Office of African American Student Achievement

IMPACT REPORT

Ardarius McDonald
OAASA, Coordinator

Vision and Mission

The vision is to graduate Black students that are literate, confident, and creative critical thinkers prepared for life after high school.

The mission is to leverage and align policies, resources, and strategies so that Black students are at the top of the academic charts and bottom of the discipline charts.

OAASA HIGHLIGHTS 2025-2026



Mission Critical Literacy Initiative

Over 200 students K-6th received small group literacy support during the school day.



Mafanikio Now!

Our flagship after school program provided academic tutoring and enrichment.



Black College Expo

Students attended the annual Black College Expo and submitted applications for various colleges.



Black History Month

Pan-African flag flew at all schools and offices during the month of February



Moor Than a Month

Over 300 students attended the Schoolyard Rap Black History concert.



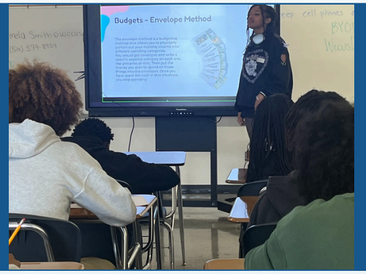
Students of Honor

Over 800 students district wide received certificates.



Kente Cloth Ceremony

Over 250 graduates participated in the 2026 ceremony.



