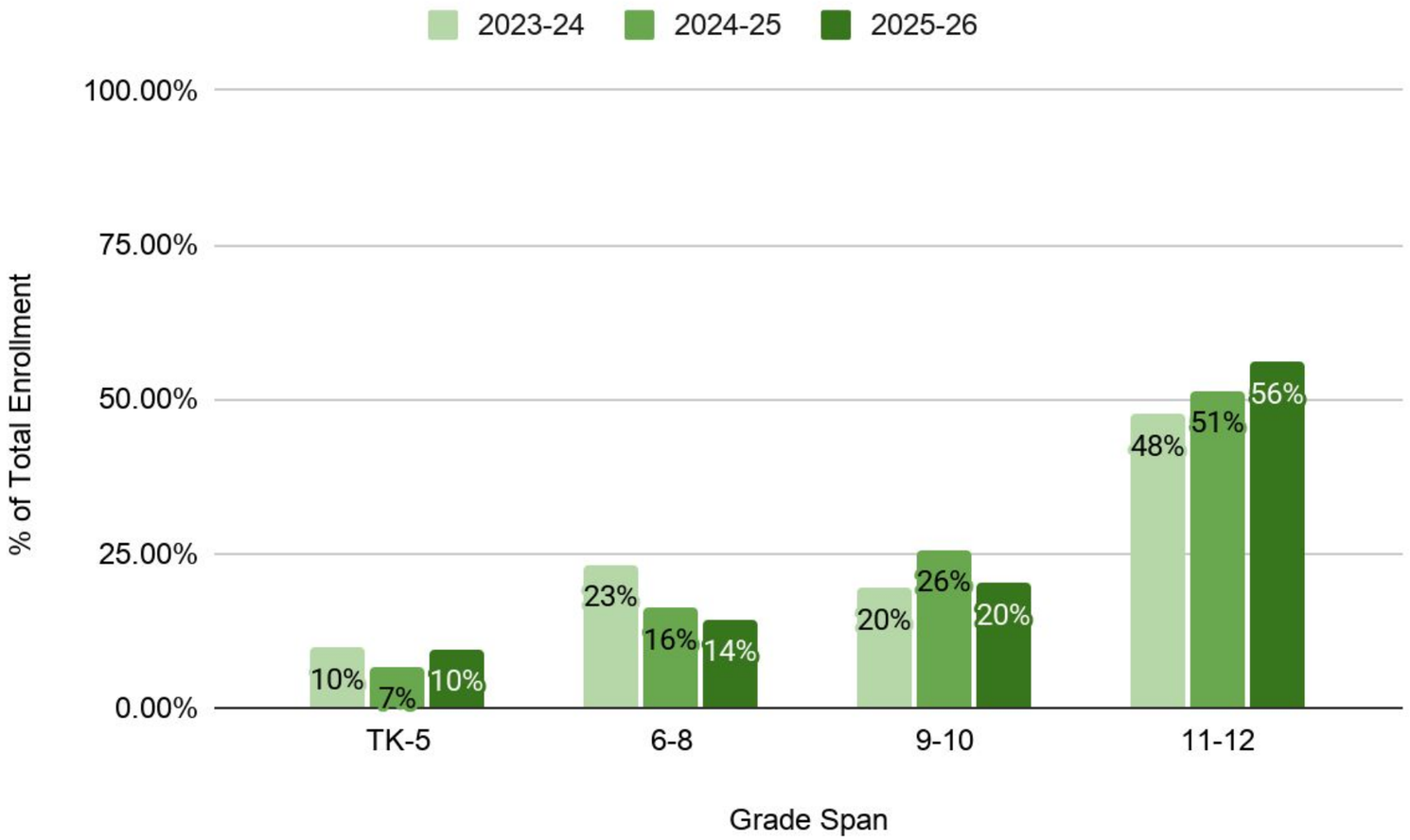


Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity Over Three Years
2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26

Enrollment by Grade Span

Our program primarily serves high school students (grades 9-12), while also providing educational options for elementary and middle school students.

