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REDWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025–26 Year in Review

Celebrating Progress, Partnerships, and Possibilities

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A Year of Progress

94.5%

Attendance
Up from 93.7%

13.4%

Chronic Absenteeism
Down from 17.5%

41.9%

ELPAC Growth
English Learners

53.3%

ELA
CAASPP

43.7%

Math
CAASPP

38%

Science
CAASPP

60.7%

Reading
i-Ready

56.4%

Math
i-Ready

Tonight's Year in Review

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From Plan to Progress

LCAP goals and
student outcomes

2

Modernization in Motion

HVAC, lighting,
and solar

3

Together We Shine

points of pride



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FROM PLAN
TO
PROGRESS

LCAP Goals

The district's three-year plan focuses resources where students need them most

Student Well-Being & Engagement

Attendance, belonging, school climate, and support systems

English Learner Success

Language growth, reclassification, newcomer supports, and family engagement

Academic Achievement

Reading, mathematics, science, and targeted supports

Goal 1: Student Well-Being & Engagement

Attendance improved and chronic absenteeism declined

94.5%

Attendance

93.7% → 94.5%

13.4%

Chronic Absenteeism

17.5% → 13.4%

1.4%

Suspension Rate

Still below
baseline



School Climate

Connectedness and
safety improved

Key takeaway: more students are attending regularly and more supports are in place.



Supports Behind the Progress

Community Schools, wellness services, tutoring, and family partnerships

5,777

households received
food distributions

1,126

students received
backpacks and supplies

388

students in tutoring
services

672

referrals to community-
based services

594

individual
counseling sessions

225

students in group
counseling

3,408

student check-ins

161

crisis interventions



**These supports reduce barriers to
learning and strengthen student
well-being.**

Goal 2: English Learner Success

More students are progressing toward English proficiency

41.9%

ELPAC Growth

38.7% baseline

11%

LTEL Rate

26% baseline

188

LTEL Students

Down from 246 last year

13.6%

Reclassification

257 pending RFEPs



Key takeaway: RCSD is nearing its 2027 LTEL goal of 10%.

What Is Driving English Learner Progress?

A coordinated pathway of language development, monitoring, and family engagement



Integrated ELD helps students build English skills while learning grade-level content.

