

HISTORY

United for Success Academy opened its doors in 2006, after a committed team of parents, students, and educators worked to design a small, community-oriented school to replace the struggling Calvin Simmons Middle School.

Part of Oakland's small schools movement, we foster student success through smaller, more personalized learning communities. Our goal was to build a school culture based on strong, positive relationships, and to establish an atmosphere of active engagement and an expectation of high academic achievement.

At the end of our first academic year, United for Success boasted one of the highest Academic Performance Index (API) gains of any school in Oakland. We continue to serve 380 middle school students in Oakland's vibrant Fruitvale district, where students, teachers, and families collaborate to provide an exceptional community for learning.

WHAT MAKES UNITED FOR SUCCESS ACADEMY SPECIAL?

Our school is orderly and you can hear children laughing. Our students achieve high on tests and demonstrate their knowledge by solving real problems. Our school is focused on academics and children stay for art and sports. Our school has strict discipline as well as great love and respect. Our school is fixed on each student's future and takes time to know their past. Our school treats students as individuals and involves the family and community.



OUR STUDENTS

Our students reflect the Fruitvale neighborhood's diverse immigrant and minority populations.

- 69% of our students are Latino, 18% are African American, and 6% are Asian.
- 43% are English Language learners.
- 86% are low-income, and 30% of United for Success students are in transitional housing situations, such as homeless shelters or foster care.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES

United for Success features standards-based project learning and an integrated curriculum that brings learning to life and promotes sound critical thinking skills. In addition to having rigorous instruction in the core areas of math/science and language arts/history, our students expand their learning through an array of enrichment activities, such as field trips, community art projects, and Expo events.

In addition to its strong academic program, United for Success supports families with:

- A parent center providing tax preparation, eligibility support for county services, job and language skills, parenting classes, and more
- A medical center offering free medical, dental, and mental health services for our students and their families
- A remarkable extended-day and summer school offering academics and enrichment

United for Success puts into action the theory that a strong community supports better learning. Emotional and social wellness are built into our curriculum through team-building experiences, such as our incredible Sierra Nevada camping trip, and the family-like atmosphere of advisory period, where students meet each day with the same teacher-advisor.



SUPPORT UNITED FOR SUCCESS ACADEMY

Make a one-time or recurring tax-deductible donation to fund United for Success Academy programs:

online: www.smallschoolsfoundation.org
(select United for Success Academy from the school designation pull-down menu)

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LIKE THE MOUNTAIN, WE UPHOLD EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMUNITY.

LIKE THE RIVER, WE CREATE NEW POSSIBILITIES.

LIKE THE ACORN, WE UNFOLD INTO THE LEADERS WE ARE MEANT TO BE.

