



# El Sol Science and Arts Academy

2016-2017 | Year in Review



**El Sol**

**Science and Arts Academy of Santa Ana**

An Excellent Education



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**2005- Present Day**

El Sol Academy, a dual-immersion charter school founded in 2001 with 110 students, now enrolls nearly 1,000 students in preschool through eighth grade. El Sol Academy continues to grow in both size and achievement with high expectations for students' success.

El Sol has been named a Bright Spot Awardee by The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, the California Charter School of the Year, a California Distinguished School, a Title I Academic Achievement Awardee, a California Association for Bilingual Educators Seal of Excellence Award, a Campaign for Business & Education Excellence (CBEE) STAR awardee.

These distinguished awards highlight the unique dual-immersion curriculum that teaches advanced levels of knowledge and proficiency in English and Spanish. El Sol ensures students' success by employing a thorough and diverse curriculum, exemplary professional development for teachers, commitment to parental involvement, and supplementary programs.

Our extended day program offers intensive academic instruction for struggling students while also incorporating rich, cultural enrichment activities. El Sol's preschool establishes strong early-childhood foundational skills while the SOS-El Sol Wellness Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center, provides a wide range of health services for El Sol's families.

El Sol Academy uses six pillars: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship to build great character in each individual student. Moreover, the El Sol faculty and staff are committed to teaching students how to be exemplary citizens in both the local and global community.

El Sol Academy invites you to navigate through the report to learn more about the school community, curriculum, programs and culture, or visit the campus to truly immerse yourself in the vibrant El Sol experience.

**Regards,**

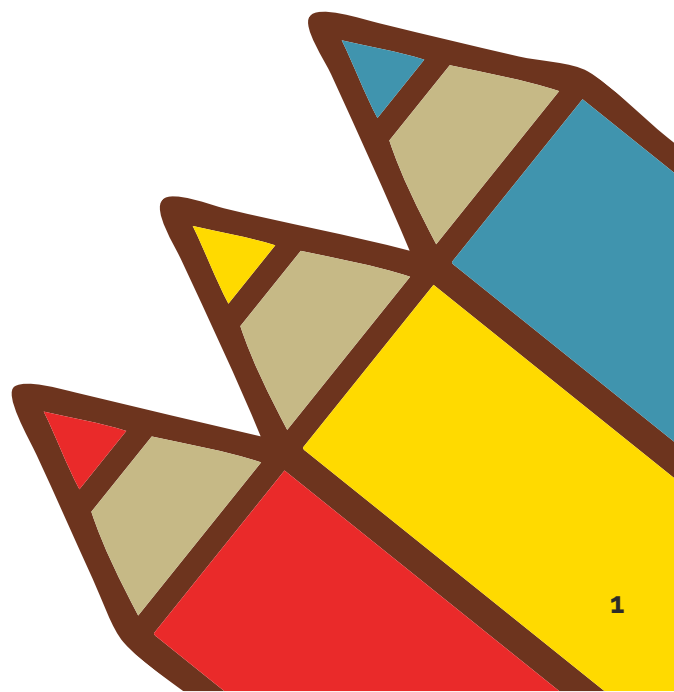
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## Demographics



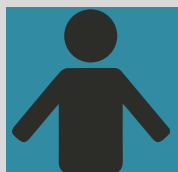
English Language  
Learners

49%



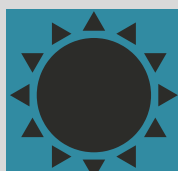
Socioeconomically  
Disadvantaged

71%



Grades

K-8



Total Students

906





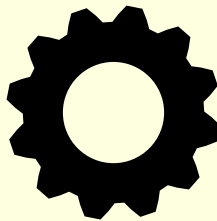
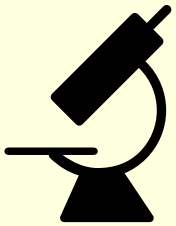




# STEAM

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A large percentage of El Sol students will be the first in their family to graduate from high school and/or college, and are underrepresented in fields of STEM. At El Sol, students are taught science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics education, while also acquiring a refined artistic ability.





## 90/10 Model

Students are taught in a dual language (Spanish/ English) setting, following a 90/10 dual language acquisition model. The program begins with a greater amount of Spanish in the early years in order to provide a solid basis for future academics.

This dual immersion approach allows students to develop a foundation in their primary language before advancing in the secondary language. El Sol provides the same academic content and addresses the same standards, meaning that students will learn to read, write, and communicate effectively while achieving high levels of academic success.



**"El Sol Science and Arts Academy is one of the nation's top schools. It offers Latino children real opportunities to live their American Dream." Dr. Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development**





# Data Overview



El Sol achieved the second highest performance level on the California Dashboard for both English Language Arts and Math.



El Sol achieved the second highest performance level on the California Dashboard for English Learner Progress as well.



El Sol achieved the highest performance level on the California Dashboard for Suspension Rates.



El Sol beats the odds by outperforming their peers in Santa Ana. Only 3 local schools serving similar students also achieved the second highest performance level or higher in both Math and ELA.

Although English Language Learners are typically underserved, this is not the case at El Sol. They outperform their peers in Santa Ana and California, effectively closing the achievement gap.

El Sol has consistently improved. Overall test scores have steadily increased each year.



# More Than an Excellent Education



## Mercado

Mercado El Sol officially opened in April thanks to a partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. This is a mini-market where families can make a 5-minute appointment to fill two bags with the food and products that fit their needs.

