



Public Hearing on Charter Renewal: Sacramento Charter High School

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Public Hearing to Consider Support for Renewal Petition

On June 28th, 2024, Sacramento Charter High School submitted a petition to renew its charter. It is requesting to renew the term of its charter, which expires on June 30, 2025. Today's public hearing is the first public hearing on the Sacramento Charter High School renewal petition, as required by Education Code. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the support for the charter petition from the district's teachers, other employees, and parents.

Staff are currently reviewing the submitted petition. Following the review of the petition and this public hearing, the governing board of the school district shall either grant or deny the charter within 90 days of receipt of the petition. That decision is scheduled to occur at the September 19, 2024, board meeting. The governing board of the school district shall publish all staff recommendations, including the recommended findings, at least 15 days before the public hearing at which the governing board of the school district will either grant or deny the charter. Staff is scheduled to publish this report by September 4, 2024.

The school leaders will be given the remainder of this agenda item to present to the Board, with public comment and Board discussion to follow.

Please allow me to introduce, Lisa Ruda, Superintendent of St. HOPE Public Schools and Cassandra Jennings, Board Chairperson for St. HOPE Public Schools.



Lisa Ruda
St. HOPE Public Schools
Superintendent



Cassandra Jennings
St. HOPE Public Schools
Board Chair



Christina Williams-James
Sac High Principal

Introduction & Highlights

- Sacramento Charter High School is a mission driven, public, college preparatory, independent charter school that serves students in grades 9-12.
- The school was initially authorized by SCUSD in 2003 and is in its 22nd year of operation as a charter school. This is Sac High's fourth charter renewal.
- Sac High teachers are focused on empowering students to graduate prepared to earn a four-year college degree and to serve as leaders in their chosen field.

95%

Class of 2024 graduates
accepted to 4-year colleges

350+

College credits earned in
2023-34 through our dual
enrollment program

100%

Inclusion Program for
scholars with disabilities

5 Pillars of Excellence

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

We have high expectations for academic achievement and conduct that are clearly defined, measurable, and make no excuses based on the background of our scholars.

CHOICE AND COMMITMENT

Students, their parents, and the staff of St. HOPE Public Schools choose to participate in the program. Everyone must make and uphold a commitment to their school and to each other to put in the time and effort required to achieve success.

MORE TIME

With an extended school day, week, and year, students have more time in the classroom to acquire the academic knowledge and skills that prepare them for competitive colleges, as well as more opportunities to engage in diverse extracurricular experiences.

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FOCUS ON RESULTS

We focus relentlessly on high student performance through assessments and other objective measures. Students are expected to achieve a level of academic performance that will enable them to succeed in college and the world beyond.