This enrollment distribution reflects our **specialized focus on supporting high school students** who benefit from our flexible independent study model, **particularly those in 11th and 12th grade** seeking credit recovery, alternative pathways to graduation, or personalized learning environments.



Percent Enrollment by Grade Span Over Three Years
2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26

Contiguous Enrollment

56%

First Year of Enrollment
(2025-26)

24%

Second Year of Enrollment
(2025-26)

57.9%

School's Stability Rate
(2024-25)

91.9%

Santa Barbara County's Stability Rate
(2024-25)

Average 58% of students in their first year of enrollment over three school years
(2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26)

Average 50.8% stability rate over three school years
(2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25)

School Climate & Culture





Parents & Guardians

- Strong agreement on school safety
- Positive communication experiences
- Feel supported as learning partners
- Value personalized approach

Students

- Appreciate supportive teachers
- Value program flexibility
- Report feeling safe and accepted
- Enjoy self-paced learning

Staff

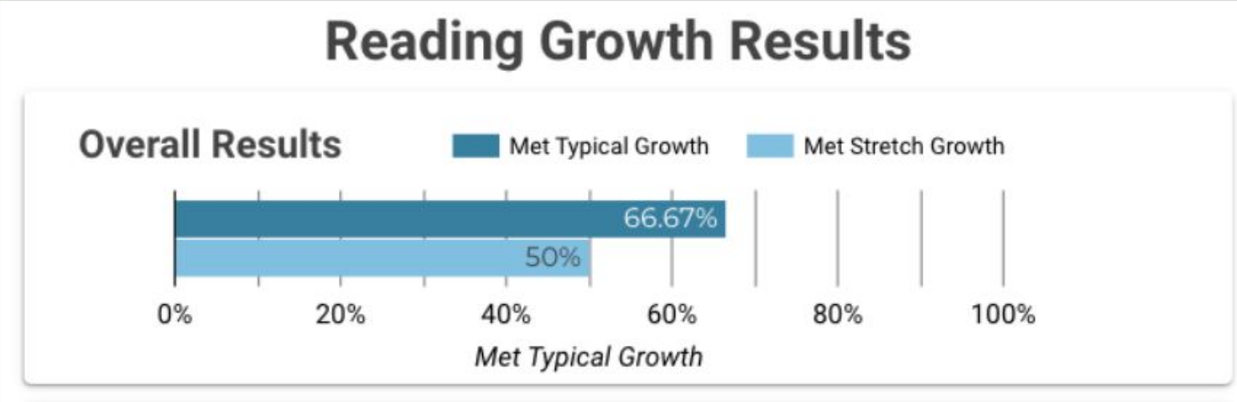
- Fully credentialed
- Strong collaborative culture
- Report feeling valued
- Feel professionally supported

