

# The Space between Home and School



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# Key Concepts, Enduring Dilemmas, Difficult Questions, Tough Choices, Critical Consequences

- Learning and Opportunity
- Place and Space
- Public and Private
- Choice and Responsibility

# Space, Place, Learning and Opportunity

- Every society produces its own specific spatial practices. All of us work from an understanding of spatial production, of space as always and continually produced.
- My interest is in the relationship of these spatial practices to the organization of educational opportunities in urban, rural, and suburban settings (Aitken, 2001; Nesor, 1997; Skelton & Valentine, 1998).
- I seek to understand how lives and struggles unfold in these spaces – not flat, seemingly “natural” spaces - but socially produced spaces, spaces in which our social relations and practices are embedded, spaces imbued with the values and priorities of our society (Hayden, 1995; Lefebvre, 1974).
- Conceptualizing **opportunity** as **socially constructed** and **spatially produced** enables us to move beyond narrow understandings of opportunity (e.g., individual actors differentially “taking advantage of” or “accessing” opportunities “available” to “all”).
- These conceptualizations are critical to the provision of more meaningful and equitable educational opportunities for our most underserved youth across highly disparate landscapes

# The Power of Spatial

## Production

- “Space is permeated with social relations; it is not only supported by social relations, but it is also producing and produced by social relations. The spaces we produce serve as tools of thought and action and, thus, are also means of control, of domination, and of power.”
  - Henri Lefebvre, *The Production of Space*