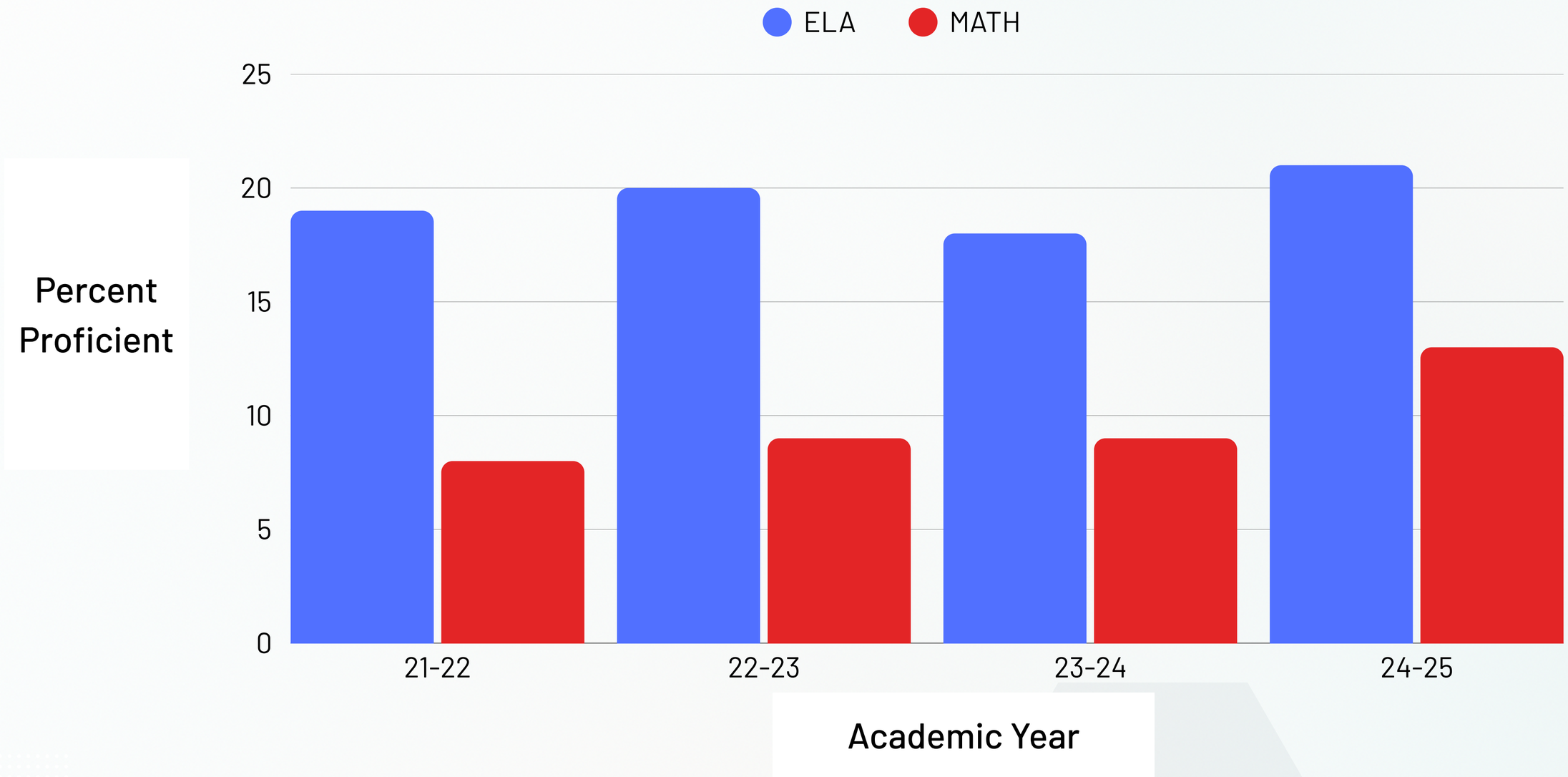
Summer Program

Black studies, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship classes offered to rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders.

Year	Central Office FTE	Total Number of Programs	Total Number of Students
2020-2021	2.5	7	94
2021-2022	5	12	328
2022-2023	4	5	157
2023-2024	2.5	14	270
2024-2025	1.0	11	331
2025-2026	1.4	12	333

Smarter Balanced Assessment Data

WCCUSD African American Students (Grades 3rd-8th and 11th)



MISSION CRITICAL LITERACY INITIATIVE

African American students grades K-6th receive small group literacy instruction from an Academic Support Provider for 30 minutes each day. 201 students at Bayview, Coronado, King, Lincoln, Nystrom, Peres, Riverside, Stege, and Tara Hills are being supported in the 2025-2026 school year.



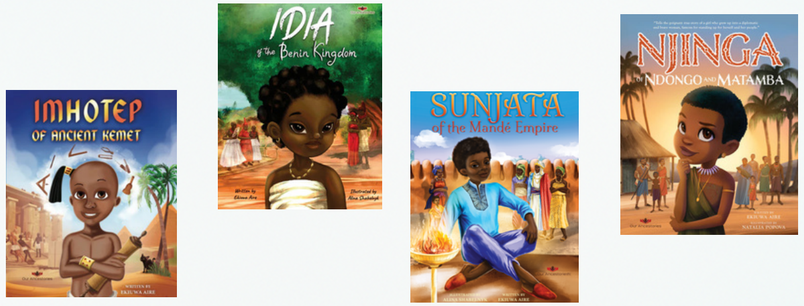
SIPPS

(Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words) is a research-based, structured literacy program (K–12) designed to boost foundational reading skills for new or struggling readers, including those with dyslexia



Amira Learning

Amira Learning is the first **AI-based intelligent reading assistant** designed to act as a 1-on-1 tutor for K-8 students. It listens to students read aloud, assesses their fluency, and provides real-time personalized interventions to improve reading mastery in both **English and Spanish**. Used by over 2,000 districts, it helps educators with **assessments, Dyslexia screening, and reading acceleration.**

