

Opportunities For Learning – Paramount Charter Proposal

PUSD Public Hearing
July 17, 2017



Our Mission

Our schools create an **educational choice** for all students. OFL-Paramount's staff will connect with students to **empower** and **inspire** them to achieve their **goals** and make their dreams a **reality**.

Target Population



Students served by OFL typically are:

- Disengaged from school settings
 - Long –term suspensions, expulsions, dropout
 - Living in transition or homeless
- Struggling with substance abuse or mental health issues
- Victims of bullying
- Teen parents or expectant mothers
- Caregivers or wage earners

Our Model

OFL-Paramount's educational model includes:

- **Personalized Learning**
 - Individualized learning plans
 - Small group instruction
 - Daily Tutoring
- **Common Core and NGSS-aligned curriculum**
- **11 months of instruction**
- **Wrap around support structures**
- **Post-secondary college and career opportunities**

OFL Schools received a 6-year WASC accreditation in Spring 2017



What Makes Us Different

- Social and emotional skill development
- Community service
- Offsite STEM learning activities

Experiential trips and programs promote:

- *Increase in student engagement*
- *Improvement in academic performance*

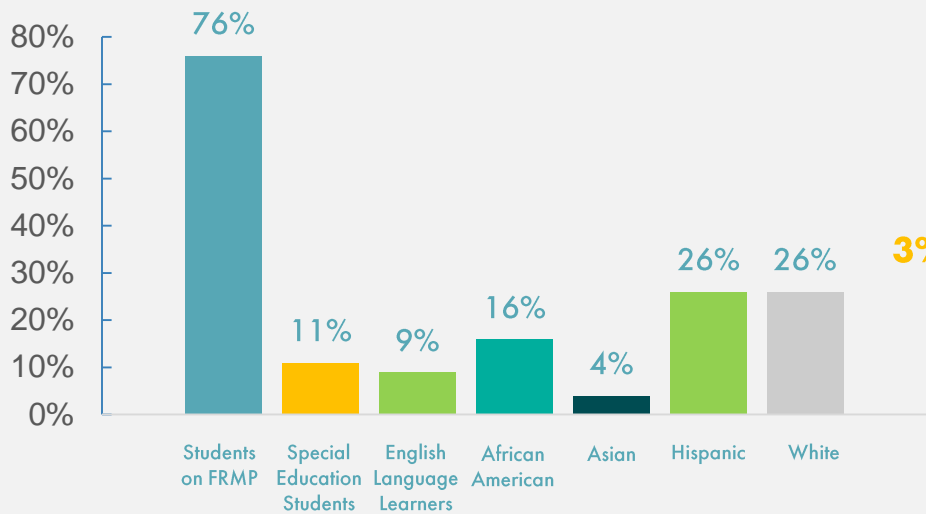
Experiential learning exposes learners to authentic social experiences that are more likely to engage them in future socially responsible behaviors.*



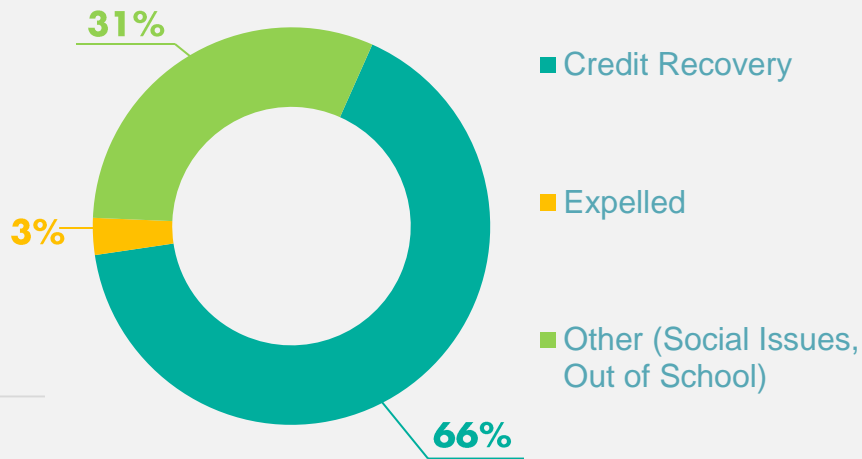
*Claufield, J. and Woods, T. Experiential Learning: Exploring its long-term impact on socially responsible behavior. *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, Vol. 13, No. 2, pg. 46. May 2013

Student Demographics

OFL Schools



Why Students Choose Us



Community Outreach

Meetings with local community organizations

1. Career colleges
2. Child and family service programs
3. Shelters
4. Counseling programs
5. Local businesses



In Congressional District 40,
13% of young people ages 16-24
are not in school or working.

Why Partner?

- Hundreds of full-time, at-risk OFL students displaced without viable alternatives
- Societal impact of students without high school diplomas
- 1% authorizing fee will be paid to Paramount Unified School District (per CA Education Code 47613).



Perspective from a student

I decided to enroll in OFL, and since then I have become stronger each day, not only as a person, but as a mother. It also helped prepare me for my future and gave me the experience I needed for college.

