This city’s school district includes 15 schools that serve 39,170 students. 86% of students in the district earned passing reading scores (a score of 70 or higher) and 75% earned passing math scores.

The district includes 7 district schools and 8 charter schools. The top 5 performing schools in the district are all charter schools: Cabrera High School, Thomas High School, Pena High School, Griffin High School, and Wilson High School. Their percentage of students passing reading ranges from 96%-97% and percentage passing math ranges from 93%-95%. The bottom 5 performing schools are all district schools: Rodriguez High School, Figueroa High School, Huang High School, Johnson High School, and Ford High School. The percentage of students passing reading ranges from 79% to 81%, and the percentage of students passing math ranges from 66% to 68%.

In regards to school spending, the schools that spent up to $615 per student had an average overall passing rate of 95%. Schools that spent $615 to $645 had an average overall passing rate of 81%. And lastly, schools that spent the highest amount, $645-675 per student, had the lowest average overall passing rate, 74%. This data would suggest that differences in “per student” spending across schools in the district is likely not a strong contributor of academic success, when measuring academic success by the reading and math assessments included in the overall passing rate.

When considering school size, small schools (<1000 students) and medium schools (1000-2000 students) had a higher overall passing rate than large schools (2000-5000 students). The average overall passing rate was 95% for small and medium schools, and 76% for large schools.

Lastly, as indicated above with the top 5 and bottom 5 performing schools, charter schools as a whole had a higher average overall passing rate (95%) than district schools (74%).