

2024-2025
YEAR IN
REVIEW



2024-25
Who We Serve

Rocketeers:
10,212

Socioeconomically
Disadvantaged:
67%

English Language
Learners:
39%

Latino and Black:
86%

Receive Special
Education Services:
12%

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**Lifetime
Rocketeers
Served**
33,567



18
years
33,567 Rocketeers

Dear Rocketship community,

Our nation is now five years removed from the onset of the pandemic. Learning loss remains persistent and pervasive across our country. The achievement gap between socioeconomically disadvantaged students and their more privileged peers is growing again. And a majority of students in our nation are not on the college and career-ready path. **But this is not the story of our year at Rocketship Public Schools. I am especially proud of the gains we made in the 2024-25 school year and that, as a collective community, we continue to bounce back strong.**

Our Rocketeers took a major step forward in our academic recovery last year. In both math and reading, we saw our largest improvement since 2020. Our “gap-busting” model, as named by [Stanford's 2023 CREDO study](#), is turning the tide of learning loss and we are closing in on our pre-pandemic performance levels.

Navigating our way towards full academic recovery hasn't been easy. We have simultaneously been managing a multi-year process to implement new curricula across all schools in our network. The complexity of managing change on top of change has stretched and challenged us—and we are stronger for it. We have sharpened our personalized learning model through more responsive and data-driven student groupings.

We have refined our talent development program to better meet the needs of the evolving art of teaching. And we have expanded our best-in-class approach to family engagement to help families overcome a new wave of barriers to attendance and engagement at school.

Change is constant and we are continuing to learn and innovate new ways to further elevate our Rocketeers' achievement and expand our impact. But one thing hasn't changed: our unwavering belief in the promise of public charter schools as a vital force in restoring our nation's excellence in public education. An excellent public education system is the bedrock of the American promise of equal opportunity and Rocketship's vision of “equal access to opportunity for all” has never been more relevant or more urgent. Thank you for your support of our community, your belief in our Rocketeers, and your commitment to ensure that every child in our nation is given the opportunity to dream, to discover, and to unleash their incredible potential.



Preston Smith

Rocketship Co-Founder and CEO



Equal
access to
opportunity
for all.



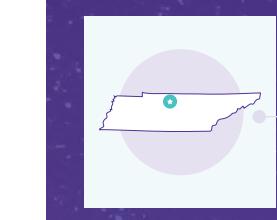
Our Vision:

Equal Access To Opportunity For All

Our vision is rooted in the belief that every child, regardless of background, deserves a fair chance to succeed. It's about creating a level playing field—where children and families can overcome the barriers that stand in the way of opportunity. It's about ensuring that every child, regardless of zip code, can dream big, access a high-quality public school, and have the support and resources they need to make those dreams a reality.

We advance this vision through three connected strategic levers. First, we deliver **quality schools** that provide gap-busting excellence in elementary education, proving what is possible when students receive high-quality instruction and support in a rigorous, enriching environment that welcomes their families. Second, we build **community power** by equipping families to champion their children's education, hold leaders accountable, and strengthen the public school systems their communities rely on. Finally, we pursue **scaled impact** by exploring innovative ways to deepen and extend our reach—so what works for our students can benefit many more across the regions we serve today and will serve in the future.

Together, these levers ensure that access to opportunity is not just promised, but realized for every Rocketeer, family, and community we have the privilege to serve.



18 Years of Unleashing Potential

What began 18 years ago in a San Jose church with 160 Rocketeers is now a national movement. Today, we serve more than 10,000 students each year across 22 schools in four regions and have reached more than 33,000 since our founding. From California to Washington, D.C., our Rocketeers are excelling in college, working in state capitols and high-tech labs, and advocating for their communities. Our educators are pioneering new levels of innovation in the classroom, and parents are raising their voices for educational equity and excellence.

Together, we are unleashing potential—coast to coast.

2007
Rocketship opens its first school in San Jose

2013
Rocketship Wisconsin opens its first school in Milwaukee

2014
Rocketship Tennessee opens its first school in Nashville

2016
Rocketship DC opens its first school in DC

2018
Rocketship California opens its 13th school in the Bay Area

2022
Rocketship Tennessee opens its third school

2023
Rocketship DC opens its third school

2025
Rocketship Wisconsin completes network's first school acquisition

Gap-Closing Growth

Our Rocketeers gain more than a year's worth of academic learning in a single school year.

This is how we narrow and ultimately eliminate the achievement gap that has limited access to opportunity for far too long.



Big Gains. Real Progress.

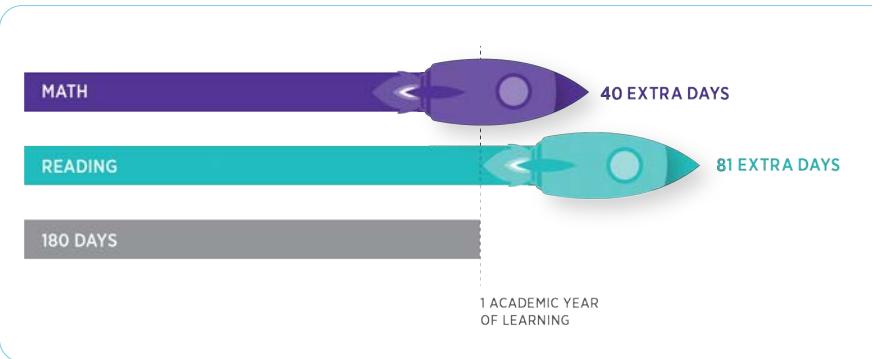
In the 2024-25 school year, our Rocketeers gained the equivalent of:

- **81 additional days** of learning in reading
- **40 additional days** of learning in math

These gains do not reflect any additional days in school.

How We Do It:

A proven model of personalized learning—for students and teachers—props *all* of our learners. A 2023 Stanford CREDO study identified Rocketship as a national “gap-busting” network, finding that Rocketeers gained the equivalent of five to seven additional months of learning in a single school year. This independent research affirms what we see every day: when instruction is personalized and families are true partners, students accelerate far beyond typical growth.