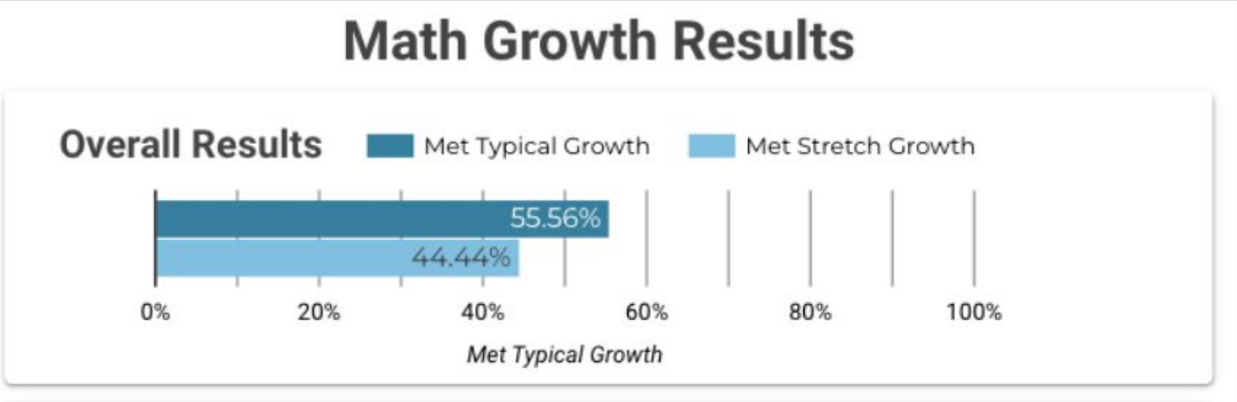
0%
Suspension Rate



Academic Growth 2025-26 - Grades 1-8

Verified Data - **i-Ready** Results (2025-26 Fall to Winter Benchmark Assessments)