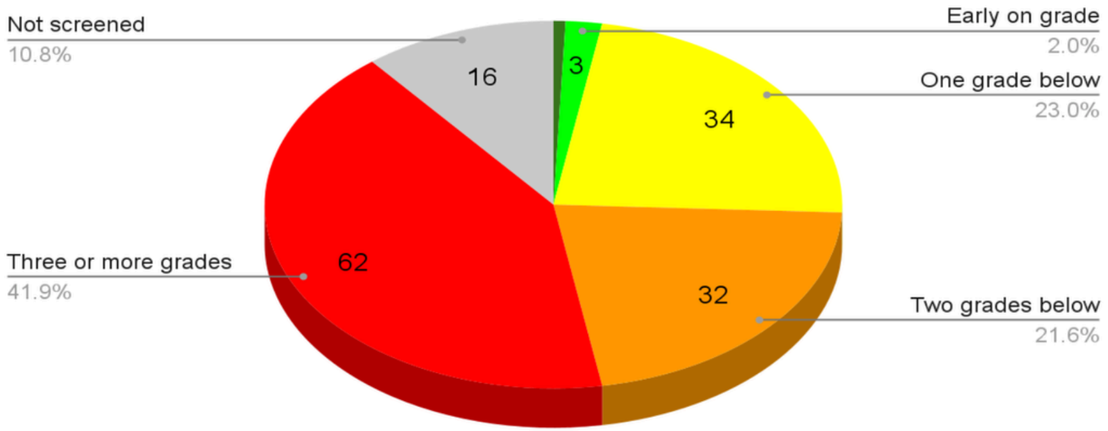


History and Culture

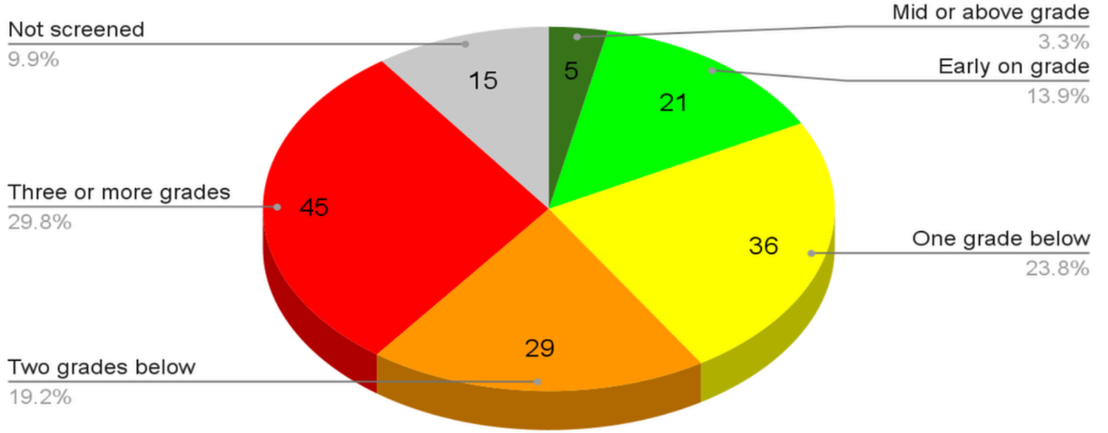
History and culture are vital for African American students **to foster positive racial identity, boost self-esteem, and provide essential representation in education.** Learning about their heritage — from African civilizations to American struggles and triumphs — empowers students to understand their worth, combat systemic racism, and contextualize their place in the world.

MISSION CRITICAL LITERACY INITIATIVE

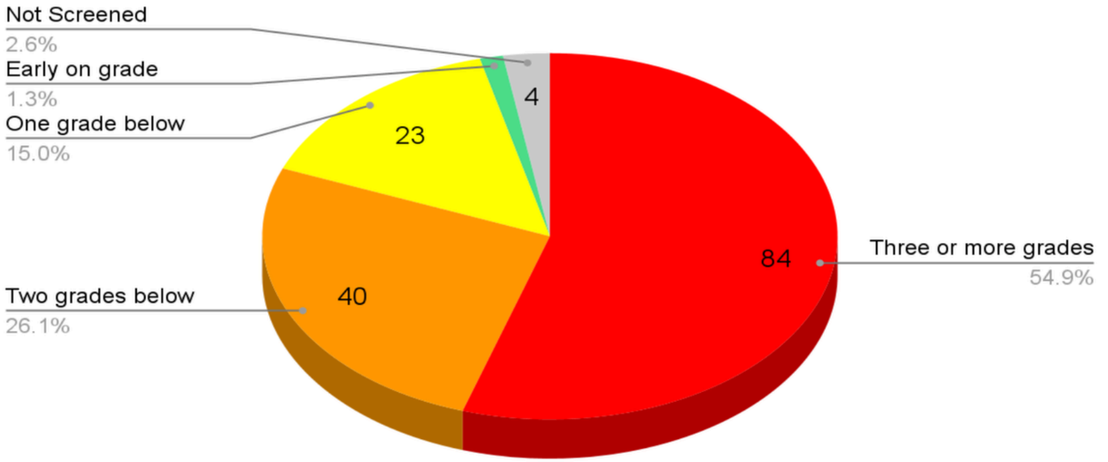
Mission Critical i-Ready Reading (Fall 2023)



