

Target Community

GANAS Academy will serve students in transitional kindergarten through fifth grade in the neighborhood of Wilmington, a community in the City of Los Angeles located in zip code 90744. The high school graduation rate for the City of Wilmington is 56.6%, compared to an 80% graduation rate in Los Angeles.¹⁷ The percentage of adults who possess a bachelor's degree is 7% - compared to 30% across Los Angeles.¹⁸ This comparison indicates the presence of severe educational inequity in the area. Research shows that there is direct correlation between educational attainment and increased levels of income - on average, an individual with a bachelor's degree will earn \$26,000 more annually than someone with a high school diploma.¹⁹ GANAS Academy seeks to eradicate this educational inequity and build a school that will provide the students of Wilmington with a high-quality TK -8 education that will firmly place them on a path of opportunity and success.

Target Community Snapshot ²⁰

- Population 53,815
- 89% Hispanic or Latino
- 77% speaks a language other than English, with Spanish as the primary language
- 29% of families live below the poverty line
- Median Household Income \$41, 569

There are eight traditional district public schools in Wilmington - seven are elementary, one is a middle school, and one is kindergarten through eighth grade. Approximately 35% of the student population are English Learners, 11% are students receiving special education services, and 90% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch.²¹ We anticipate our students at GANAS Academy to mirror these demographics.

Students enrolled in these schools fall below the state and district proficiency rates as measured by the CAASP. On the 2017 CAASP 30% of students met or exceeded English standards versus 48% in the state and 40% in LAUSD. In math, 28% of students met or exceeded math standards compared to 38% in the state and 29% in LAUSD. Figure 2 outlines the English and math proficiency rates on the 2017 CAASP at the eight schools located in the Target Community.