

Bowman High School

Improving Student Achievement



Data Achievement

- 692 API Score - increase of 67 points
- 276 students graduated in 2008
- 86% of Bowman seniors have passed CAHSEE English and 85% math
- 352 average score on CAHSEE English
- 2.4 average score on CAHSEE essay; 2.6 for English Learners
- 67% of English Learners scored in the Early Advanced or Advanced Stage of Language Development (up from 59% the previous year)
- CAHSEE mean math score 354; SPED 357

Strategies for Student Learning

- Academic Vocabulary and Word Walls
- Thinking Maps and clarifying questions
- Marzano's top Nine-Research-Based Instructional Strategies
- Writing rubrics across the curriculum
- Benchmark assessments in English 9/10 and Algebra I
- Project WRITE and High Point for ELD classes
- CAHSEE Core intervention classes built into Master Schedule within the regular school day
- WASC Action Plan, School Site Plan, and Strategic Plan goals in alignment



Staff Development

- Professional Learning Community (PLC) training with Dr. Anthony Muhammad
- All staff trained in Standards-Based Instruction, Thinking Maps, Academic Vocabulary, Marzano's Top Nine Research-Based Instructional Strategies, writing rubrics, and 6+1 Traits of Writing
- Book study 2008-09: Learning by Doing by Richard DuFour, et al., How to Teach Students Who Don't Look Like You by Bonnie M. Davis, Engaging Every Learner by Alan M. Blankstein, et al.
- Collaboration among staff, students, parents and the community through the Action Team Partnership (ATP)
- *College Prep Guidance* workshops
- Daily conversations, formal and informal, on increasing achievement in all classes

2005 API 476	2004 Base 373	04/05 Growth +103
2006 API 670	2005 Base 476	05/06 Growth +194
2007 API 625	2006 Base 690	06/07 Growth -65
2008 API 692	2007 Base 625	07/08 Growth +67

*Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.
~ Jonathan Swift*