

GreatSchools local

What is GreatSchools Local?

- Custom website
- Rich school profiles that capture the story of a school
- Helps parents navigate complex and unique enrollment systems
- Advanced search and filtering capabilities, help parents find programs that meet their family's needs
- Provides resources for parents from partners working on the ground

GreatSchools reaches Oakland

- Among parents who used GreatSchools to find a school for their children last year, more than 80% surveyed said the site influenced which school they chose.
- Nearly 70% of Oakland households with children under 18* access GreatSchools Oakland pages
- 96,909 unique visitors from all over the country viewed Oakland school profile pages within the last year

What we are building in Oakland:

Custom website

Find a School in

Oakland

School Name (e.g. "Niles Elementary School")



Not in Oakland?

What kind of school are you looking for?

Preschools

123

Elementary

352

Middle

89

High

32

Public

300

Private

100

Charter

20

Finding a great school in Oakland

We're here to help you explore your options and find the right school for your child with in-depth school profiles, details on the enrollment process in Oakland, and more.

[Five steps to choosing a school »](#)

[After school and summer programs »](#)



- Region-specific landing page
- Parent-friendly design
- Advance search & filtering

Find a School in

Search by city AND state or address ...

Search

Search by school name »

All school types

All grade levels

Any rating

Services

All

School Focus

All

Student Support

All

Sports

All

Arts and Music

All

Resources

All

After School Programs

Summer Programs

Reset filters

Rich school profiles

- You can search by services, programs and resources.
- Search for schools with summer and after school programs on site.

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Find a School

Review Your School

Preschool

Elementary School

Middle School

High School

College

Hot Topics Worksheets & Activities Homework Help Parenting Dilemmas Health & Behavior Learning Difficulties Successful Students

Home > Indiana > Indianapolis > Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township



Belzer Middle School

Public | 7-8 | 1128 students [Pin it](#) [Like](#) 601

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GreatSchools Rating



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Indianapolis, IN 46226
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[Nearby homes for sale](#)

[Get directions »](#)

Overview

Reviews

Test scores

Students & teachers

Programs & culture

Enrollment

“We are best known for high expectations & academic success”

GreatSchools ratings

Academic **8**

Climate **Not available**

Overall **8**

Below avg Average Above avg

Photos



What schools are available to you?

Find attendance zones for your address »

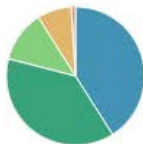
Community ratings

★★★★☆
3 stars

Community reviews

I have 2 sons who attend BMS and 1 son who is now in high school and he also...

Student diversity



Special education

- Autism
- [More »](#)

Extended care

Transportation



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When my son needed a change, I turned to GreatSchools

Help other families find their great school

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Compare this school to nearby schools
[Compare schools »](#)



Nearby schools

Hoosier Academy - Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN

St. Lawrence School
Indianapolis, IN

Arlington Community High School

Rich school profiles

The overview page is a window to the school--from diversity to transportation to photographs--click on a box to see more

Rich school profiles

“We are best known for rigorous classes for the gifted”

Programs

Bi-lingual or language immersion programs offered	No
Level of special education programming offered	Moderate - the school consistently offers a full program for particular special education needs
Foreign languages taught	Spanish
Level of ESL/ELL programming offered	Moderate - the school consistently offers a full program for particular ESL/ELL needs
Languages supported by ESL/ELL programs	Spanish

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

Specific academic themes or areas of focus	Mathematics
School facilities	Computer lab Science lab

Arts & music

Staff resources available to students	Art teacher(s) Music teacher(s)
School facilities	Art room Music room Performance stage

- Find resources on language, sports and arts programs.

