

**Transformative Growth**  
with Green Dot Public Schools



**Ánimo Watts College  
Preparatory Academy**

**Shaping the Leaders of  
Tomorrow,**  
Transforming Lives Today.

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# Green Dot's Journey at Ánimo Watts



## Academic Excellence at Ánimo Watts

At Ánimo Watts, we believe every student has the potential to thrive. We're committed to delivering a high-quality academic experience that prepares students for what's next.

- Our students have grown **14 percentage points in ELA and 11 percentage points in Math proficiency** — a powerful sign of what's possible with the right support.
- **Over half of our students** will complete a **Dual Enrollment course** before they graduate — earning real college credit while still in high school.

## Innovation

We treat innovation as a responsibility. If we want our students to thrive in a changing world, we have to give them access to experiences, skills, and perspectives that go beyond the traditional classroom.

- Student participation in **MESA at UCLA**, connecting them to competitive STEM experiences and mentorship.
- A **Gates Foundation grant** that helped us pilot inclusive literacy and special education practices — tools we now use across the school.

## A Culture of Safety and Community

There's a reason so many families choose Ánimo Watts: when they walk onto campus, they feel an environment of inclusivity and support for all students.

We've created a culture rooted in joy, accountability, and deep community connection — and that culture drives everything we do.

The school boasts:

- **0% Suspension rate.**
- **A 89% parent satisfaction rate.**
- **A low Student to Adult Ratio.**