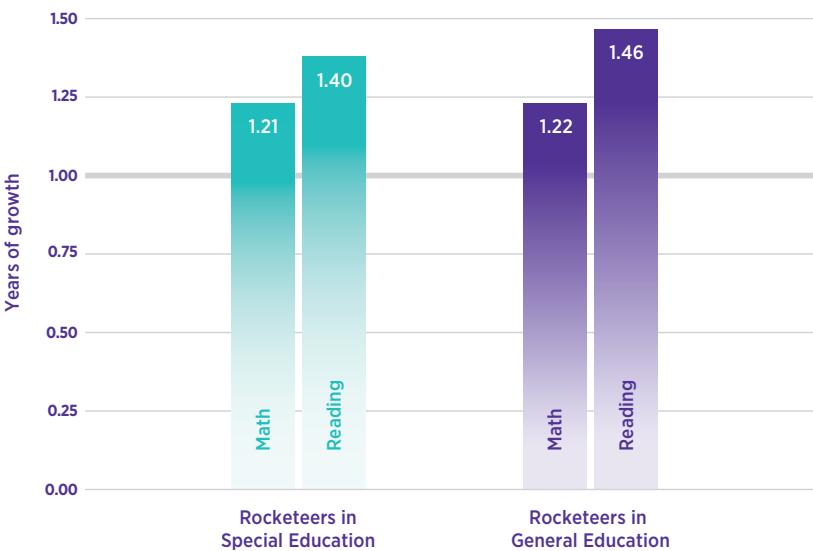


2024-25 Student Growth on NWEA MAP

Personalized Learning Ensures Students with Special Needs Soar

In many public schools, students with special needs spend most of the day separated from their peers. At Rocketship, we do the opposite.

Rocketship Special Education Student Growth vs. General Education Peers



Why it Matters

Our inclusive approach gives every student access to the same high-quality instruction as their peers—while also providing individual supports like small-group co-teaching and one-on-one instruction.

The result:

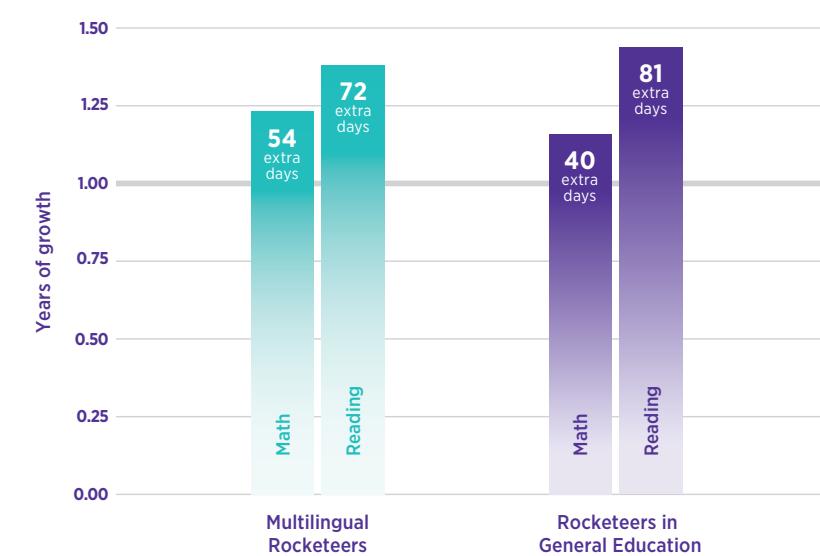
Last year, Rocketeers with special education needs achieved strong growth and narrowed gaps with general education peers at Rocketship—proof that personalized learning and meaningful inclusion help every child thrive academically and socially.

Multilingual Rocketeers Keep Pace with General Education Peers

Across our network, Rocketeers speak more than 50 languages at home. Our personalized approach ensures our Rocketeers are able to access their learning and we meet them where they are.

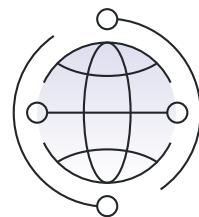
Whether you come to the classroom as a fluent English speaker or a child looking to build English proficiency, your needs are met at Rocketship and you are set up to succeed academically. Consequently, our multilingual Rocketeers are experiencing record growth and, in some cases, even exceeding their peers in academic achievement.

Across the network, multilingual Rocketeers averaged 1.3 years of growth on NWEA in math and 1.4 years in English language arts. In Washington DC and Wisconsin, our multilingual learners soared with 1.5 years of growth!



Why it Matters

As our subgroup performance demonstrates, our Rocketship model meets every student where they are.



Across our network over
50 languages
are spoken at home.

Strengthening Civic Engagement and Community Pride

Across Rocketship, civic engagement and cultural celebrations bring our diverse communities to life through vibrant experiences, honored traditions, and joyful moments of learning together. Our schools intentionally uplift civic traditions and shared democratic values—engaging students in learning about our nation's history, civic institutions, and responsibilities helping them see themselves as active participants in our democracy. Our schools celebrate the shared values and stories that shape American culture and honor civic milestones that connect students to our nation's history and their role in its future. In addition, we celebrate unique aspects of communities in each region we serve.



California Rocketeers Celebrate Lunar New Year



Wisconsin Rocketeers Celebrate Black History Month



Rocketeers Celebrate Student Elections

"Together, staff and students develop a deep respect for one another and a true sense of belonging."

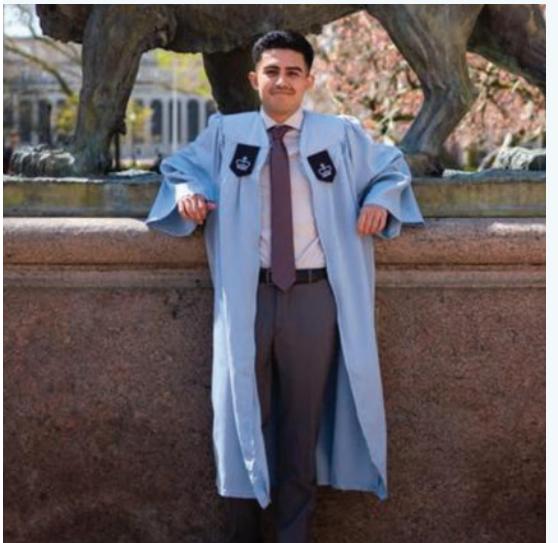
*-Lan Lieu-Coughlan,
Rocketship Teacher Since 2015*

Rocketeers are College-Ready When They Graduate

Alumnus Shines Bright at Columbia University

“Last month, I watched my son graduate from Columbia University. I saw him in his cap and gown, and in my heart I could see that little boy who once asked, ‘Did I pass?’ He did more than pass. He showed us all what is possible. ‘Lo hicimos juntos.’ We did it together.