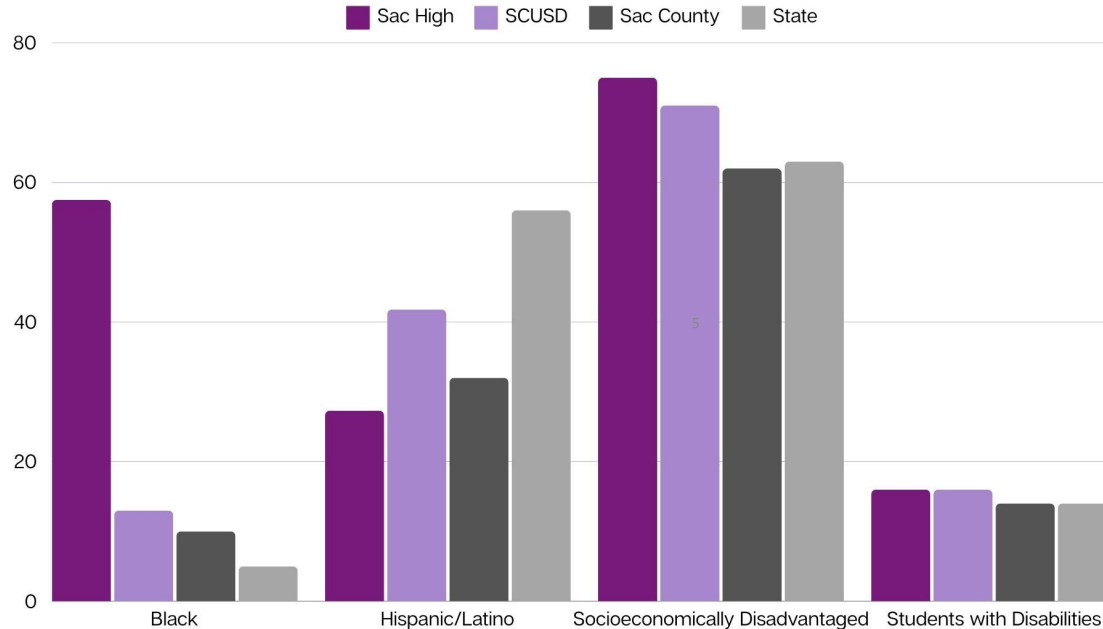
POWER TO LEAD

We strongly believe the measure of a person's success is in what he or she gives to others. Through community service, students develop a strong sense of civic responsibility and establish the foundation for a lifetime of meaningful community involvement.

Serving a Diverse Student Population

Sac High's student population includes an overrepresentation of several traditionally underserved student groups

2023-24 Demographics

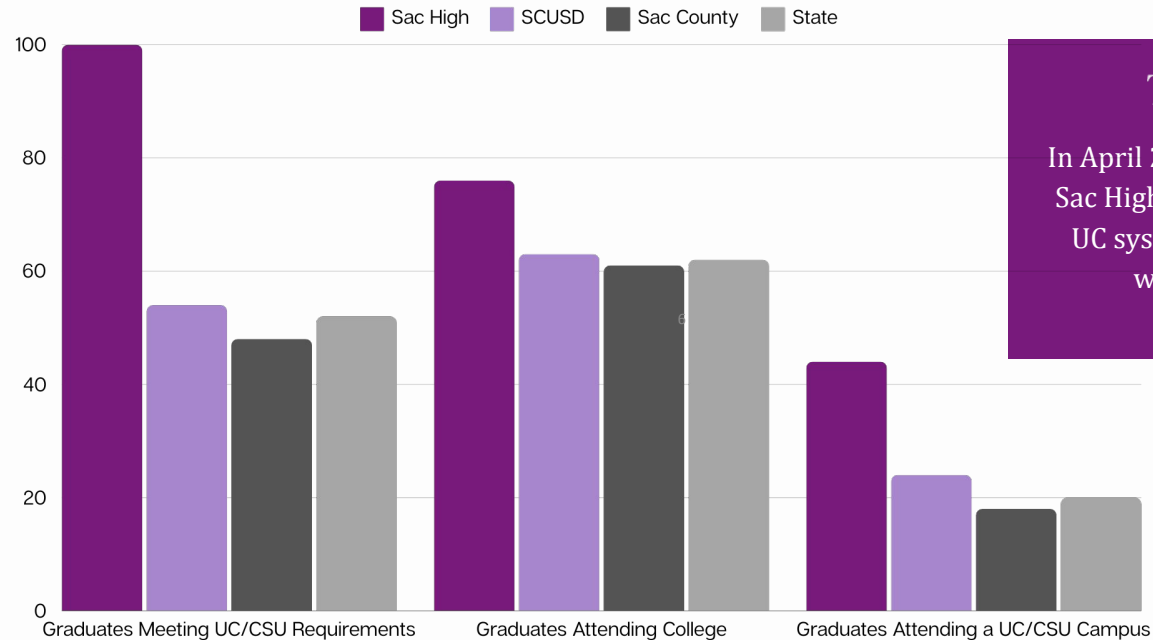


Over half of Sac High's students come from zip codes surrounding our Oak Park campus and one-third are from outside the district.

In 2023-24, nearly 50% of Sac High students had parents who had not attended college.

Sending Scholars to College

Sac High is meeting the District's guiding principle for equity, access and social justice: "All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options."



THE SACRAMENTO BEE

In April 2023, the Sacramento Bee reported that Sac High had the highest acceptance rate to the UC system across all area public high schools without admissions requirements.