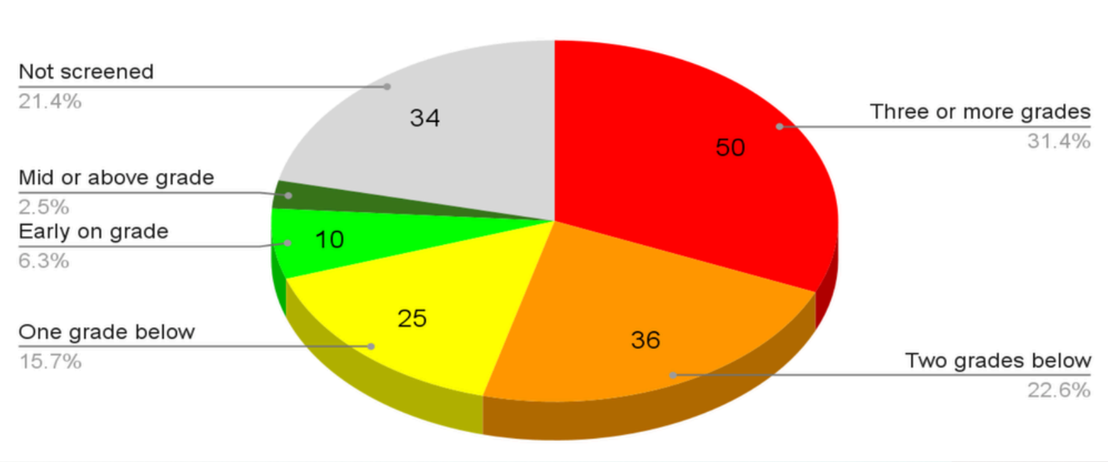
Mission Critical i-Ready Reading (Spring 2024)



Mission Critical i-Ready Reading (Fall 2024)