Rocketship gave us hope when we needed it most. They are like family to us. To all the teachers and staff here today:



Thank you for believing in kids like Max. Thank you for believing in families like mine. **Every call home, every moment you stay late, every time you show love — it matters.** Max is my son, but he is also your student. Because of you, so many children will have the chance to make their dreams come true. Gracias de todo corazón. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.”

-Nancy Hermosillo, Rocketship Parent

Where Our Rocketeers Are Now



COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MERCED

UC SANTA BARBARA UC Irvine



WISCONSIN
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



MARQUETTE
UNIVERSITY
BE THE DIFFERENCE.

UNIVERSITY
of HAWAII
MĀNOA

BGSU®



Our Goal by 2030:

Double the national average of disadvantaged students who are ready for college and careers.



No Dream Is Too Big

“Before Rocketship, I was struggling academically and being bullied at school. At Rocketship, I was placed in English Language Learning and finally had teachers who helped me learn English and made me feel seen. My teachers reminded me every day that my dreams weren’t too big. That I mattered. That I had a future.

By the time I graduated from Rocketship in 2017, I wasn’t the shy kid who had started 4th grade. I was confident. I was learning. I had friends, community, and a dream. I went on to Carmen High School of Science and Technology: South, and now I’m at Marquette, pursuing a degree that will allow me to give back to students just like me.

-Teresa Padilla, Rocketship Wisconsin Alumna

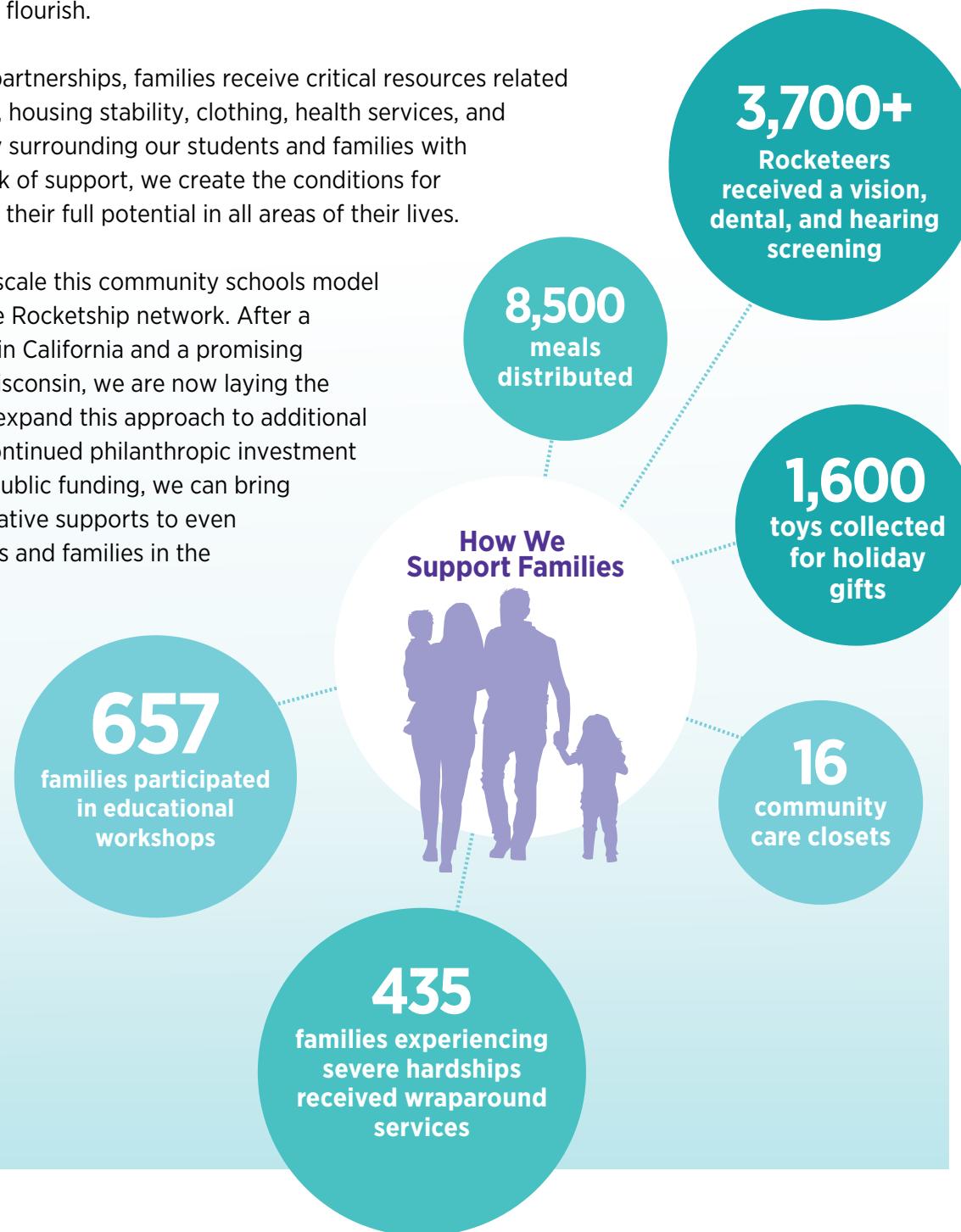


More Than a School: A Community of Support for Every Rocketeer

At Rocketship, we know that students thrive when their needs are met both inside and outside the classroom. That's why we take a holistic, community schools approach—building deep partnerships with local organizations to ensure every Rocketeer has access to the wraparound supports they need to learn, grow, and flourish.

