

Horace Mann Elementary School

2016-17 Urgent Message



WE ARE PROUD OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR STUDENTS!

• We won several important awards this year:



We are the 1st school in Glendale to win the Excellence in Urban Education GOLD Award. Only 5 elementary schools won this award in the U.S. The award recognizes schools demonstrating impressive academic results for every demographic group as a result of curricular rigor, instructional effectiveness, relational quality, and continuous improvement.



We won 2 awards from the CA Dept. of Ed. for exemplary achievement implementing state standards, and closing achievement gaps.

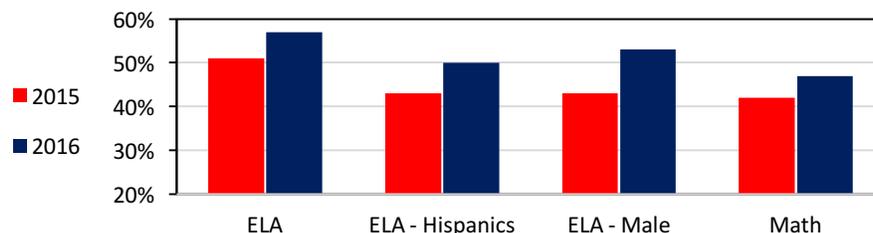


We have been selected as a Star School on the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Honor Roll of the CA Business for Education Excellence, which honors higher performing, high poverty schools that are closing the achievement gap.



• We demonstrated achievement gains on the SBAC test:

Achievement Gains on 2016 SBAC Test



Gains from 2015 to 2016

Increase in ELA

- Overall 51% to 57%
- Hispanics 43% to 50%
- Males 43% to 53%

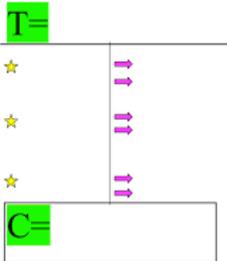
Increase in Math

- Overall 42% to 47%

However, we recognize some challenges we need to address.

- Based on the Listening strand of the SBAC test, only 16% of gr. 3-5 students exceeded the standard.
- Based on the SBAC test, only 27% of English learners were proficient in Language Arts and 28% were proficient in Math.

We commit to the following **BOLD STEPS** to make a positive difference in the teaching and learning in our classrooms:



1) Teach students how to summarize ideas and cite evidence from a variety of sources, to **elaborate key ideas** that support an opinion or main idea.



2) Use **structured academic discussions**, i.e. our “**Scholarly Talk**,” to improve listening, speaking, and comprehension skills; and to increase the use of **academic vocabulary**.



3) Provide more effective **feedback** that includes:

- a) Feed**Up** to the lesson objective/goal
- b) Feed**BACK** what student did
- c) Feed**FORWARD** what student needs to do to improve



4) Teach students how to ask and answer **higher level questions** to improve reading comprehension and math reasoning. Include the use of **sentence frames** to help students communicate their reasoning.