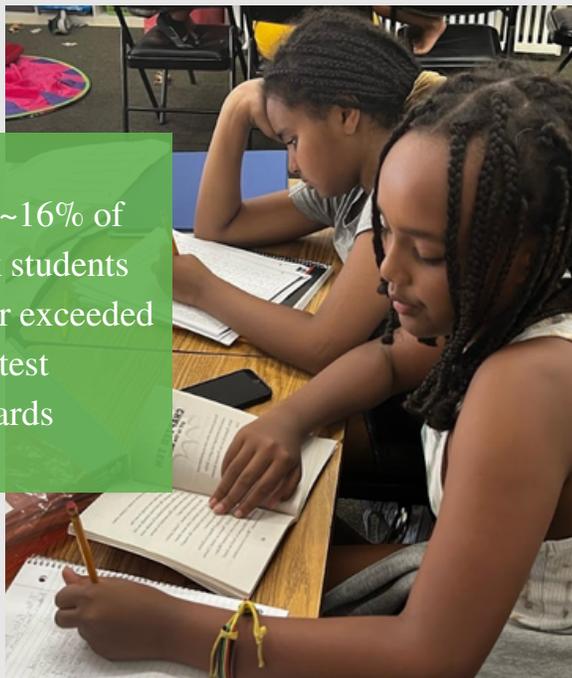




RACIAL DISPARITIES IN CALIFORNIA EDUCATION REVEALED IN 2022 TEST RESULTS

Only ~16% of Black students met or exceeded math test standards



THE BLACK STUDENT EXPERIENCE

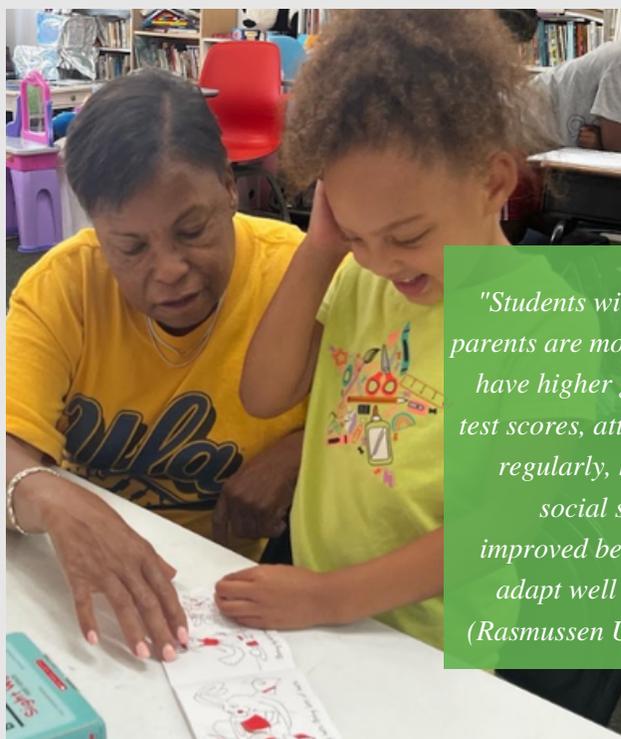
How can we combat our Black students who are struggling to keep up with standard educational requirements when they are provided with limited resources to help them excel?

At The Knowledge Shop we are huge advocates for parent engagement to improve student performance. In the 2018-2019 school year **only 3.9% of teachers in California were African American.** The lack of representation in our school system increases the risk of discrimination. The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) reported that "Black students are nearly two times as likely to be suspended without educational services as white students." The increased discipline towards minority students mitigates time spent in the classroom. Due to this and several more factors that contribute to the disadvantages of Black students, they are in need of more assistance to be successful outside of the classroom. This is where parents need to step in to fill the achievement gap.

45,000+ BLACK STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA PERFORMING WORSE

In October 2022, California standardized test results for K-12 students were released. Unfortunately, Black students scored lowest in both Math and English Language Arts (ELA). The majority of Black students in California are nearly meeting or not meeting standards at all. There is an evident need for an intervention to improve scores. Year over year there is a **2% decrease in performance in math and 3% decrease in ELA performance.**

Overall 84% of Black students are not meeting math testing standards. According to the College Futures Education, "[Students from low-income families and communities of color] are most harmed by the inflexible system of math education. Research shows that these students are less likely to attend schools with quality math courses or skilled teachers, and more likely to be assessed into lower math pathways, and they are not expected to excel."



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(Rasmussen University)*

PARENT ENGAGEMENT CORRELATES POSITIVELY WITH EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our team at The Knowledge Shop wants to inspire parents to take that extra time to invest in their student's education to truly see their progression in school. This is especially important if your children are minorities in their school system. The following is an excerpt from Rasmussen University's research on parental involvement.

Research from the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education shares that “no matter their income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior and adapt well to school.” The National PTA reports that “the most accurate predictors of student achievement in school are not family income or social status, but the extent to which the family . . . becomes involved in the child’s education at school.” It’s undeniable that parents who are active supporters of their children’s learning are giving their kids the best opportunity for educational success. Parental support and involvement can also benefit kids of all ages at a developmental level that extends beyond academics.

Below are a list of resources that parents can take advantage of to begin changing the narrative. The success of our students is in our hands!

1. [The Knowledge Shop](#) - The Knowledge Shop Los Angeles enables access to educational services that assist in children's empowerment and educational development with a primary focus on Black and Brown Students. The team offers 1:1 tutoring, homework help, field trips, workshops, and more!

Tutoring

1. [Khan Academy](#) - Comprehensive video-based curriculum that covers math, science, reading, social studies and SAT prep from PreK through college in 40 languages.
2. [Zearn \(math\)](#) - K-5 math program with 400 hours of digital lessons with on-screen teachers and supportive remediation.

Spanish Friendly Tutoring Resources

1. [BrainPop](#) - Short animated videos that explain difficult concepts in simple, kid-friendly terms. Topics include science, social studies, English, math, arts, music, health, and technology. (Also in Spanish.)
2. [Learning Heroes](#) - A tool that gives parents an accurate picture of their child’s learning needs along with concrete actions and curated learning resources. (Also in Spanish.)

Parent Guidance

1. [EdNavigator](#) - Tips, activities and resources to help families make the most of the days when schools are closed.
2. [National Parents Union](#) - Facebook Live broadcast every weekday at 9am EST (English), 9am PST (Spanish) with practical advice and tips from experts and a community of parents from coast to coast.

Student Reading Resources

1. [Storyline Online](#) - Videos featuring celebrated actors reading children’s books with animated illustrations.
2. [Epic](#) - Library of 35,000 illustrated and chapter books for children 12 and under, including audio books and “read to me” books highlighting text karaoke-style.

Math Resources

1. [ST Math](#) - PreK-8 visual instructional program that leverages the brain's innate reasoning ability.
2. [Black Math Genius- Sankofa Club](#) - resources to educate and empower the urban community.
3. [Struggly](#) - Unlock your child’s limitless potential with math education based in neuroscience.
4. [YouCubed](#) - Empowers teachers by transforming the latest research on math into accessible and practical forms.

Do you have additional resources that can help our students? Share them on the QR Code link below!