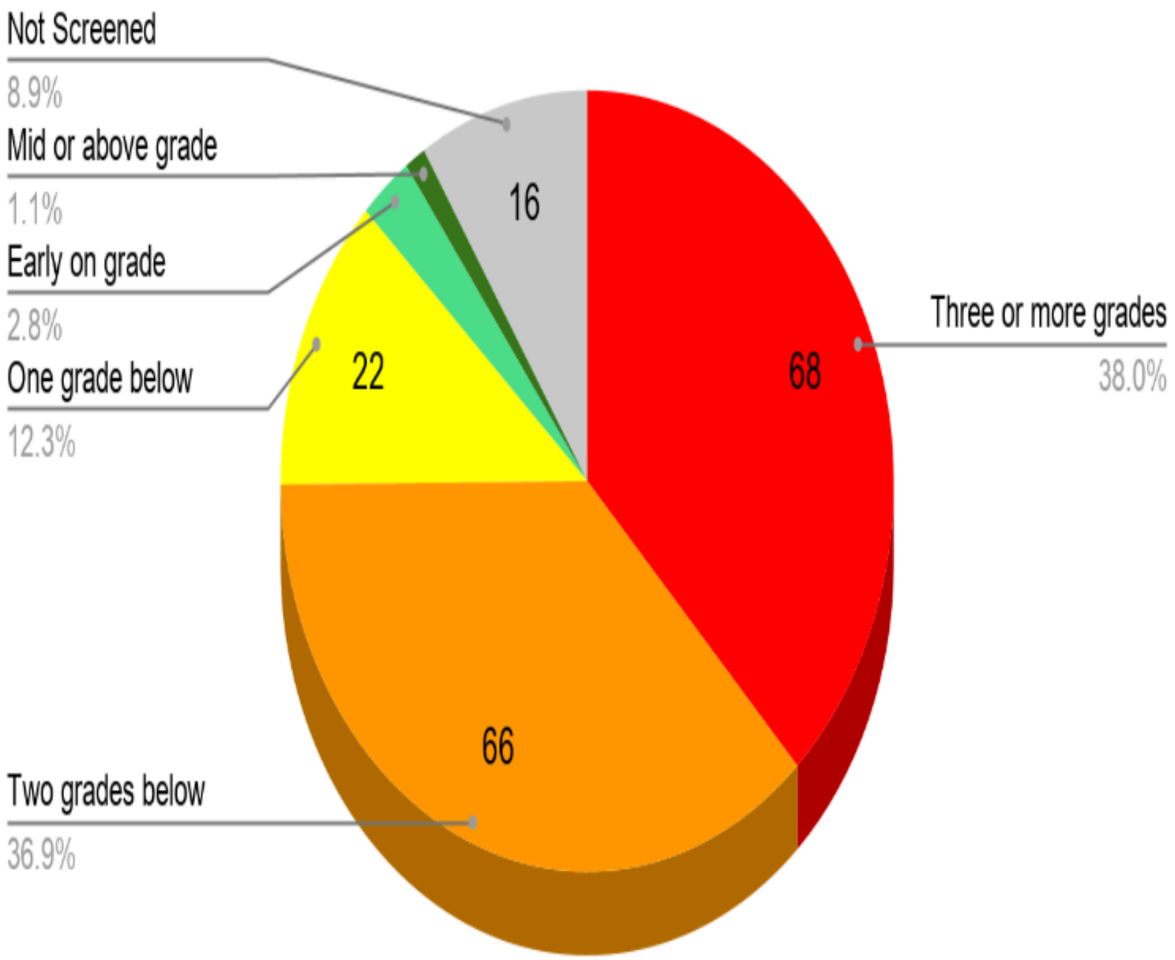


Mission Critical i-Ready Reading (Spring 2025)