Through these partnerships, families receive critical resources related to food security, housing stability, clothing, health services, and employment. By surrounding our students and families with a strong network of support, we create the conditions for them to unleash their full potential in all areas of their lives.

Our vision is to scale this community schools model across the entire Rocketship network. After a successful pilot in California and a promising replication in Wisconsin, we are now laying the groundwork to expand this approach to additional regions. With continued philanthropic investment and expanded public funding, we can bring these transformative supports to even more Rocketeers and families in the years ahead.



Connecting with Families Beyond the Classroom

Our approach to personalized learning is focused on building deep relationships with our Rocketeers and their families—their first teachers. At Rocketship, this starts with our annual home visits.

This annual practice enables our educators to learn about their students' home environments, family structures, unique interests, why they chose Rocketship, and to develop deeper relationships with parents. By creating multiple opportunities for families to engage throughout the year, we're able to support Rocketeers holistically and connect with families authentically.

8,772

Students Received Home Visits from Educators



▷ Scan to Watch Home Visits in Action

"It was eye-opening—for the family and for me. Growing up, my parents didn't speak English and never had that connection with my teachers. Now, I get to help families build a meaningful relationship with their child's teacher before the school year even begins."

—Andrea Ortiz, Rocketship Teacher

"I really liked this idea of home visits because at my son's previous school, they didn't do anything like this...At Rocketship, the teacher and the special education specialist came to our home even before the school year started and cleared up many of my doubts. I felt much more at ease, and so did my child."

—Sandra, Rocketship Parent



ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



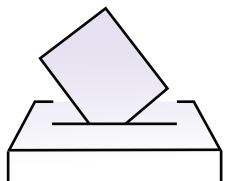
“Participating in the Rocketship Votes! Fellowship sparked something in me that I want to continue. It lit a fire under me to keep doing this work of making sure our families are voting.”

-Keisha Cogdell, 5th Grade Teacher, Rocketship Tennessee

Rocketship Votes Ensures Families are Heard

We are proud to champion civic engagement as part of our vision to create equal access to opportunity for all. Research shows that when parents are more engaged in their school communities, their children achieve more academically, reinforcing our vision of equal access to opportunity for all. Consequently, during the 2024 election, we ran our Rocketship Votes campaign across our national network of public schools—leveraging the trust we’ve built with thousands of families to help them understand the power of their voices and votes. Over three months, our Rocketship Votes Fellows dedicated more than 900 hours to organizing school events, canvassing families, engaging staff, and hosting student elections—all to inspire voter registration and participation.

We also focused on educating our Rocketeers about democracy and the value of their voice. From curriculum units on voting to student council elections, our students learned firsthand about the importance of participating in their communities. Together, we are creating a culture of civic engagement that unleashes the potential of our families and communities today and tomorrow.



Rocketship Dedicated
900+ Hours
To Ensure Families Were Registered & Informed For Elections

Power of Families Drove Powerful Results at Rocketship Renewals

Year after year, we’ve seen that when families and communities show up, it leads to public policy shifts that increase access to quality education.



California: Three Unanimous Renewals

Rocketship Alma Academy

Each school earned a 7-0 vote of approval from the Santa Clara County Board of Education for a 5-year renewal. Nearly 1,000 families, students, and supporters filled the hearing, making it clear: our schools are transforming lives and communities.



Tennessee: One Unanimous Renewal

Rocketship United Academy

Hundreds of families stood united as Rocketship United Academy won unanimous approval from Metro Nashville Public Schools to operate for 10 more years.

Why it Matters

Unanimous renewals reflect more than board approval—they showcase the undeniable strength of our families, educators, and communities who are building lasting change together.

From Lead Lunch Server to Top Tier Teacher: Rocketship Propels Careers

Thirteen years ago, Ericka Ramirez proudly began her journey at Rocketship Mosaic as a lead lunch server. She cherished the daily moments of greeting students, encouraging them, and being part of their school day, but felt a calling to step into the classroom and shape her students' learning as well as their lives. With encouragement from her school community, she went back to school herself, determined to become a teacher.



Her path forward was powered by Rocketship's commitment to professional growth. Ericka became an Individualized Learning Specialist supporting 3rd graders, and was later promoted to Learning Lab Lead,

where she spent seven years supporting Rocketeers through small-group and individualized instruction. Along the way, she received consistent coaching and mentorship by her principal.

"My school leader taught me so many ways to manage my classroom and believe in my potential as a teacher," Ericka recalls. That guidance—and relentless dedication—helped her develop the strong classroom management skills and deep sense of purpose she carries today.

Now in her third year as a first grade STEM teacher, Ericka is recognized for her vibrant classroom and unwavering belief in her students. Her journey is proof that with determination, support, and opportunity, dreams take flight at Rocketship.

"I tell my kids: set your mind to where you want to be. It's not just about getting there—it's about staying there."

-Ericka, Rocketship Teacher

Building New Pathways to The Classroom

Schools across the country are facing a persistent teacher shortage driven by a shrinking pipeline of new teachers entering the profession. The impact is felt most acutely in disadvantaged communities where staffing instability can disrupt learning and limit access to consistent, high-quality instruction.

Addressing this challenge requires more than short-term fixes. We must invest in new, accessible pathways into the teaching profession—pathways that reduce financial and credentialing

barriers, provide high-quality training and mentorship, and support educators to grow and stay in the classroom. By strengthening the teacher pipeline, we can ensure that every student has a well-prepared, supported teacher and that our schools remain places where educators can build sustainable, impactful careers.

At Rocketship, we are responding to the national teacher shortage by investing deeply in the development of educators across our network. We are building clear, accessible pathways that prepare, support, and retain great teachers.



Through our Teacher Residency with Loyola Marymount University, aspiring educators earn their credential in one year with intensive coaching and hands-on experience. Our Rising Leader program creates a strong pipeline for high-performing teachers to grow into school leadership. And through our partnership with Rivet School, staff can pursue degrees and enter the classroom. Together, these intentional investments strengthen the teacher pipeline while ensuring our educators have clear opportunities for career growth and economic mobility.



Improving the Public Education Ecosystem

By focusing exclusively on elementary education, we work to improve the entire ecosystem of public education in the communities we serve. We are not creating a parallel K-12 school system, we are focused on improving outcomes for kids and deepening engagement with parents at the elementary level.