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Quality

GreatSchools rating

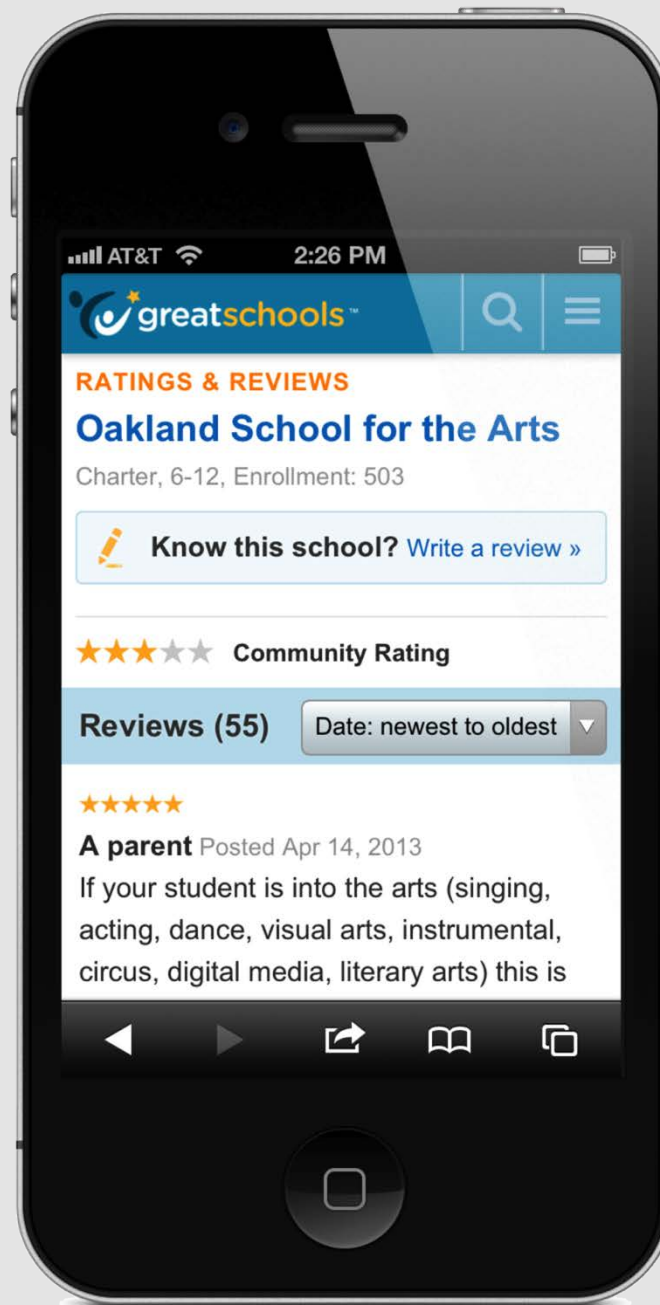
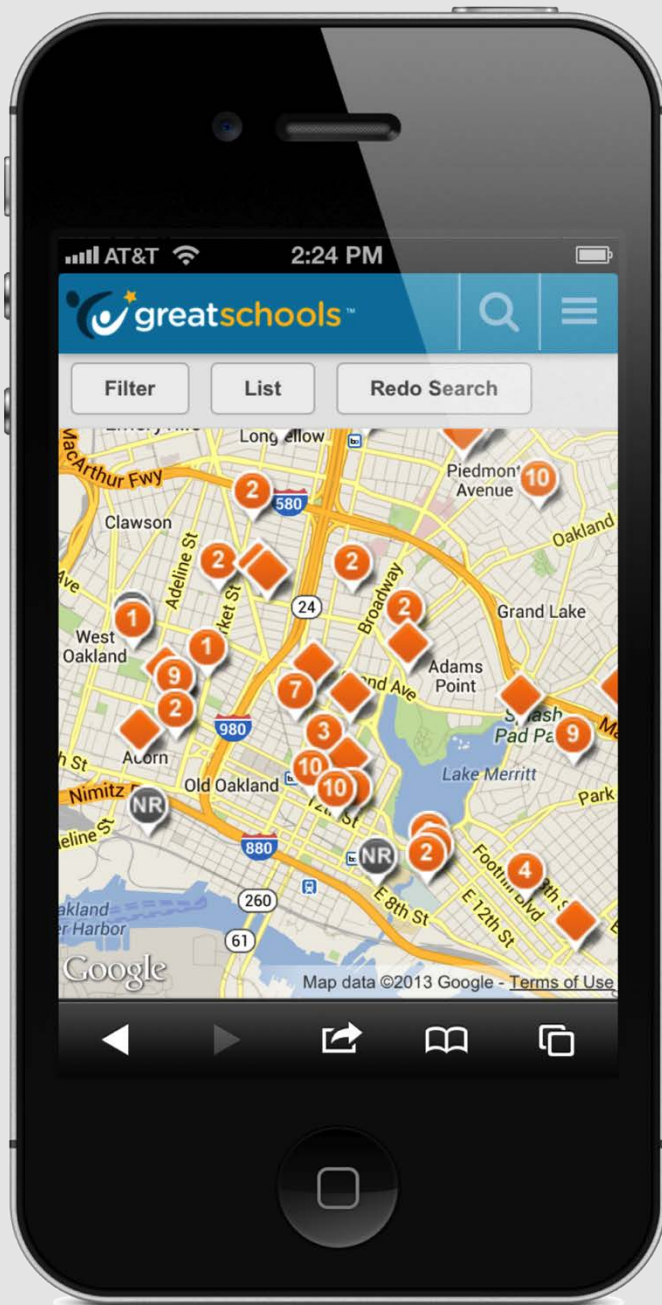
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Mobile

Our biggest growth in users is from our mobile users. By going mobile in Oakland we will expand our reach.