# Who We Serve

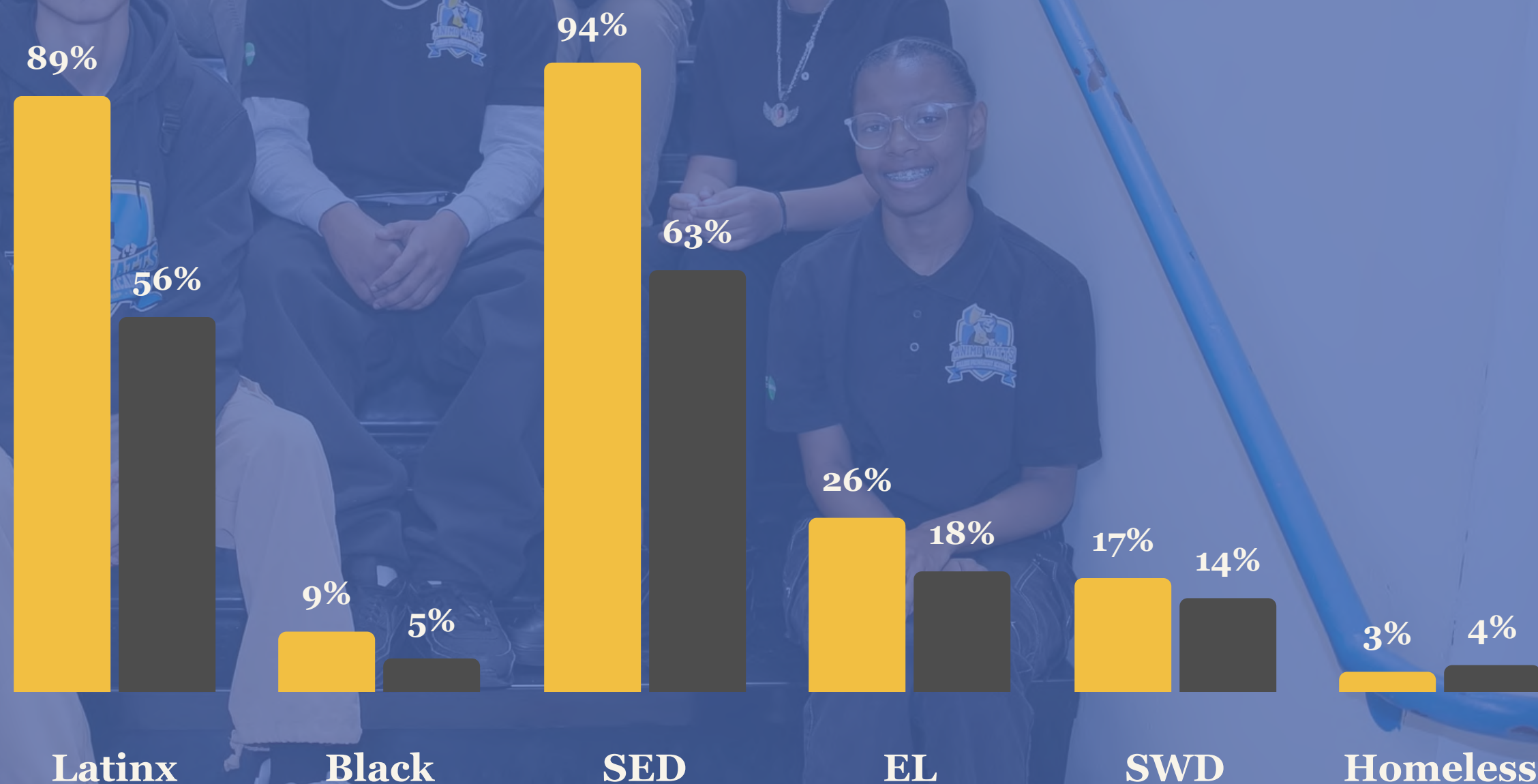


## 2023-24 Enrollment Demographics

● Animo Watts ● State of CA

**Ánimo Watts is a school where students are known, challenged, and cared for** — a place where academic growth and personal development go hand in hand.

Our instructional programs and social-emotional supports are intentionally designed to meet the needs of all learners, creating an environment where every student feels seen, heard, and empowered to succeed.



We've built a student-centered school model centered on wraparound care that helps students grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

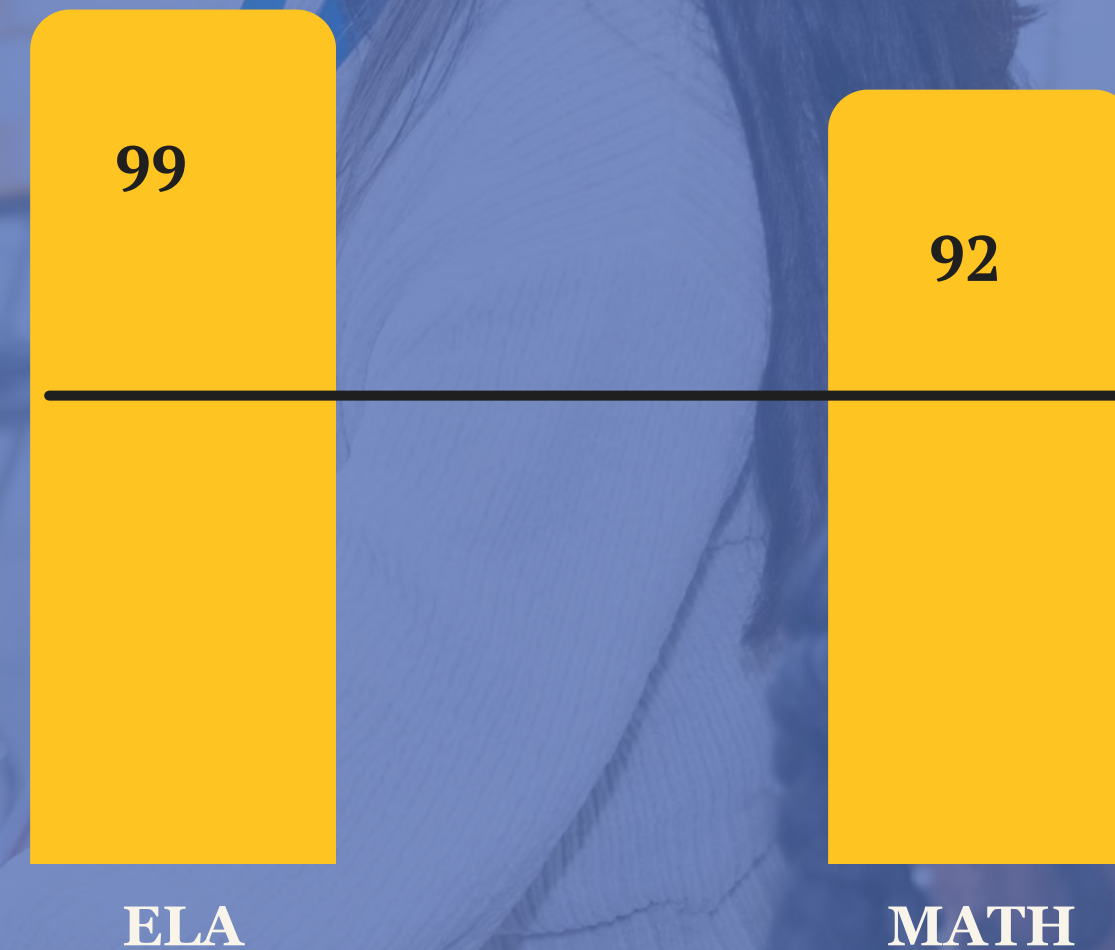


# Growth That Changes Trajectories

Ánimo Watts welcomes students with a wide range of academic starting points, with most entering below grade level in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. But when students are known, supported, and held to high expectations, growth becomes the norm.