Our expertise in elementary education prepares thousands of Rocketeers in their vital early years of education. Our graduates are prepared for middle school. In fact, a [three-year study by SRI Education](#) found that our Rocketeers are a full year ahead of their middle school classmates in both math and reading. That academic head start translates directly into middle schools enrolling more students who are on grade level and ready for more advanced content.

We not only prepare students academically for middle school but also partner with our parents to ensure a smooth transition. During their time at Rocketship, our parents are deeply engaged in their Rocketeers' education. They become champions of their child's learning and harness their voice to advocate for their communities. Additionally, **families participate in middle school fairs and get connected to schools with high success rates.** They also learn to hold leaders accountable and ensure their kids continue to receive the same excellence in education that they experienced during their elementary years at Rocketship.

Why it Matters

Excellent elementary schools beget stronger middle schools beget stronger high schools.

It's a virtuous cycle designed to scale impact far beyond the number of seats offered at Rocketship. This is how our elementary-only model is designed to elevate the entire public education ecosystem in the communities we serve.

Innovation at the Core of Rocketship

At Rocketship, innovation has never been a trend—it has always been our foundation. From the beginning, we reimagined the traditional classroom to create our rotational learning model. We've led the way in designing schools that unleash every child's potential. For us, innovation is not about chasing what's new, but about continuously refining and expanding what works—always pushing the boundaries of what education can look like.



Our personalized learning model was born from this ethos: an intentional blend of specialized instruction, enrichment, tutoring, technology, and dynamic learning environments that give every Rocketeer the chance to thrive. Today, as new tools like generative AI emerge, we see them not as novelties, but as the next evolution of our personalized learning model. By piloting intelligent tutoring, leveraging predictive data systems, and exploring new platforms, we ensure that educators gain more time for deeper engagement and critical thinking, while our Rocketeers receive even more personalized pathways to mastery.

At Rocketship, innovation is like sharpening the pencils of the future—always keeping our tools ready so every child can write their own story of success. It's about making sure every child has access to the future of education today. Because when Rocketeers soar, the world rises with them.

Reflection: Learning From Our Experience in Texas

In public education, leadership is often measured by ambition—the drive to tackle inequity at scale, open more schools, and serve more students and families. At Rocketship, we have learned that true leadership also requires the discipline to slow down, reflect honestly, and acknowledge when we fall short of our own standards.

Our experience in Fort Worth, Texas, was one of those moments.

This year, Rocketship made the difficult and thoughtful decision to separate from Rocketship Texas. When we launched our work in Fort Worth five years ago, we were inspired by a coalition of local leaders who believed deeply in the promise of Rocketship's elementary model. Their commitment—and the parent-led movement that followed—sparked meaningful momentum for educational equity in the Stop Six community, a legacy that will continue beyond our presence.

As we reflect on this chapter, we also recognize that Texas operated under a governance structure unlike any other region in our network. Rocketship Texas functioned as a wholly independent organization—essentially a licensee of the Rocketship model and brand—with the shared governance and oversight that connect our other regions as one aligned network. That structural difference had ripple effects: it slowed decision-making, created misalignment, weakened execution, and limited our ability to intervene effectively during moments of challenge.

This experience reinforced a critical lesson: consistent governance is essential to quality, coherence, and mission alignment. In every other region, our governance model creates a strong partnership between regional boards and our national board—balancing local context and expertise with network-wide expertise and strategic direction. This structure enables timely decision-making, supports continuous improvement, and safeguards the integrity of our academic and operational model while remaining responsive to community needs.

In Texas, we stepped away from that approach—and we learned from it. Going forward, consistent governance across regions is central to our strategy to grow with the quality our Rocketeers and communities deserve. This clarity strengthens our ability to make disciplined expansion decisions and to protect what makes Rocketship schools successful.

While Rocketship no longer operates in Texas, we remain proud of the families, educators, and community leaders who built a movement for educational excellence in Fort Worth, and we are deeply grateful for the trust they placed in us. The lessons from Texas have strengthened our network and reaffirmed our commitment to expanding only where we can ensure high-quality execution and long-term sustainability. As we continue to grow in California, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Washington, D.C., and beyond, we are better prepared than ever to deliver transformative outcomes for our Rocketeers and their families.





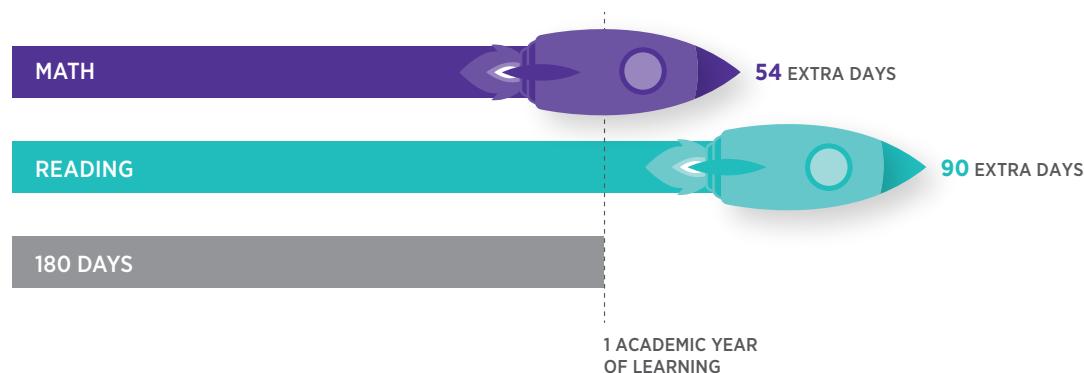
ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALIFORNIA

Rocketship California started in 2007 in a church in downtown San Jose with makeshift classrooms, seven fearless teachers, and 160 courageous Rocketeers.

Building on an innovative model of teaching, learning, and parent power, Rocketship California has grown to a network of 13 high-performing schools across the Bay Area serving thousands of students.

Accelerated Growth in Math & Reading

On the nationally-normed NWEA MAP assessments, California Rocketeers achieved 1.3 years of growth in math and 1.5 years of growth in reading.