We're building advanced filters so you can search schools by programs that meet your needs on the go.



Rich school profiles

- We continue to make improvements and in 2014 we will begin rolling out our new profile pages
- In Oakland, we'll be featuring summer and afterschool learning opportunities



Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS

GreatSchools rating: **10** PCSB rating: Tier 1 State rating: A Community rating: ★★★★★ 18 ratings

650 students | K-8 | Charter | [Contact info](#)

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Overview

Quality

Reviews

Details

“Our school is best known for our rigorous program and continuous academic gains.”

District	Washington D.C.	Student/Teacher ratio	24:1
School leader	Shantell Wright	Graduation rate	96%
Before care	Yes	Application deadline	March 15, 2014
After care	Ends after 6:00 pm		

✓ This school is Gallup Approved

About Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS

River Terrace Elementary School is a small, family-oriented, community school with a warm, friendly and inviting atmosphere. It is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as a model for establishing a strong and sustainable healthy school environment. Most recently in April 2010, First Lady Michelle Obama, along with USA Olympic medalists (Shani Davis, Heath Calhoun, Heather Kearney and Alana Nichols), visited the

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1 Total score:
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★★★★★ Posted September 13, 2012

[Report it](#)

Spring Mill has been a good option for our family. I do wish the front office was friendlier and more welcoming, but the teachers do a great job at reaching out to parents and communicating regularly. The PTO is strong and the new IB curriculum seems to be going well, though at times it seems like a lot of worksheet work. We love that we attend and support our neighborhood school and keep a close eye to ensure our children's needs are met.

—Submitted by a parent

[Write your own review](#)

- With GreatSchools Local, we accelerate the rate at which we collect parent reviews
- Our parents find 10 or more reviews as credible and representative
- In Oakland 40% of schools have 10 or more reviews

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GreatSchools in Oakland

- Our reach in Oakland is well above the national average
- There are approximately 45,374 households with children under 18 in the market area

There is so much more we could do:



Custom website

5 simple steps to choosing a school in Washington DC



Upcoming events

[See all](#)

My School DC applications available
Find out more



My School DC applications due for high schools
Find out more

1 Think about your needs

Where your child goes to school affects not just your child but your whole family. As you begin thinking about choosing a school, consider what matters most. What needs does your child have? What needs does your family have? What is important to you when it comes to education?

Featured resources

[Imagining your ideal school](#)[Download our worksheet](#)

- Community-specific information about school options, district enrollment rules and local application deadlines
- Wide distribution of locally relevant school information, to help schools and families find a great match

Rich school profiles

- We will now be able to display local ratings and quality metrics* along with more descriptive information about schools.

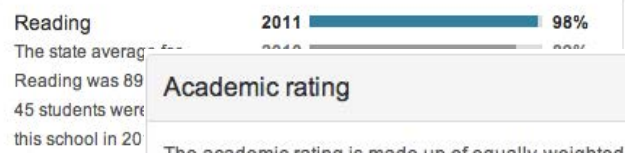
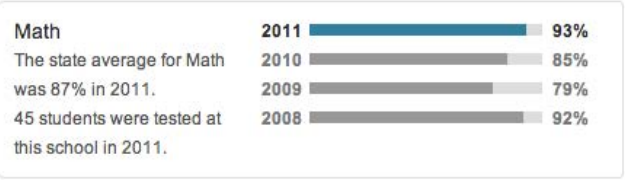


See results for:

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Results

Grade level

- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5



Academic rating

The academic rating is made up of equally-weighted parts: students' test scores, their academic growth (for elementary and middle schools) and their readiness for college (for high schools). The graphs below compare this school's results in each area to other schools in the city and state.

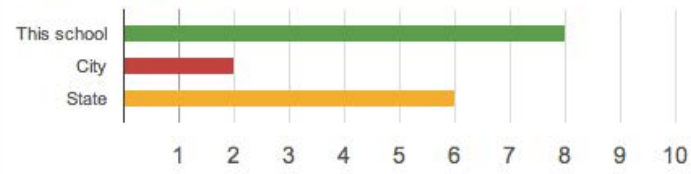
Overall academic rating

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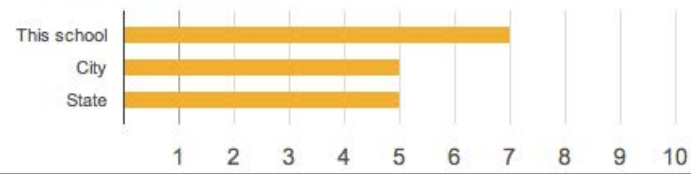
Above average

[Learn more about this school's test scores »](#)

Test score rating 2012*



Student growth rating 2012**



This school

Reading growth *Average*

Math growth *Above average*

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We rated schools on ...