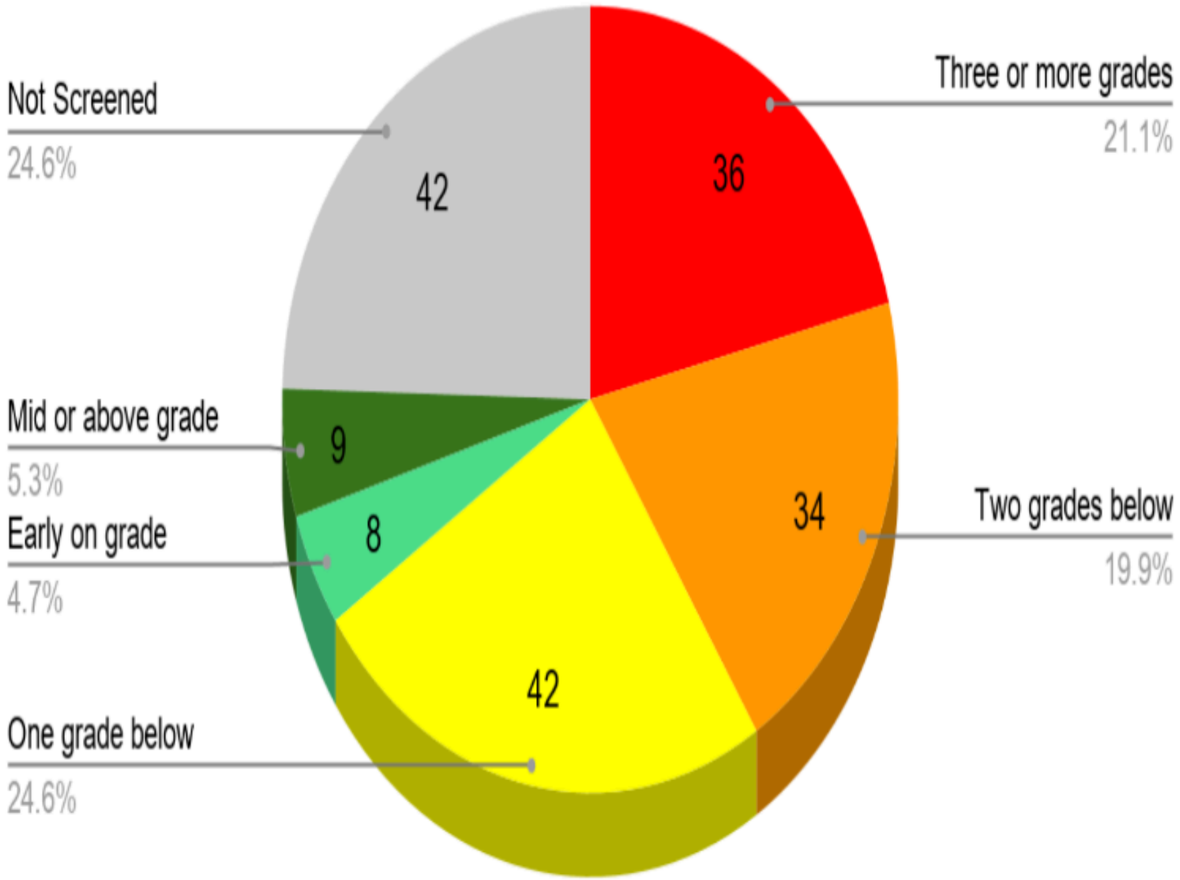


MISSION CRITICAL LITERACY INITIATIVE

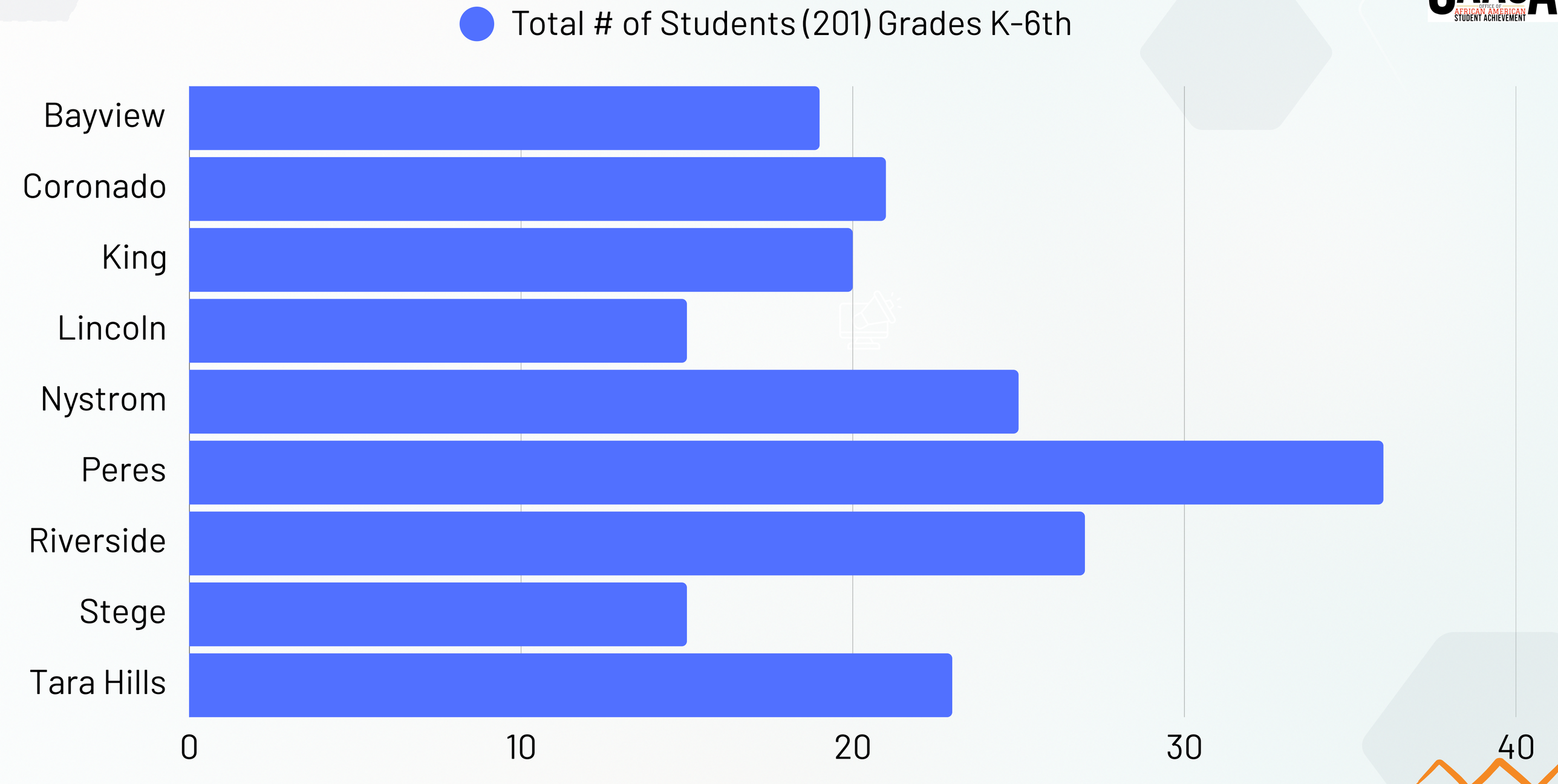
Mission Critical i-Ready Reading (Fall 2025)



Mission Critical i-Ready Reading (Spring 2026)



MISSION CRITICAL STUDENTS (2025-2026)



MAFANIKIO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Students in Mafanikio receive after school enrichment that centers academics and culture to ensure our scholars are getting the positive self-identity knowledge that research shows is key to academic success.



Academics

Mafanikio students receive after school tutoring from certificated teachers and classified instructional assistants. There is a strong literacy and math focus. We also provide a social and emotional component.



Enrichment

STEM, African dance, and art classes are some examples of the enrichment opportunities Mafanikio student were provided.