The market is restocked each day with meat, dairy, fresh produce, canned goods, toiletries, paper goods, and more. Mercado El Sol is open to the community and completely free.









## **Our Alumni Have Attended**



**Stanford**

**UC Berkeley**

**American University**

**UCI**

**UCR**

**UC Davis**

**Cal State Fullerton**

**Vanguard University**

**Redlands University**

**Cal State Dominguez Hills**

**Cal State Chico**

**Texas Christian University**

**Santa Ana College**

**Williams College**





In 2016, El Sol moved into two historically significant houses adjacent to the campus. These houses provide additional space for administrative and enrichment activities.

In 2017, El Sol was officially awarded \$25 million to begin construction on their brand new campus. The [layout](#) has several new features: 26 to 28 classrooms and fields.



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# Expanding our Footprint



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SOUTH CAMPUS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MAIN ENTRY

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SOUTH CAMPUS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
KINDERGARTEN PLAY AREA



**"El Sol's academic progress lends optimism that America can expand the American Dream to low income students." Pete Goldmark, Former Head of Rockefeller Foundation**

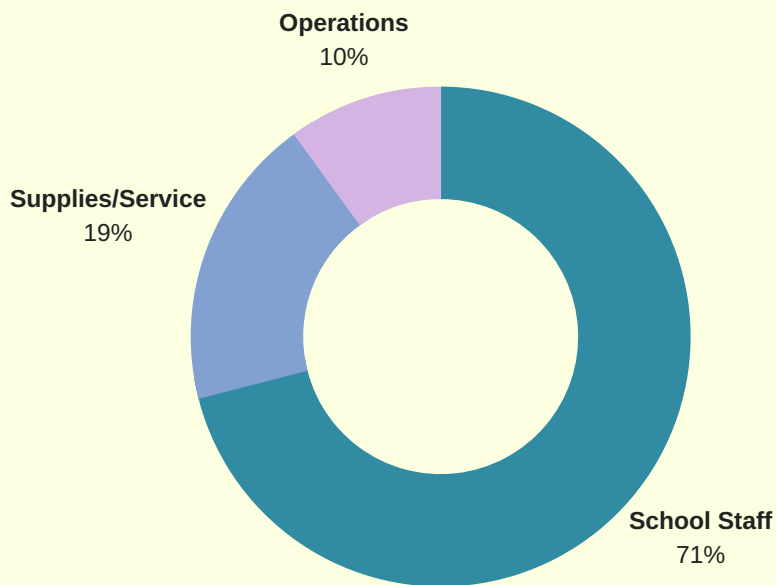




# Operating Revenue and Expenses

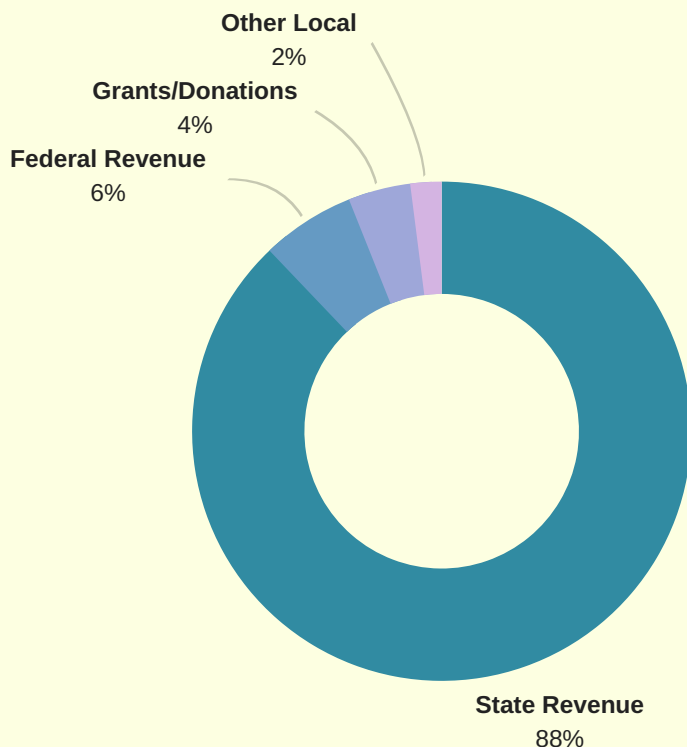


## Revenue



State Revenue	9,193,493
Federal Revenue	639,433
Gift/Grants/Donations	447,330
Other Local Revenue	249,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,529,289</b>

## Expenses



School Staff	7,285,698
Educational Supplies and Services	1,961,001
Operational Supplies and Services	988,808
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,235,507</b>

# Thank You to Our Generous Donors and Partners

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## \$550,000-\$1,000,000+

Share Our Selves  
Children and Families Commission  
Lilly and Paul Merage  
Kylie Schuyler and Douglas Hodge  
Hoag Foundation



# El Sol Foundation

The El Sol Foundation was formed this year by outstanding and respected business, academic, and community leaders from Orange County. The Foundation's purpose is to help El Sol Academy reach out to the OC community and beyond for needed resources to sustain and build upon its academic successes. So far, they have raised over \$3,000,000! Thank you for your dedication!



## Wellness Partners

Save Our Selves  
Hoag Hospital  
Children and Families Commission  
Healthy Smiles For Kids of OC  
UCI Program in Nursing Science  
Second Harvest Food Bank  
Sapphire in Schools  
Global Girls

## Community Partners

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