Launched in 2007

13
Schools

6,153
Rocketeers

73%
Latino

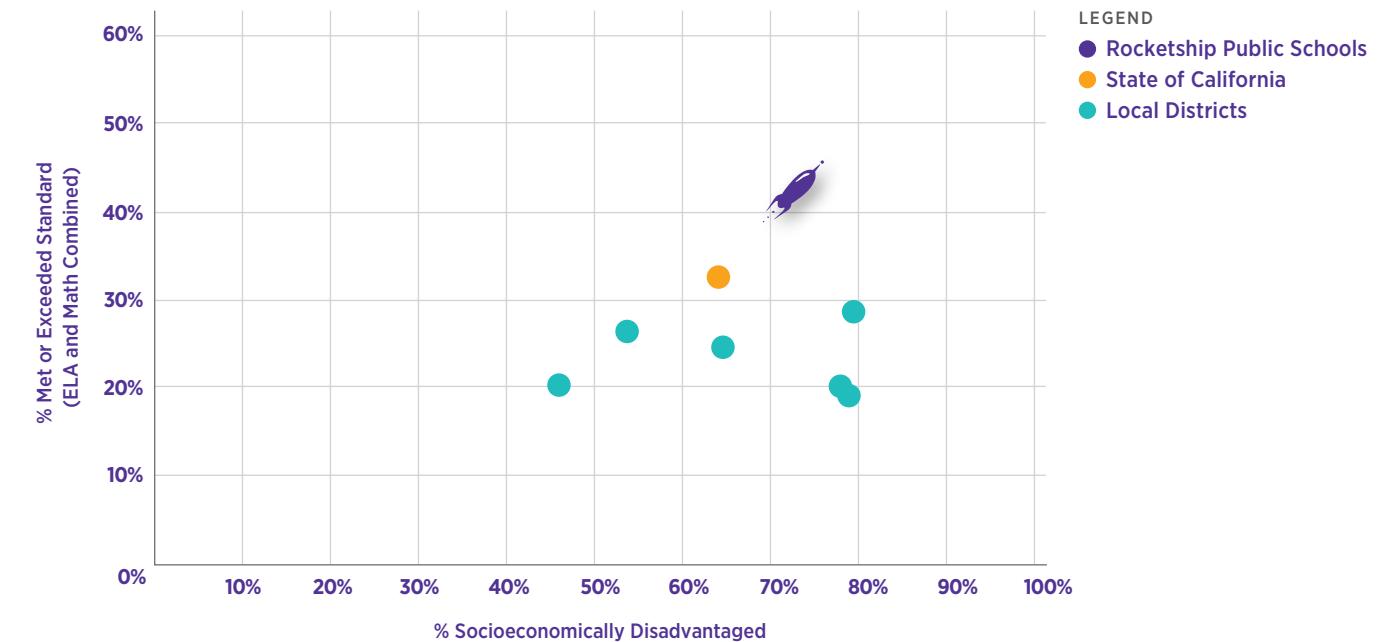
51%
English Language
Learners

73%
Socioeconomically
Disadvantaged

Achievement Outpaces All Districts and the State

2024-25 CAASPP: GRADES 3rd-5th

Rocketship vs. Local Districts vs. CA



The chart on this page shows achievement results plotted against the percentage of students classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged for local districts, the state of California, and Rocketship California. This analysis underscores how our Rocketeers are charting a new course for disadvantaged students in our state. Our high-quality schools and instructional model are proving that demographics do not define the amazing potential of the Rocketeers we have the privilege to serve.

Top Schools in California

In the 2024-25 school year, five of our schools were named Top Schools by Innovate Public Schools for closing opportunity gaps and helping more students reach grade-level standards in math and reading. Congratulations to Rocketship Alma Academy, Rocketship Rising Stars Academy, Rocketship Futuro Academy, Rocketship Brilliant Minds, and Rocketship Los Sueños Academy! Two schools—Rocketship Mosaic Elementary and Rocketship Spark Academy—also made the 2024 Honor Roll by the Educational Results Partnership.



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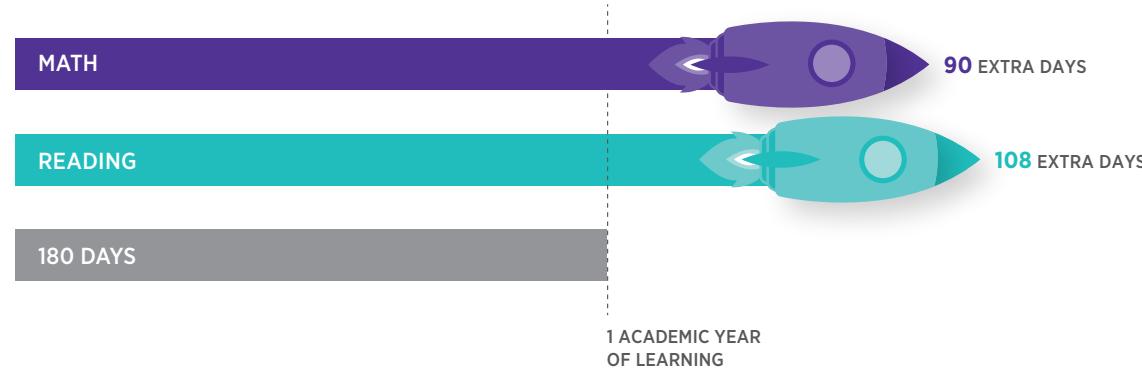
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WISCONSIN

In 2013, Rocketship Wisconsin launched the largest charter school in the history of Milwaukee: Rocketship Southside Community Prep. In 2018, we launched our second school, Rocketship Transformation Prep. In August of 2025, Carmen Schools of Technology and Science's Stellar Elementary joined Rocketship Public Schools Wisconsin, marking our third campus in Milwaukee and first new school acquisition across the Rocketship national network. As we expand our impact in Wisconsin, this moment reflects the strength of our scalable and sustainable public school model.

Wisconsin Rocketeers Are Soaring

On the NWEA MAP assessments, Wisconsin Rocketeers achieved 1.5 years of growth in math and 1.6 years of growth in reading.