Goal 3: Academic Achievement

Growth continued across local and state assessments

60.7%

i-Ready Reading

57% → 60.7%

56.4%

i-Ready Math

47% → 56.4%

53.3%

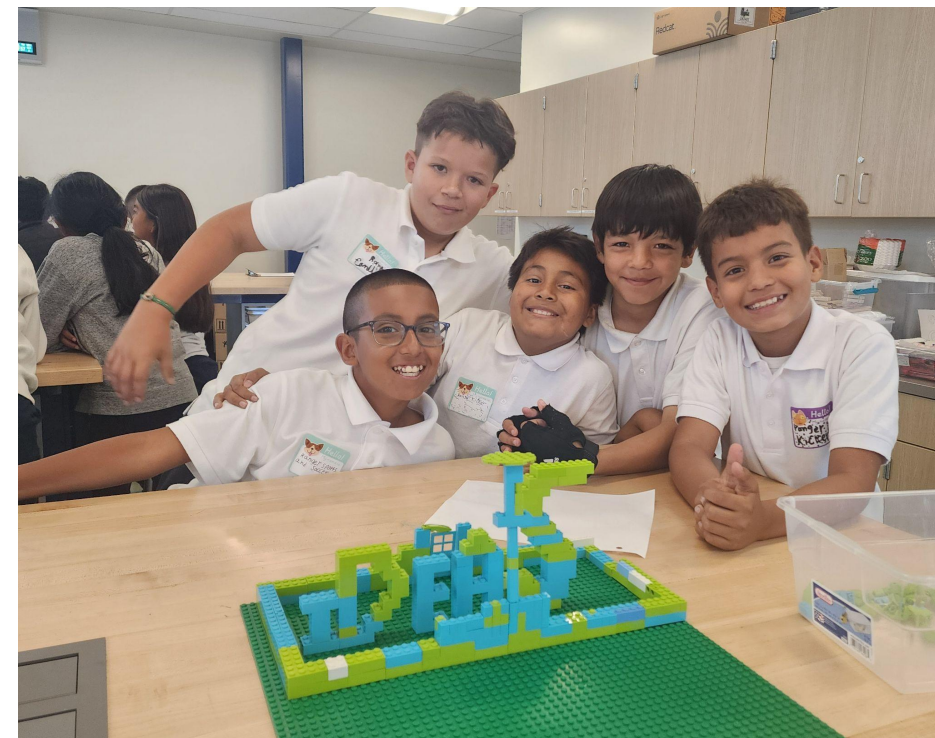
ELA CAASPP

49.2% → 53.3%

43.7%

Math CAASPP

39.6% → 43.7%



Science also increased from 33% to 38%.

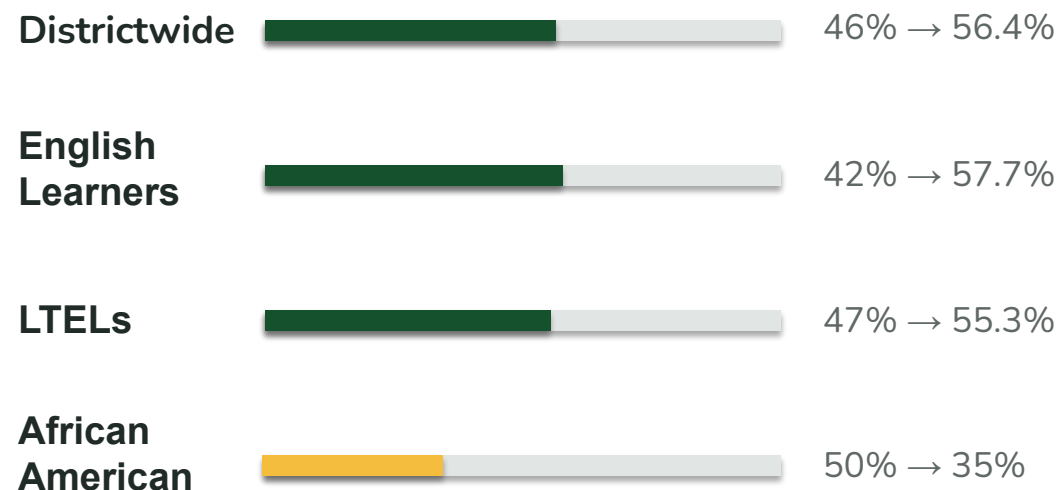
Academic Growth Highlights

Reading and mathematics growth by student group

Reading



Mathematics



Continued focus remains on accelerating achievement and closing opportunity gaps.



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MODERNIZATION IN MOTION



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School Modernization & Construction Program

Two voter-approved bonds supporting one districtwide program

Measure T

Approved in 2015

Funds solar expansion and previously authorized facility improvements.

Measure S

Approved in 2022

Funds modernization, HVAC, lighting, infrastructure, and classroom safety and comfort projects.

Together, these measures are modernizing learning environments for current and future students.

HVAC Modernization

Permanent classroom safety and comfort funded through Measure S

Phase I Complete

Adelante Selby
Hoover
Roosevelt
Taft

Phase II Summer 2026

Clifford
Kennedy
Orion Alternative

Phase III Summer 2027

Henry Ford
Roy Cloud

Goal: Safe, healthier, comfortable classrooms throughout the school year.