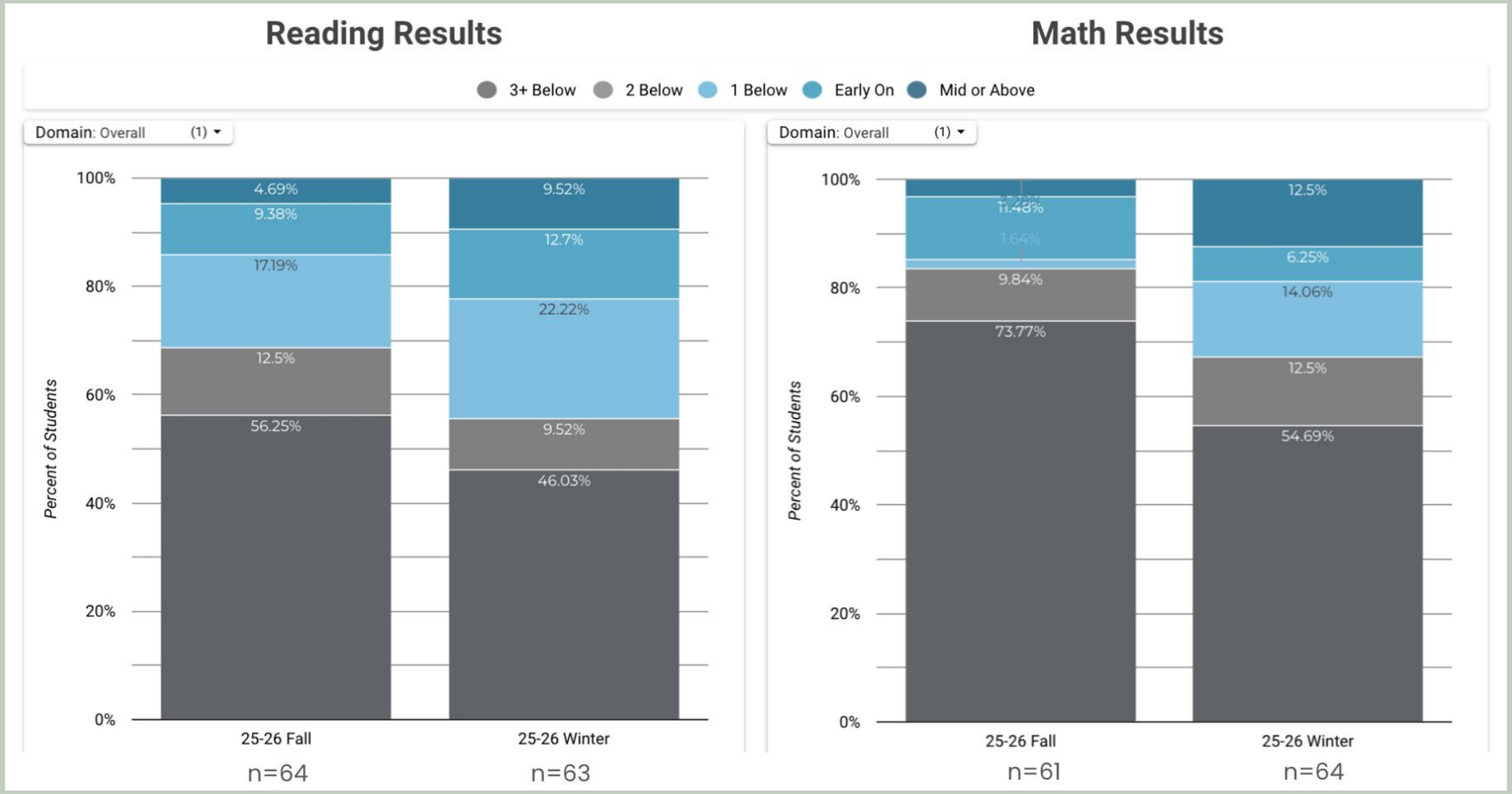


- ★ 66.7% 1st-8th grade students meeting typical growth goals
- ★ 50% 1st-8th grade students meeting stretch goals

- ★ 55.6% 1st-8th grade students meeting typical growth goals
- ★ 44.4% 1st-8th grade students meeting stretch growth goals

Academic Growth 2025-26 - Grades 9-12

Verified Data - **i-Ready** Results (2025-26 Fall & Winter Benchmark Assessments)



+4.83 percentage point in mid or above

-10.22 percentage point decrease in 3+ below

+9.22 percentage point in mid or above

-19.08 percentage point decrease in 3+ below

CA School Dashboard - Academic Performance Indicators

2025

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English Language Arts

All Students | State



No Performance Color

50.1 points below standard

Declined 16.6 Points

EQUITY REPORT

Number of Student Groups in Each Color

0 Red	0 Orange	0 Yellow	0 Green	0 Blue