Rocketship Wisconsin achieved extraordinary academic gains in 2024-25 school year—some of the strongest the region has seen since launching over a decade ago.

Launched in 2013

2
Schools

733
Rocketeers

95%
Black & Latino

80%
Socioeconomically
Disadvantaged

23%
Special
Education

Wisconsin Rocketeers Achieve Top Tier Results

Ranked in Top 3 Among Neighboring Schools

Rocketship Wisconsin ranked in the 94th percentile in math and the 78th percentile in English language arts among Wisconsin schools that serve 80% or more economically disadvantaged students.

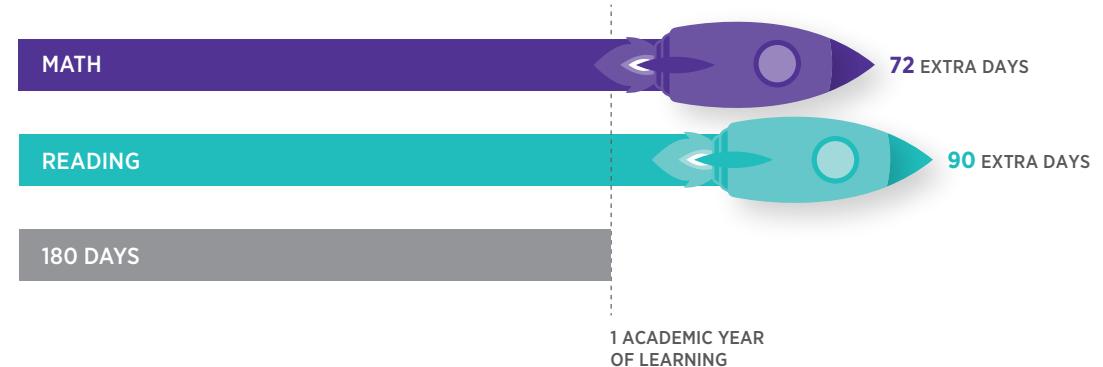
Both schools rank in the top 3 for both math and English language arts achievement among all neighboring public and private schools.

"Academic growth was achieved by building strong relationships and consistently running small group instruction with fidelity. By fostering trust and making learning engaging and enjoyable, we were able to achieve strong academic outcomes."

-Casey Doucette
Education Specialist

Rocketeers with Special Needs Achieve Gap-Busting Growth

Students with special needs grew 1.4 years in math and 1.5 years in reading.



Together, these results showcase the power of our teachers, families, and students working hand in hand to accelerate learning—and to close opportunity gaps faster than ever before.

Expanding Our Reach: Welcoming Rocketship Stellar Elementary



We're thrilled to welcome Stellar Elementary to Rocketship Wisconsin, marking the first successful school acquisition in our network. Opening in the 2025-26 school year, Rocketship Stellar is our third campus in Milwaukee and gives families on the South Side community greater access to high quality schools.



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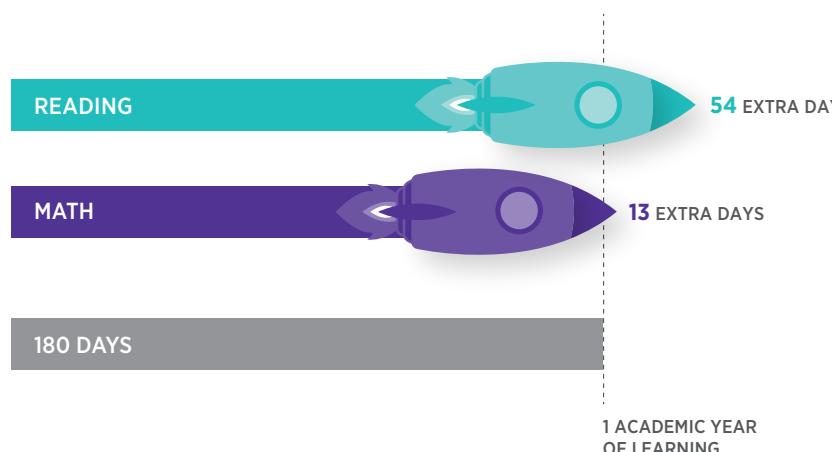
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TENNESSEE

Our first school in Tennessee, Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary, launched in 2014. Rocketship United Academy opened in south Nashville a year later. In August 2022, Rocketship Dream Community Prep opened in southeast Nashville. In 2025, thanks to strong parent support, Rocketship United Academy won unanimous approval from Metro Nashville Public Schools to operate for 10 more years. This exciting milestone ensures excellent education and empowered families for the decade ahead!

Tennessee Rocketeers See Strong Growth

On the nationally-normed NWEA MAP assessments, Tennessee Rocketeers achieved 1.3 years of growth in reading and 1.07 years of growth in math.



Launched in 2014

3 Schools

1,440 Rocketeers

94% Latino and Black

37% English Language Learners

68% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged

Leading the Way in Growth

In Tennessee, student progress is measured through the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS)—a statewide metric that looks beyond test scores to show how much students grow academically each year, regardless of where they start. A higher TVAAS score means students are making more progress than their peers across the state.

This year, Rocketship Dream Community Prep and Rocketship United Academy both earned the highest possible TVAAS rating—Level 5—representing significant above-average growth. Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary also earned a Level 4 in reading, reflecting strong gains across the board.



Top Rated Schools Level 5



2024-25 Reward School: Rocketship Dream Community Prep

These results reflect the dedication of our teachers, the persistence of our Rocketeers, and the power of family and community partnership. Together, we're proving that every child—no matter their starting point—can achieve extraordinary growth.

Rocketship Tennessee Welcomes Executive Director, Dr. Eric Dailey



Dr. Eric Dailey is an accomplished education executive with 15 years of experience shaping systems improvements and student outcomes within public education. He was previously a managing partner at TNTP, formerly The New Teacher Project, a leading education consulting and research organization. He also served as Vice President and Interim Executive Director at Teach For America Nashville-Chattanooga, where he helped make the region one of the fastest growing in the TFA network and the most effective educator prep program in the state.