Modernizing Lighting Across Every School

Safer, brighter, and more energy-efficient learning environments

52%

Projected Reduction
Lighting energy use

\$200K

Estimated Annual Savings
Utility savings

All Schools

LED Conversion
Districtwide project

Better Visibility

Improved classroom lighting

Enhanced Safety

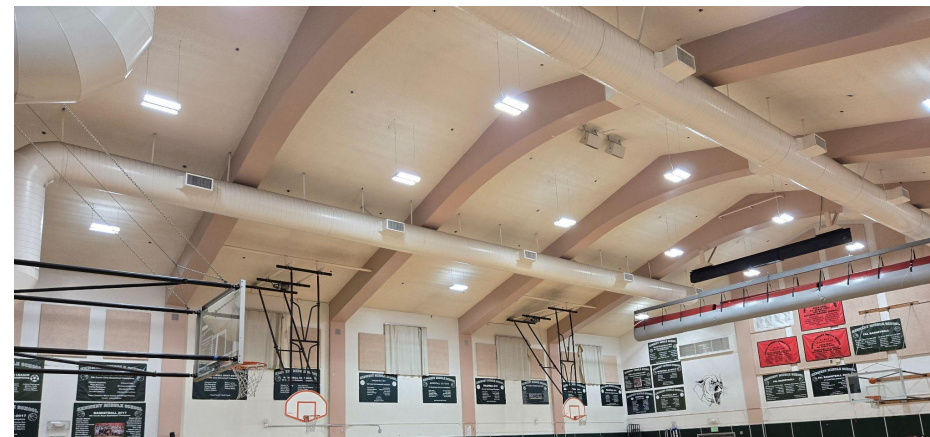
Improved indoor/
outdoor lighting

Greater Sustainability

Lower energy consumption

Reduced Maintenance

Longer-lasting fixtures



The project also supports California requirements phasing out certain fluorescent lighting systems.

Solar Expansion Through Measure T

Clean energy and long-term utility savings



Phase I Complete

Adelante Selby
Clifford
Roosevelt
District Office

Phase II 2025–27

Garfield
Henry Ford
Hoover
Kennedy
MIT / North Star
Orion Alternative
Roy Cloud
Taft

\$21.1M projected savings over 25 years

\$762K estimated first-year savings



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Our People, Programs, and Schools Shine

Recognizing the staff, programs, schools, and partnerships behind student success



2025 California Association
of Teachers of Chinese
(CLTAC) Mandarin Speech
Contest



2025 Science Olympiad
Regional Competition



2026 San Mateo County
Asian Pacific Islander Heroes
Legacy Award

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Maizha Mendoza

Elementary Education
Specialist Award



Cristina Ryffel

CSLA
Recognition



Gilberto Guzmán

SF-CESS
Ally Award



Patricia Alcocer

Principal
of the Year

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**Adelante Selby Spanish
Immersion School**

Bay Area Parent 2025
Family Favorites



Kennedy Middle School

Bay Area Parent 2025
Family Favorites



**Orion Elementary
Alternative School**

Bay Area Parent 2025
Family Favorites

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North Star Academy
2025 California Distinguished School



North Star Academy was recognized for outstanding academic achievement, student growth, attendance, and school climate.

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Counseling Services 2025 Golden Bell

The honor recognizes the district's innovative, trauma-informed approach to supporting student mental health, well-being, and academic success.



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Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)

2026 Kent Award
Exemplary Program

RCSD's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) received the 2025 Kent Award and Exemplary Program distinction for its innovative whole-child approach to after-school learning, enrichment, wellness, and student support.

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Sustainable and Climate Resilient Schools Challenge Leader

The recognition highlighted Kennedy Middle School's Share Care Project, North Star Academy's Seeds to Systems sustainability program, and the district's Measure T-funded Solar Expansion Project



Student Success & Community Pride



The year concluded with 691 graduates making up the Class of 2026.

Looking Ahead

Building on progress in 2026–27

- Student achievement
- Attendance and engagement
- Multilingual learner success
- School modernization
- Community partnerships



Thank you to our students, families, staff, community partners, and voters.

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