According to CORE Student Growth Percentiles, our scholars are showing more progress than **99% of students statewide in ELA** and **92% in Math** — a clear testament to the power of our people, programs, and unwavering belief in student potential.

## 2023-24 CORE Student Growth Percentiles - ELA and Math



— 31 - 70th percentile is equal to one year of growth.  
**Above the 70th percentile is considered exemplar growth.**



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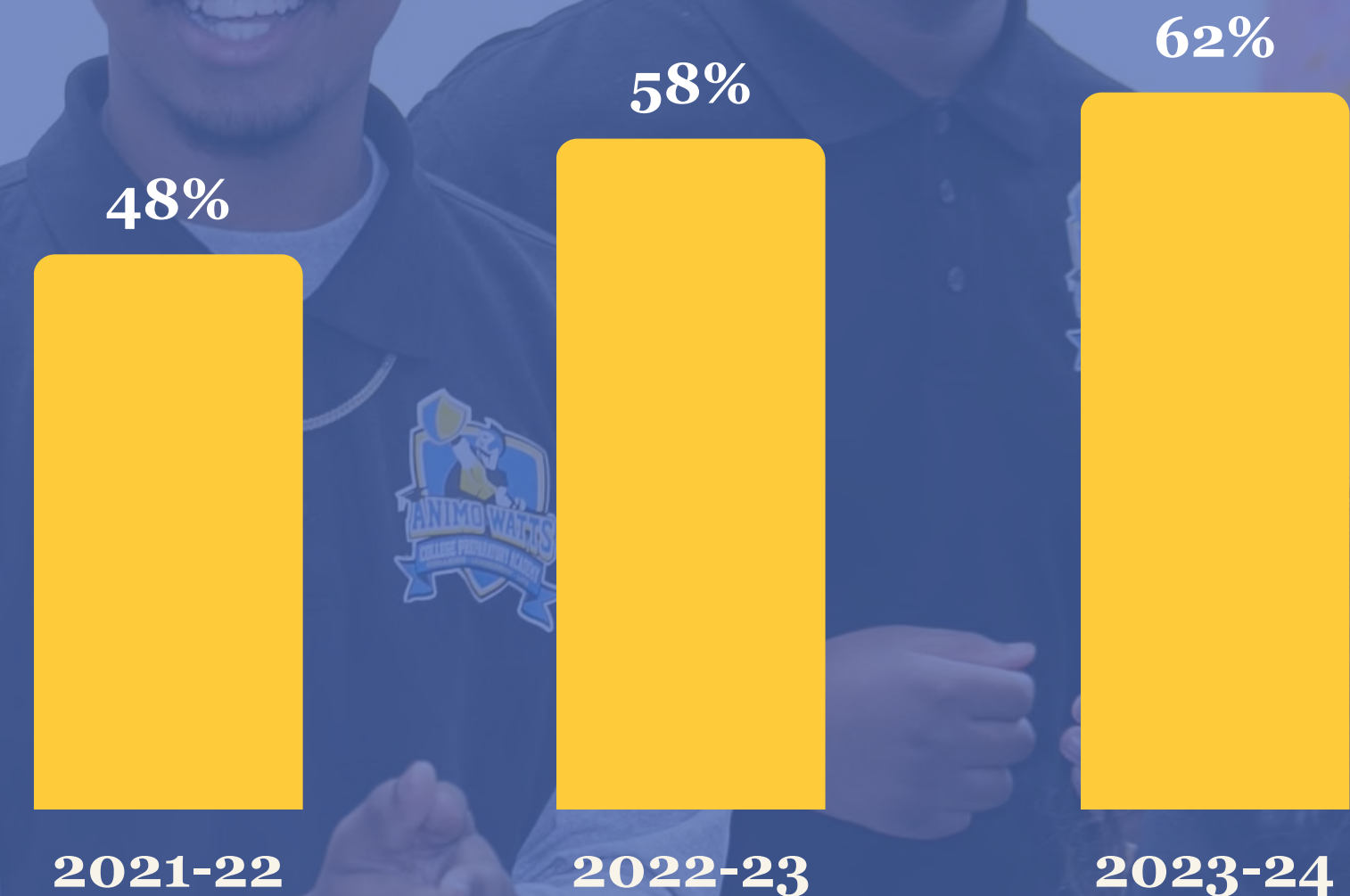
## English Language Arts

Literacy outcomes at Ánimo Watts are trending upward, fueled by focused instruction and holistic support.

