BLACK IN SCHOOL

The Facts about Black Student Achievement in California
AGENDA

Demographics

Student Achievement and Discipline Data

“What Black Voters Think” Poll
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## WHO ARE CA’s STUDENTS?

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<th># ENROLLED</th>
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<td><strong>6,002,523</strong></td>
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CALIFORNIA STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics

- Low Income: 60%
- English Learner: 18%
- Identified as SPED: 12%

All Students

California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2020-21
HOW BLACK STUDENTS COMPARE

Demographics

Low Income
- Black Students: 74%
- All Students: 60%

English Learner
- Black Students: 2%
- All Students: 18%

Identified as SPED
- Black Students: 18%
- All Students: 12%

California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2020-21
WHO ARE CA’s ENGLISH LEARNERS?

Demographics

- Black: 2%
- White: 4%
- Asian: 19%
- Latino: 26%

California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2020-21
What Types of Public Schools do CALIFORNIA STUDENTS ATTEND?

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Demographics

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What Types of Schools do California’s BLACK STUDENTS ATTEND?

- **District School**: 84% (250,000 students)
- **Charter School**: 16% (50,000 students)
CALIFORNIA FUNDS SCHOOLS
Based on Student Demographics
80,000 BLACK STUDENTS DON’T qualify for supplemental school funding because they’re not...

Low Income

English Learners

Foster Youth
That’s a $560 MILLION Funding Gap for CA’s Black Students
The Achievement Gap

Performance Data
CA STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement
GRADUATION and A-G COMPLETION

A-G Completion

- American Indian: 31%
- Black: 49%
- Latino: 49%
- Mixed Race: 49%
- Pacific Islander: 70%
- White: 70%
- Filipino: 70%
- Asian: 70%

Graduation

- American Indian: 77%
- Black: 88%
- Latino: 93%
- Mixed Race: 93%
- Pacific Islander: 93%
- White: 93%
- Filipino: 93%
- Asian: 93%

California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2020-21
BLACK ACHIEVEMENT GAP PERSISTS OVER TIME

California Department of Education, CAASPP Website, 2018-19
LOW INCOME WHITE STUDENTS OUTPERFORM NON-LOW INCOME BLACK STUDENTS in Math and Science

California Department of Education, CAASPP Website, 2018-19
PERFORMANCE BY RACE:
Low Income Students Meeting State Standards

California Department of Education, CAASPP Website, 2018-19
PERFORMANCE BY RACE:
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Achievement of Black Kids in CA Don’t Read or Write at Grade Level

67%
112,000
79% of Black Kids in CA Aren’t at Grade Level in Math
Achievement of Black Kids in CA Aren’t at Grade Level in Science

86%

67,000
Achievement

69% of Black Kids Don’t Graduate with A-G Completion
Achievement of Black Kids Don’t Graduate College/Career Ready

76%

23,000
Excessive Discipline

School to Prison Pipeline
SUSPENSION RATES IN CA FOR BOYS

2018-19

California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2018-19
EXPULSION RATES IN CA FOR BOYS

2018-19

California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2018-19
EXPULSION RATES IN CA FOR GIRLS

California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2018-19
FINDING:
Students who were suspended or expelled were more likely to be held back a grade, drop out of school, and contact the juvenile justice system.

School to Prison Pipeline

Fabelo et al. 2011
What Black Voters Think

Top Issues Among Black Voters in California

EQUITY COALITION:

TRACIE STAFFORD
Chair, Democratic Party of Sacramento County*
Survey conducted in February 2021 of 1,290 Black registered voters in California and key 2020 Presidential swing states.

Respondents were reached via Phone (mobile and landline), SMS, and Online Panel.

Distinctions were also made for self identified parents in analysis of responses.

California, Ohio, Georgia, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan

Margin of Error: ± 4.87%
Margin of Error: ± 4.74%
DEMOGRAPHICS: WHO DID WE SPEAK TO?

- **California**:
  - Democrat: 63%
  - Independent: 24%
  - Republican: 8%

- **Swing States**:
  - Democrat: 64%
  - Independent: 24%
  - Republican: 7%
MORE BLACK LEADERSHIP

We need more Black educators and community members to lead publicly funded schools that provide equity, empowerment, and high-quality education for all students.

California Respondents
85%

Swing State Respondents
87%

Policy Agreement
Public schools must do more to end the school-to-prison pipeline in which Black students are overrepresented in suspension rates and school arrests.
Public schools in black communities could better serve their students by putting people like them in positions of power.

- Dem Male, Aged 34-35, California
Value the lived experiences of Black people as a cultural unit to be included in the curriculum and institutional decisions. Hire Black people as stakeholders in all levels of education.

- Dem Male, Aged 40-45, South Carolina
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