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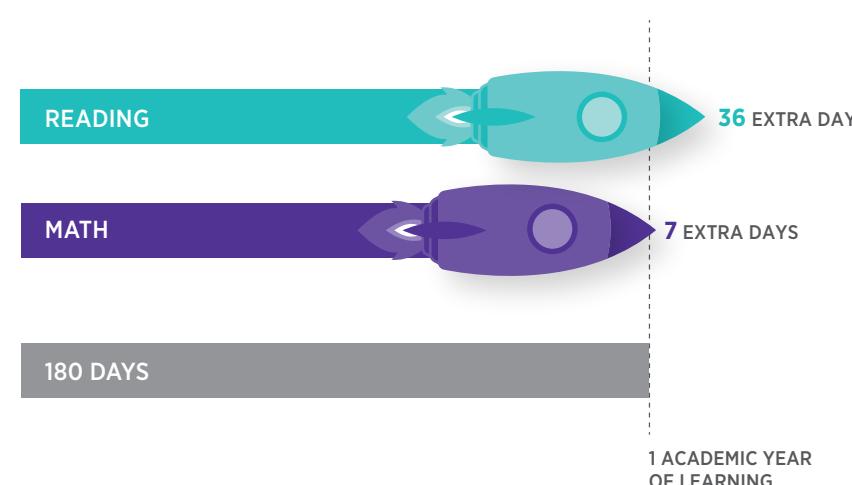
WASHINGTON DC

In 2016, Rocketship Rise Academy opened in Southeast DC's Ward 8 as the largest charter opening in DC history. Rocketship Legacy Prep opened in Ward 7 a year later.

In their very first year, both schools achieved Tier 1 status — the highest ranking for DC Public Charter Schools. In August 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, Rocketship Infinity Community Prep opened its doors as our third school in DC. Partnering with AppleTree Institute to provide high-quality pre-K education, we serve more than a thousand Rocketeers every day—students who have the potential to be DC's next leaders and creative thinkers.

Washington DC Rocketeers Climb in Reading

On the nationally-normed NWEA MAP assessments, Washington DC Rocketeers achieved 1.2 years of growth in reading and 1.04 years of growth in math.



Launched in 2017

3
Schools

1,196
Rocketeers

98%
Black and Latino

68%
At-Risk

9%
Experiencing Homelessness

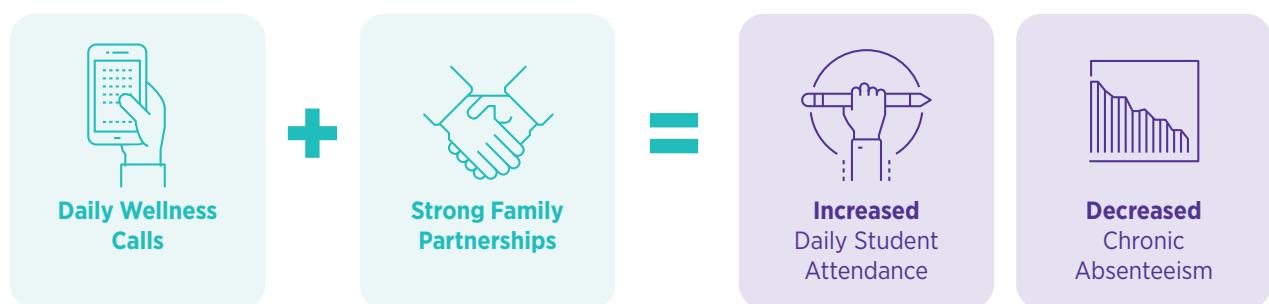
Showing Up Together: Rebuilding Attendance Through Community

Every day at **Rocketship DC** is a gateway to possibility—and our educators and families are showing up for it together.

Chronic absenteeism surged during the pandemic—and in D.C., it remains a pressing challenge for public schools today. In response, Rocketship DC made attendance a strategic priority—because consistent learning is foundational to student success. With the support of our community, our three schools doubled down on daily wellness and attendance calls, reinvested in meaningful family engagement, and deepened partnerships with local organizations to provide critical wraparound services that support students and families.

Major Gains Against Chronic Absenteeism

Across the entire DC region, chronic absenteeism dropped by 24%



Rocketship DC Welcomes Executive Director, Zakiya Sackor



Zakiya brings over two decades of experience as an educator, non-profit leader, and an executive coach. For the last six years, Zakiya served on the Rocketship DC Board of Trustees. Prior to joining Rocketship, Zakiya served as the Executive Director of Kindred Communities to create just, liberated schools. Zakiya also served as Managing Director with Leading Educators where she partnered at the system-level across Chicago and the greater Grand Rapids region to build teacher capacity in an effort to ensure equitable instruction across classrooms.



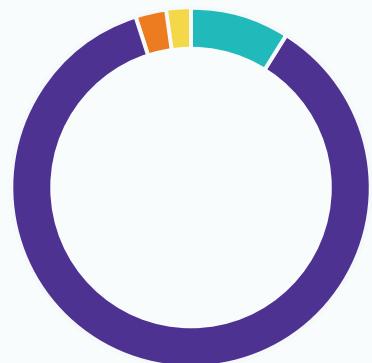
Financials

Rocketship is building a scalable and financially sustainable non-profit school model that propels student achievement in underserved communities across the country. In 2024-25, 95% of our funding came from public sources. School-based expenses accounted for 84% of our spending.

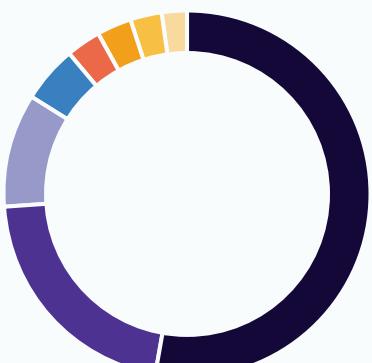
Financial Sustainability

Fully enrolled schools reach financial sustainability by their fifth year of operation. Each region is financially sustainable once it operates between three to eight schools. Our California region was our first fully sustainable region, meaning that our 13 schools and the regional team supporting them operate solely on public funds. Tennessee, home to three campuses, is now our second sustainable region. While we're proud to continue to drive toward financial sustainability, philanthropic support remains critical to our ability to innovate and expand our impact.

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Expenses



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