From 2022–23 to 2023–24, **students improved their ELA Distance from Standard score by 21.6 points to 28.2 points above standard.**

This kind of sustained growth shows **what's possible when students are supported academically, emotionally, and with consistent access to grade-level curriculum.**

### All Students SBAC ELA 2021-22 — 2023-24 % Met or Exceed Standard



In **SBAC testing**, Ánimo Watts outperformed the **State of California** (56%) in the 2023-24 School Year with a proficiency level of **62%**.



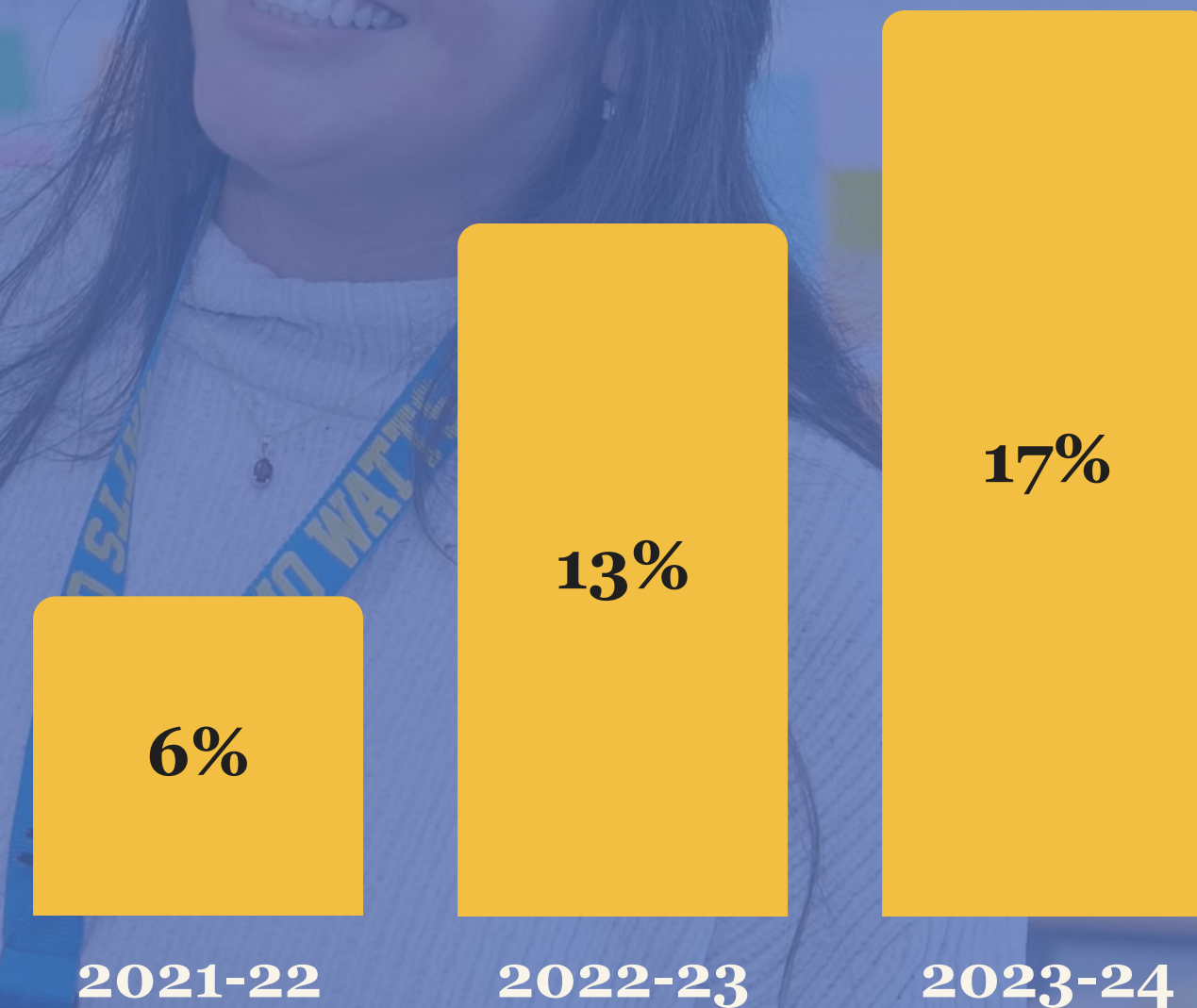
# Growth That Changes Trajectories Math

Ánimo Watts students **increased their proficiency rate compared to the previous school year in Math.**

Similarly, Ánimo Watts's Distance from Standard (DFS) improved **approximately 26.0 scale score points** from -126.4 DFS points to -100.5 DFS points

Ánimo Watts improved their **CA Dashboard rating to 'Yellow'** during the last school year.