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Mathematics

All Students | State



No Performance Color

159.8 points below standard

Declined 11.5 Points

EQUITY REPORT

Number of Student Groups in Each Color

0 Red	0 Orange	0 Yellow	0 Green	0 Blue

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English Learner Progress

All Students | State



No Performance Color

Fewer than 11 students - data not displayed for privacy

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College/Career

All Students | State



No Performance Color

Prepared 13.3%

Increased 9.8%

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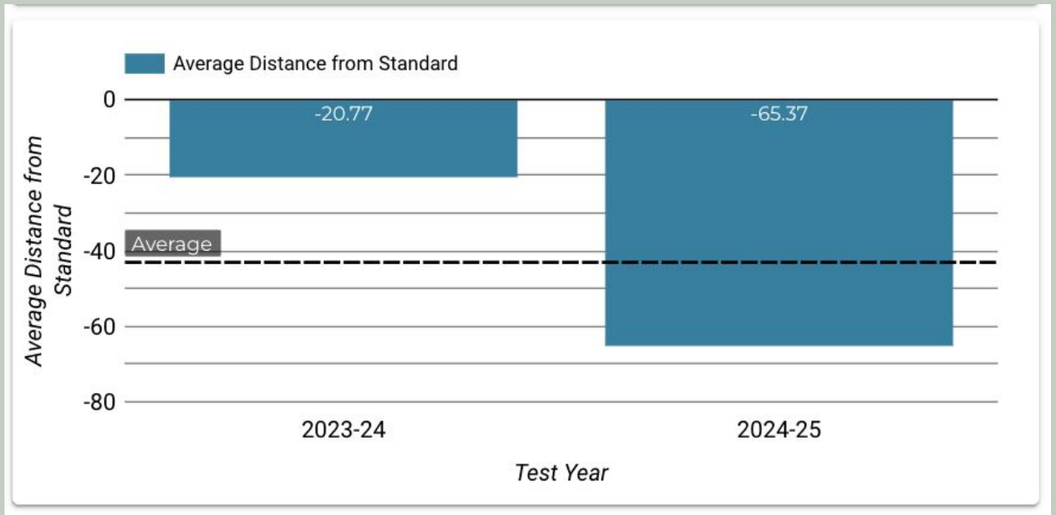
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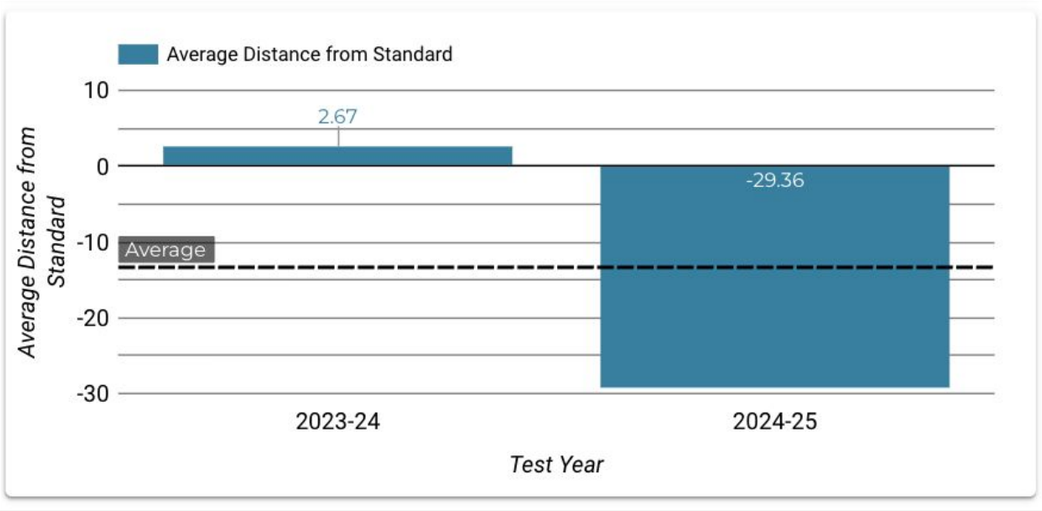
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Academic Performance - **ELA CAASPP** - Average DFS 2023-24 & 2024-25