College-Prep Programs

- Host annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) fair. In Fall, 2023, Sac High seniors earned 110 college acceptances on the spot, were awarded over \$340,000 in scholarships and 4 scholars received full ride scholarships.
- Launched a successful partnership with College Track that has expanded and is now available to all SCUSD students.
- Offer dual enrollment program where scholars earn high school and college credit - open to all grade levels this school year. Only school in SCUSD to offer college courses in person.



Sac High Class of 2024 College Acceptances

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University of California
Campuses

18

California State
University Campuses

23

Historically Black Colleges
and Universities

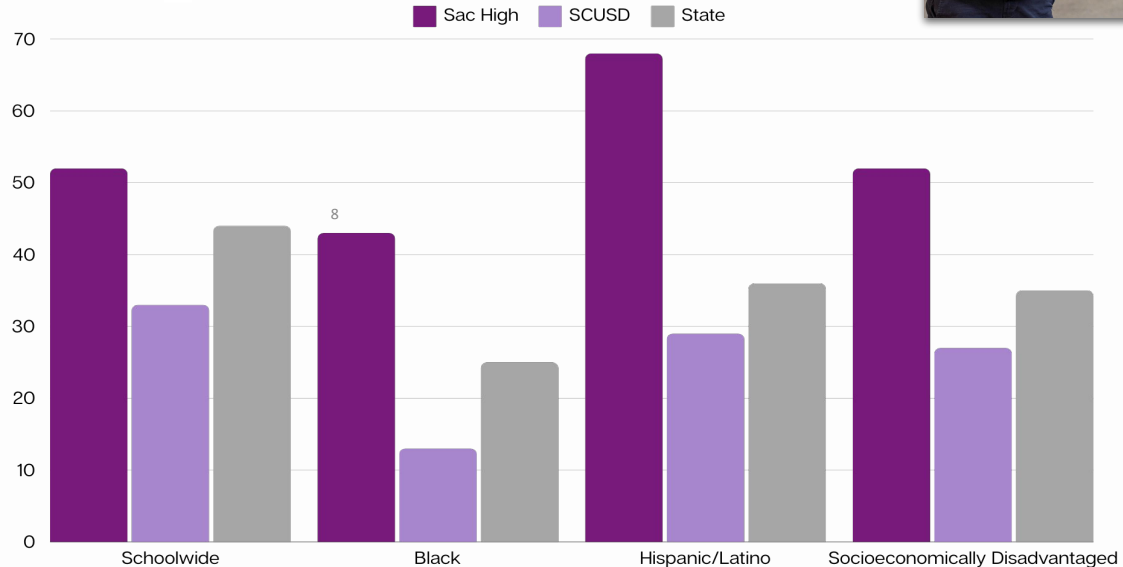
Track Record of Success

Percent of 11th graders scoring level 3 or 4 on ELA CAASPP in 2018, 2019, 2022 & 2023

	Black	H/L*	SD**	SD + Black	SD + H/L
Sac High	49.4%	58.7%	54%	50%	55.9%
SCUSD	23.3%	36.8%	38.4%	23.3%	33.9%



*H/L = Hispanic/Latino **SD =Socioeconomically Disadvantaged



2023 College/Career Indicator

Percentage of graduates deemed prepared for college/career

Award-Winning Programs

Closing the Achievement Gap

- Based on 2019-2023 CAASPP results, Sac High was named to the Educational Results Partnership “Honor Roll” which recognizes top schools in California that have outperformed their peers in closing achievement gaps, particularly among higher-poverty and historically disadvantaged student populations.



Award-Winning Inclusion Program

- Sac High received the Silver Star award for ‘Valuing Diversity’ from the Association of California School Administrators which recognized our Inclusion Program that provides all Special Education students with access to rigorous and common core aligned grade-level instruction.

Accreditation Through June 2030

- Completed a year-long accreditation review from WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and received 6 year accreditation through June 30, 2030.





Thank you

We are excited to continue to serve our students and families in partnership with SCUSD.

We'd like to invite you to visit Sac High to learn more about our school first-hand.

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We look forward to public comment and any Board member questions.