## SBAC Math - Proficiency % Over Time 2021-22 to 2023-24



Ánimo Watts scholars are **meeting and exceeding Math standards year over year.**



# Innovation at Ánimo Watts



Ánimo Watts offers **cutting-edge programs**, including STEM Pathways and Project Lead the Way programs:

- **Environmental Science**
- **Coding**
- **Robotics**
- **Medical Detectives**
- **Flight & Space**
- **Green Space Architecture**



Ánimo Watts develops and implements **programming that builds a leadership mindset for all students.**

As a school with an embedded STEM curriculum, in partnership with Green Dot Public Schools, Ánimo Watts provides scholars with expanded career exposure opportunities through innovative coursework.

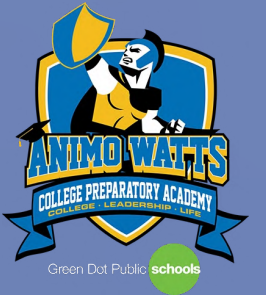


Ánimo Watts is always coming up with **innovative ways to keep students engaged.**

The administrative team and advisory leads plan and lead quarterly Ánimo Watts Fun Days that allow students to choose a STEM and school culture activity.



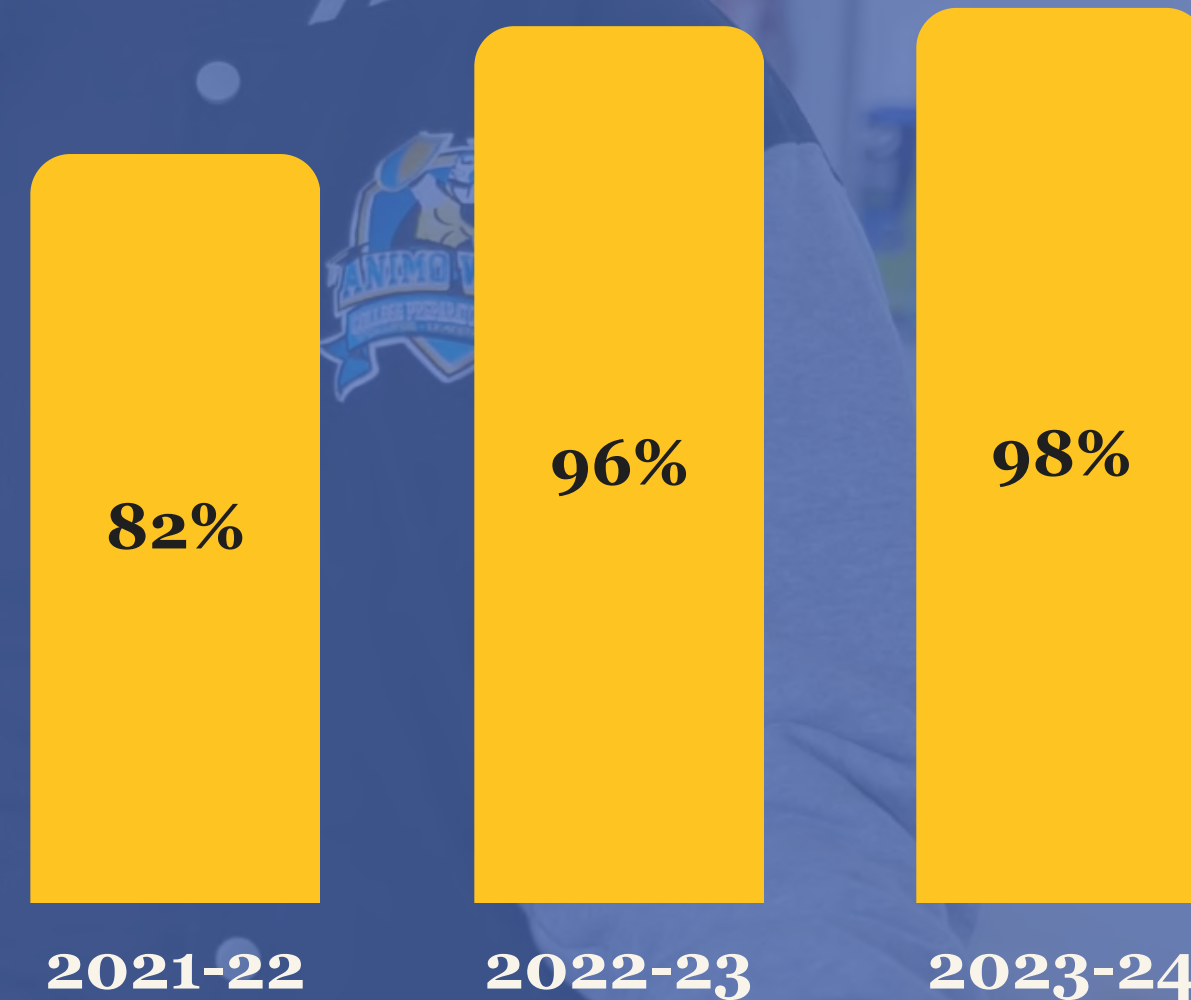
# Students Are Ready for College & Career Success