1st Year Enrolled



2+ Years Enrolled



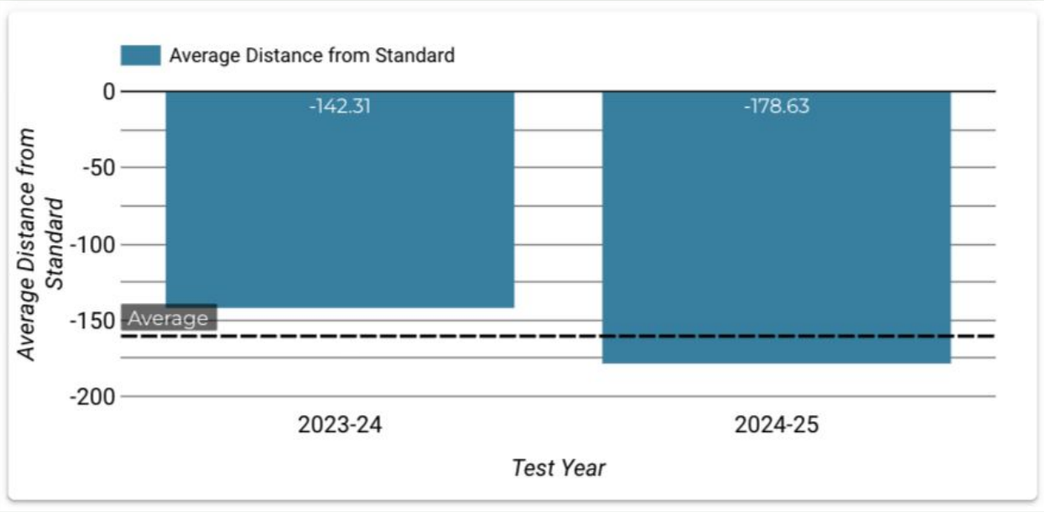
2024-25: Avg DFS +36.01 pts

2023-24: Avg DFS +23.44 pts

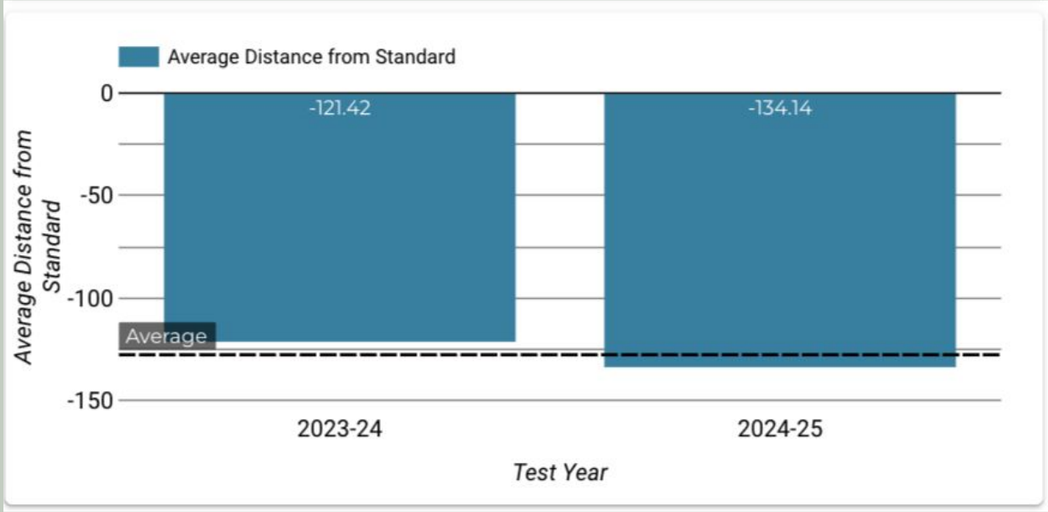
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Academic Performance - **Math CAASPP** - Average DFS 2023-24 & 2024-25

1st Year Enrolled



2+ Years Enrolled



2024-25: Avg DFS +44.49 pts

2023-24: Avg DFS +20.89 pts

Why Olive Grove Matters

Olive Grove Charter - Santa Barbara provides access to a proven educational model that serves students who thrive in flexible, personalized environments while maintaining strong academic growth and positive school culture.



- **Personalized Learning Pathways**

  Tailoring education to meet individual student needs, interests, and learning styles within a flexible framework

- **Community Impact**

  Providing an accessible, high-quality public education to Santa Barbara families who value choice and flexibility in their children's learning

- **Serving Critical Student Needs**

  Olive Grove meets the needs of students who require flexible educational options



Olive Grove, SBCEO, & the SB County Board of Education - A Foundation for Success

Fiscally Sound

- Sustainable budget with healthy reserves
- History of clean audits
- Projected surpluses for the length of the renewal term





Fully Accredited

- Six-year accreditation until 2029 reaffirmed based on June 2026 mid-cycle report

Positive Growth Trajectory

- Enrollment is on the rise, and verified data sources confirm sustained academic improvement across all student groups over the current charter term



We look forward to the opportunity to partner with the SBCEO and the Board of Education to continue and strengthen our work with students in Santa Barbara County, with a shared focus on positive student outcomes and continuous school improvement.

Accredited by WASC ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS

Student Testimonials

If I hadn't attended Olive Grove, my life would've been a mess. I wouldn't have had the motivation or support I to do teachers who believe in myself. Their guidance helped shape me into a better version of who I am today.

I don't know if I would be able to graduate without Olive Grove. I would be still struggling in a big classroom.

Having done high school online with the support of Olive Grove was the best decision/experience of my adolescent life. The freedom and independence plus the support and the staff have given me a different view on life that I will carry with me forever.

As someone who loved school at a young age it's never really talked about how middle school or high school could affect someone's confidence and mental health, when I felt like I couldn't keep up with school Olive Grove helped me out. Even when I was still failing on my school work Olive Grove never gave up on me and gave me the patience and teaching I needed and for that I am forever grateful.

I think I would have dropped out of school if I hadn't attended OGCS.