



# El Cerrito High School SPARC 2017

## Support Personnel Accountability Report Card

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**Grade Levels:** 9-12 **Enrollment:** 1469

### Principal's Message

El Cerrito High School (ECHS) is comprised of a diverse student population with a wide variety of socioeconomic and educational differences. The Student Support Team (SST) plays a vital role in creating a safe learning environment for academic guidance, career and college readiness, and personal/social development. Our SST incorporates the SPARC into our School Site Plan. We are committed to providing students the opportunity to grow and succeed in the three domains of the ASCA National Standards through programs including lunchtime tutoring, college workshops and group/individual counseling. Our goals for 2016-2017 are to continue: 1. To provide all students with challenging learning experiences and a rigorous curriculum, through the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills. 2. To help students develop and maintain a personalized learning plan in which they commit to academic integrity and personal responsibility for their own education. 3. To support the effective use of all forms of assessment to improve student learning and provide students with a measure of their progress that relates to their educational goals for college and career planning. Progress toward these goals is reflected in SPARC outcome data for 2016-2017.

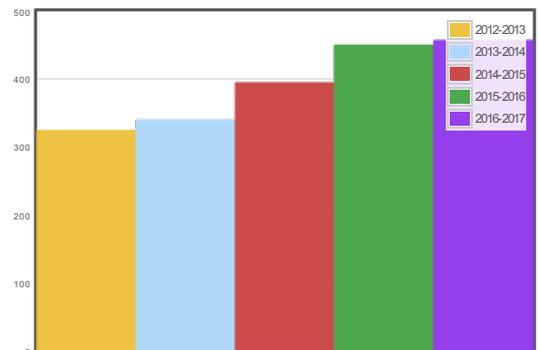
### Career and College Readiness Student Outcomes

ECHS's SST understands the importance of student outcomes in guiding effective implementation of programs and identifying areas of need. Our SST offers many resources and support services for students to ensure that they graduate with 21st century skills for career and college readiness. Counselors review transcripts each quarter and connect students with the many resources on campus to support students with college and career readiness: maximizing student success.

#### Career Readiness

ECHS offers a wide variety of CTE courses and about twenty five percent of our students complete one of these courses each year. ECHS has two academies (Media and Information Technology) that help provide access and supports to ensure students complete CTE courses successfully in grades 10-12. The SST assists in encouraging students to enroll in academies and CTE courses. The chart at right reflects the total number of students completing a CTE course over the past five years. In 2012-13 325 students completed a CTE course, in 2013-14 340 students completed a CTE course, in 2014-15 395 students completed a CTE course, in 2015-16 450 students completed a CTE course, and in 2016-17 457 students completed a CTE course.

Career Technical Education Course(s) Completed



#### College Readiness

Members of the SST have been working hard to increase the number of students completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA completion will ensure student eligibility for money that will help pay for postsecondary education. The SST have been working hard to meet with students individually and through FAFSA completion workshops to ensure forms are completed on time. El Cerrito High School's goal is to eventually have every student complete a FAFSA their senior year. The graph at right indicates the percentage of the senior class completing their FAFSA each school year. In 2013-14 55% of students completed the FAFSA, in 2014-15 58% of students completed the FAFSA, in 2015-16 60% of students completed the FAFSA, and in 2016-17 60% of students completed the FAFSA.

FAFSA Submitted



## 21st Century Skills

ECCHS has two academies/pathways (Media and Information Technology) that support the development of 21st century skills. Both academies place a heavy emphasis on teamwork and project based learning. The SST assists in encouraging students to enroll in academy courses. Enrollment and retention in both academies has continued to increase over the past three years. This translates into an increase in students completing a team project each year, and gaining the skills necessary to enter college and the workforce.

Additional Achievements:

- Cash for College Workshops and Federal Financial Aid help onsite resulting in increased awards
- Created College Handbook for distribution to students and families
- Held High School and College Information nights for Juniors and Seniors and their families, on campus

## Career and College Readiness School Site Programs and Community Partnerships

We are fortunate to have supportive services on campus. The James Morehouse Project (JMP) is the school based health center for ECCHS. The mission is to improve students' well-being and success in school through access to health services and youth development programs, opportunities for youth to serve their peers and the wider community through youth led violence prevention programs. JMP also offers on-site medical services through Brookside Community Health Center. We also offer a comprehensive College and Career Center where the SST meets to collaborate and plan events.

### School Site Programs

- James Morehouse Project: school based health Center, physical and mental health services, tutoring
- Student and Parent Workshops: financial aid, college information
- Computer Assisted Coursework: assessment and guidance, cyber high
- Classroom Lessons: including A-G requirements, course selection, financial aid literacy
- Career Center/Lunch Workshops: college, financial aid and career assistance
- Academy Programs/Linked Learning: technology and media and regional occupation program

### Community Partnerships

- Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP): college advising
- Ivy League Connection: provides students access to attend summer programs at Ivy League schools
- Contra Costa College: provides students the opportunity to take college level courses
- Upward Bound and Education Guidance Center/University of California: one on one college advising
- Rising Scholars: provides young men of color college access resources, advising and support
- Writers Coach Program: one on one service for 9th graders and ELD students to improve writing skills

## Student Support Team

The SST is committed to ensuring a safe and positive environment for career and college readiness success. Counselors work with students to provide academic guidance, to resolve scheduling issues, to assist students with the college application process, and to help students deal with emotional/social issues both in groups and individually. All members of the SST are part of a professional association related to their profession.

Position	Years	Qualifications
Principal	21	Master's Degree, Administrative Credential
Assistant Principal	11	Master's Degree, PPS/Administrative Credential
Assistant Principal	20	Master's Degree, Administrative Credential
Counselor	7	Master's Degree, PPS Credential
Counselor	6	Master's Degree, PPS Credential
Counselor	3	Master's Degree, PPS Credential

Position	Years	Qualifications
Executive Director of Health Center	17	Master's Degree, MFT
College Advising Consultant	18	Master's Degree
College Advisor Fellow	1	Bachelor's Degree
School Psychologist	4	Master's Degree, School Psychology Credential
Career Center Clerk	3	Bachelor's Degree
School Resource Officer	7	Bachelor's Degree

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