## Cohort Graduation 2021-22 to 2023-24

**At Ánimo Watts, students are not just graduating—they're graduating prepared for postsecondary eligibility and success.**

With completion rates higher than the State, this achievement reflects Ánimo Watts' commitment to academic excellence and college readiness, equipping students—many from historically underserved communities—with the opportunities they deserve.



Additionally, 69% of Ánimo Watts' students graduated A-G ready in 2023-24, which is 27 percentage points higher than the State (52%).



# College & Career Readiness

## College & Career Indicator (CCI) Rates 2022-23 to 2023-24

We believe in **early and consistent college exposure**. Student courses are aligned to A-G eligibility standards and are intentionally rigorous to prepare students for college-level content.

**Over half of our students** will complete a **Dual Enrollment course** before they graduate — earning real college credit while still in high school.



**Ánimo Watts' CCI Rates are higher than the State on the CA School Dashboard (45.3%)** with more than half of students meeting CCI requirements.



# Community Recognition Partnerships



Ánimo Watts is more than a school; it's a highly supportive hub cultivating leadership development and resource support in our community.

**Our partnerships allow us to expand student support beyond the classroom,** bringing innovative programs and resources directly to our scholars.



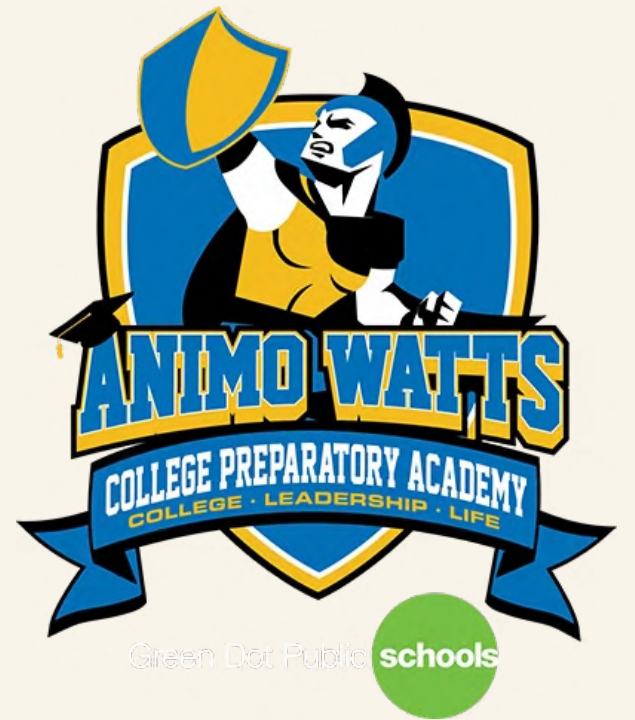
Ánimo Watts has earned **state and local recognition** for academic excellence and works with the following partners to serve students:

- **The Lavinia Group**
- **RELAY Graduate School of Education**
- **Jaime Escalante Program**



**Community Schools Grant funded partnerships** expand student access to programs and resources. Programming provides holistic support to students in the pillars of integrated student support, extended learning opportunities, family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices.





*Ánimo Watts*

Together, we can  
continue to  
**transform lives.**