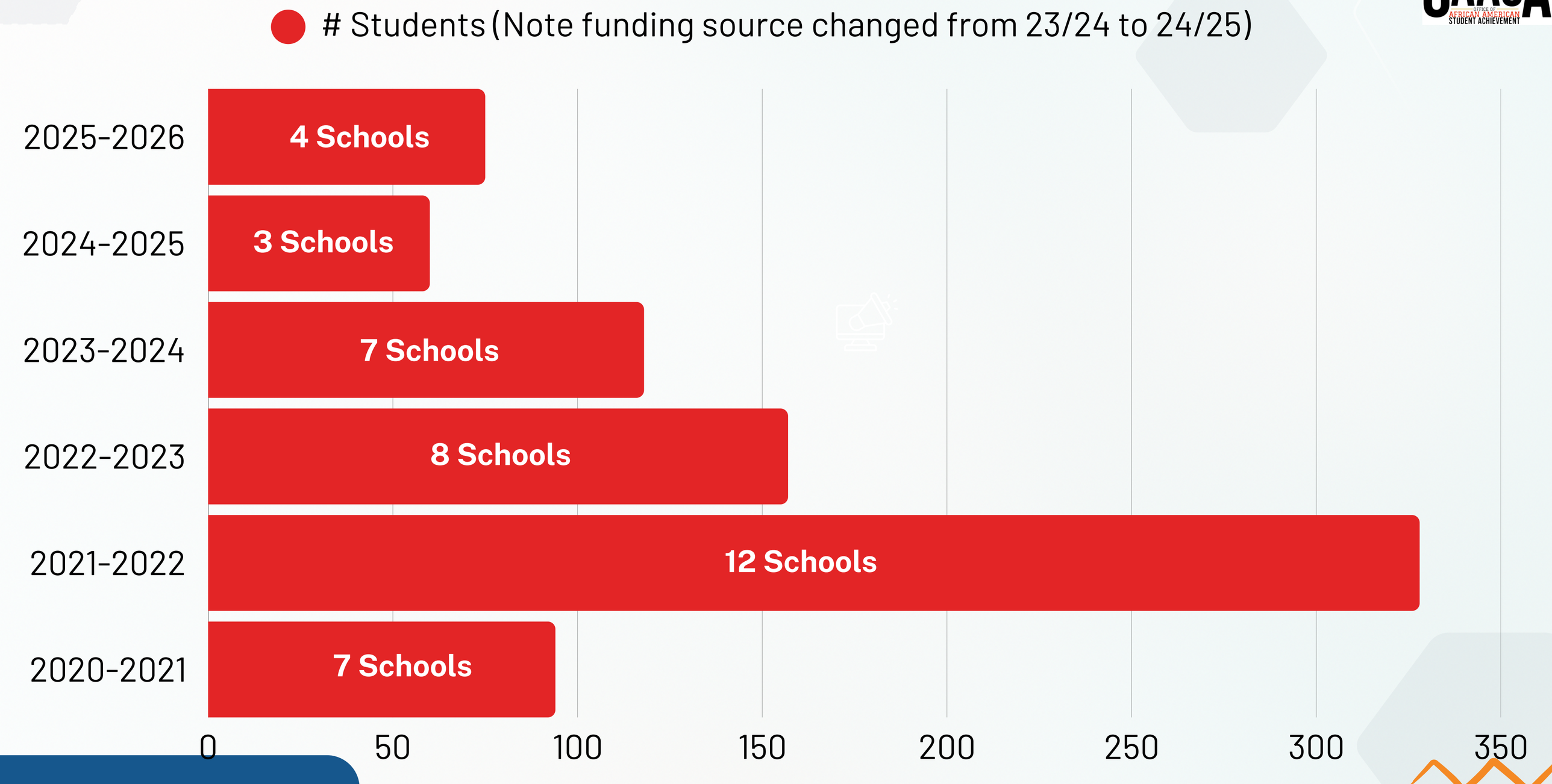
Study Trips

Students are exposed to exciting and educational cultural experiences. The Schoolyard Rap “Moor than A Month” concert was a highlight in 2025-2026.

2025-2026 Mafanikio Program Partners

After School Play in Clay
Bay Area Creative
Calculus Roundtable
Eastbay Center for the Performing Arts
Inner City Bliss

MAFANIKIO NOW! AFTER SCHOOL PROGAM





BENEFITS AND IMPACT

Academic and Social Emotional Support

OAASA programs provide academic support that is culturally relevant and aligned with grade-level standards. Over 300 students participated in the Mission Critical Literacy Initiative and Mafanikio programs in the 2025-2026 school year.

College and Career Readiness

OAASA organizes the yearly African American Students of Honor ceremony to recognize and inspire students to reach and exceed grade level proficiency. Over 800 students grades 1st-12th received honor certificates in 2026. Over 250 Black graduates participated in the 2026 Kente Stole ceremony. College and career study trips are offered throughout the year.

Parent Engagement

OAASA supported African American Parent Advisory Committees district wide with technical and co-facilitated the district wide African American Site Advisory Team meetings in the 2025-2026 school year.

Contact Information

OAASA
OFFICE OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

website under construction

ardarius.mcdonald@wccusd.net

(510) 307-4668