Keeping things safe, clean, and orderly.



This rating evaluates a school's environment, based on its safety, order, cleanliness and more. More highly rated schools have well-kept facilities and a safe environment conducive to learning. Schools rated poorly may have a chaotic environment, conflicts among students or even theft or violence.

Creating healthy, respectful relationships.



This rating measures whether the school has a positive learning environment and cultivates an atmosphere of respect. At a school with a higher rating, it's more likely that the school's culture celebrates hard work and learning, students treat their peers and teachers with respect and class lessons reinforce character strengths such as kindness and tolerance. A school with a lower rating may have a weaker learning environment or allow disrespectful behavior.

Promoting high academic expectations for all students.



This rating sheds light on the academic expectations that teachers have for students. At a school with a higher rating, educators are more likely to stress academic success, ask kids to work hard and expect kids to be college-bound. At schools with lower ratings, it may be more acceptable for students to put in average or minimal effort, perform poorly on tests and lack strong academic goals.

Supporting its teachers.



This rating indicates how teachers feel about their school's professional environment. At a highly rated school, teachers are more likely to work well together, learn from one another, have opportunities for professional development and feel supported by the administration. At a school with lower ratings, teachers may not interact much, feel appreciated or have much input in school decisions and policies.

Informing and including families.



This rating reflects how much communication parents can expect from this school. A highly rated school is more likely to have regular communication (e.g. newsletters, emails, and meetings) between administrators, teachers and parents. This may include information about student progress, homework help and volunteer opportunities. At lower-rated schools, parents may not get regular updates and may feel less welcome at

Rich school profiles

- Where possible we like to include culture and climate survey data as well
- This is from a survey given to teachers annually in Milwaukee

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The Gallup-GreatSchools Partnership

Understanding and influencing key factors of student success and wellbeing

At this school, I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day.



The Gallup Student Poll

The Gallup Student Poll is a landmark new measure that captures the youth voice, a critical part of the national dialogue surrounding student performance and success. More than 1,700 schools are currently participating and enabling their students to take the free survey. For 10 years, the Gallup Student Poll will track the hope, engagement, and wellbeing of public school students in **grades 5 through 12** across the United States. **Hope, engagement, and wellbeing** have been shown to drive students' grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment.

Hope

Hope fuels problem-solving and helps educators understand how to work with students to develop their personal strengths and social resources. Hopeful students channel ideas and energy into producing positive outcomes for the future.

Engagement

Engagement shows how to optimize student performance by transforming classrooms into environments where students thrive. Hope and engagement help produce the positive outcomes of higher wellbeing and increased academic success.

Participating schools

Bahia Vista Elementary School, San Rafael	CA
Coleman Elementary School, San Rafael	CA
Encina Preparatory High School, Sacramento	CA
Glenwood Elementary School, San Rafael	CA
James B. Davidson Middle School, San Rafael	CA
Laurel Dell Elementary School, San Rafael	CA
Madrone High (Continuation) School, San Rafael	CA
Mesa Verde High School, Citrus Heights	CA
Nova Academy, Santa Ana	CA
Nova Academy - Coachella, Coachella	CA
Orangevale Open K-8, Fair Oaks	CA
San Pedro Elementary School, San Rafael	CA
San Rafael High School, San Rafael	CA
Siatech - El Centro, El Centro	CA
SIATech at Inland Empire, San Bernardino	CA
SIATech at Long Beach, Long Beach	CA
SIATech at Los Angeles, Los Angeles	CA

Partner Pages

- We're excited about our partnership with Gallup that provides a new way to highlight the voice of 5th-12th grade students
- Gallup Student Survey captures hope, engagement, well-being of students
- We can partner to bring this high-quality, thoroughly tested, free survey to schools in your community



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Find A School

GreatSchools

GreatSchools is a resource for finding information about community schools of all types: traditional public and magnet schools, charter schools, and private schools. You can search for a school using the GreatSchools school map below or by going to their [website](#). Additionally, GreatSchools, in partnership with Mayor Greg Ballard, the Office of Education Innovation, and Stand for Children – Indiana, releases the Indianapolis School Chooser each year. For more information about the School Chooser, click [here](#).

MAP
SEARCH

All schools in Indianapolis, IN: ?

Elementary Middle High

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Key: ● Public ◆ Private ⬢ No rating

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- We have embeddable widgets partners can use on their websites

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- Opportunity to share experiences about learning differences
- Questions?

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