

# What is EL Education?

**EL Education is a leading K-12 nonprofit helping to build great schools in diverse communities across America.**

For over 25 years, EL Education has been bringing to life a three-dimensional vision of student achievement that includes mastery of knowledge and skills, character, and high-quality student work. EL Education promotes *active* classrooms that are alive with discovery, problem-solving, challenge, and collaboration. EL Education drives *results*: teachers fulfill their highest aspirations and students achieve more than they think possible. EL Education students have both the capacity and the passion to build to a better, more just world.

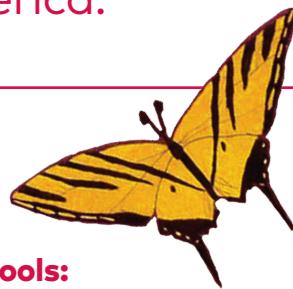
EL Education's expert educators work with public schools—both district and charter—across 35 states, serving over 200,000 students and 16,000 teachers in our school network and literacy partnerships. Rigorous impact studies by Mathematica Policy Research demonstrate that EL Education's approach works: teachers significantly improve their craft and students achieve more, regardless of background.

Grounded in decades of in-depth work with educators, EL Education creates highly respected, widely distributed open educational resources, including the following:

- » An acclaimed literacy curriculum that has been downloaded more than 9 million times and received the highest possible ratings from EdReports
- » The world's largest collection of exemplary student projects
- » Inspiring instructional videos with millions of views
- » Hundreds of free online resources
- » Best-selling education books

EL Education was founded in 1992 by the Harvard Graduate School of Education in collaboration with Outward Bound USA based on the belief that learning and achievement flourish when teachers and students are engaged in work that is challenging, adventurous, and meaningful.

Learn more about our work at [ELeducation.org](http://ELeducation.org).



## In EL Education schools:

### **Learning is active.**

Students are scientists, urban planners, historians, and activists. They investigate real community problems and collaborate with peers to develop creative, actionable solutions.

### **Learning is challenging.**

Students at all levels are pushed and supported to do more than they think they can. Excellence is expected in the quality of their work and their thinking.

### **Learning is meaningful.**

Students apply their skills and knowledge to real-world issues and make positive change in their communities. They see the relevance of their learning and are motivated by understanding that learning has purpose.

### **Learning is public.**

Through formal structures of presentation, exhibition, critique, and data analysis, students and teachers build a shared vision of pathways to achievement.

### **Learning is collaborative.**

School leaders, teachers, students, and families share rigorous expectations for quality work, achievement, and behavior. Trust, respect, responsibility, and joy in learning permeate the school culture.

## What you can expect from EL Education

### A positive school culture

Our schools are safe and respectful learning environments. The motto “we are crew, not passengers” guides our schools as they build cultures of respect, responsibility, courage, and kindness—where students and educators are committed to quality work and citizenship. Students take responsibility for each other and for their learning and build leadership skills that help them excel.



### A great teacher in every classroom

We work closely with schools to provide the training and resources necessary to provide every student with a great teacher. Research shows that our teachers are closing critical achievement gaps for English language learners and for Hispanic, African American and low-income students.



### Learning with a purpose

Our students are highly engaged learners, motivated to master academic content and produce high quality work. Their learning expeditions – which may result in original scientific reports, presentations to government officials, or urban renewal projects—have an audience outside the classroom. Learning with a purpose helps students develop the academic skills and work ethic that prepare them for college and beyond.



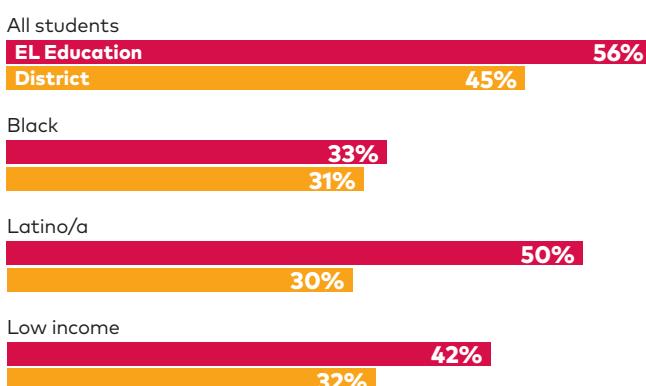
### High expectations for all students

Our students are outperforming state and district averages on standardized tests and, in our high schools, 100% college acceptance is the standard. Our college-bound students learn inquiry skills, research skills, and habits of scholarship that motivate them to work independently, think critically about the world around them, and persist with their work until it is of high quality.

## Demonstrating impact

In 2016, students in EL Education Credentialed Schools outperformed their district peers in reaching proficiency on English Language Arts (ELA) and Math exams. The chart below compares EL Education students and district peers by the average percent reaching proficiency or above on their state assessment.

### English Language Arts



### Math