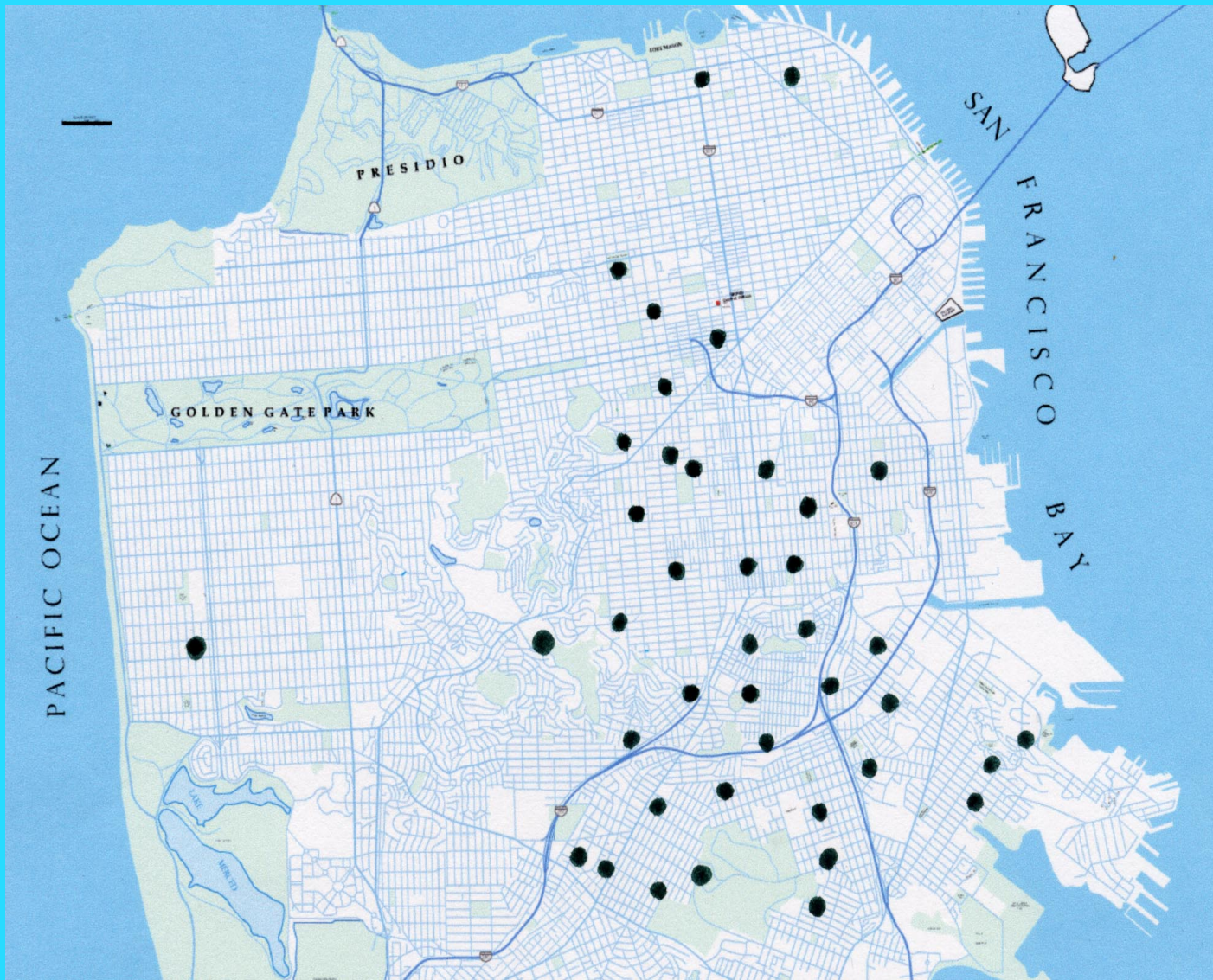
# SAN FRANCISCO





# SF's STAR schools, 2007

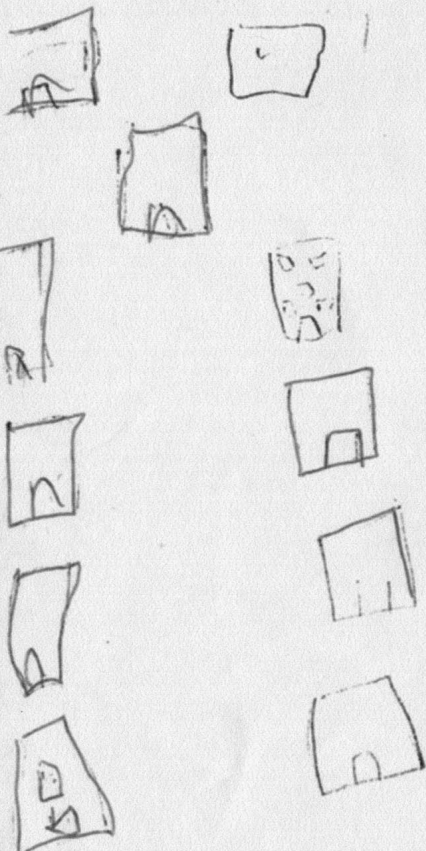
(Students and Teachers Achieving Results)



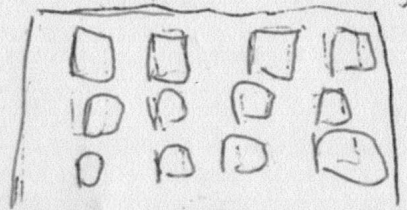


# Richmond

Pizza parlors  
restaurants and  
candy stores  
and  
homes

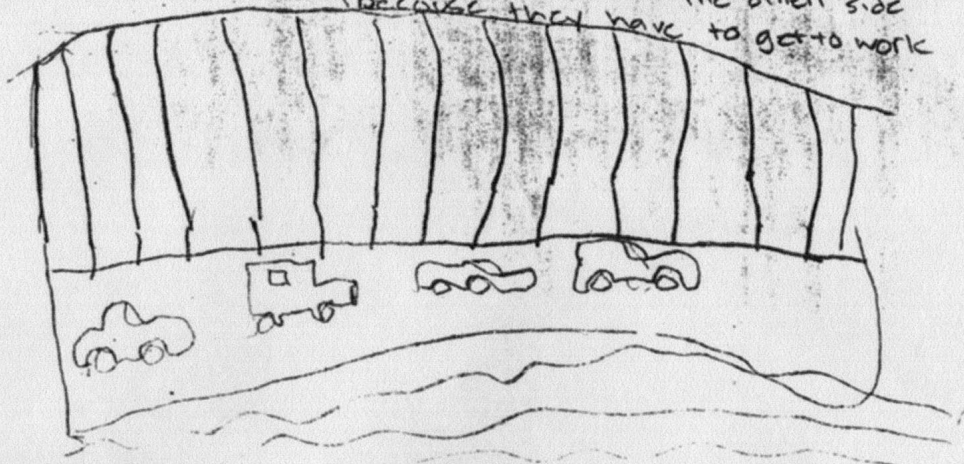


George Washington  
Important in history - to  
see Park area in Richmond



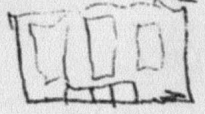
# San Francisco Map

Golden Gate bridge it important  
to people that live on the other side  
because they have to get to work



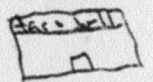
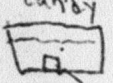
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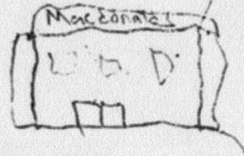


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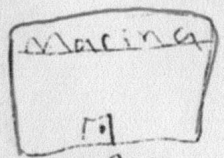
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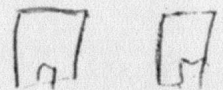
Liquor stores

# Marina District

Restaurants and candy stores  
one liquor store



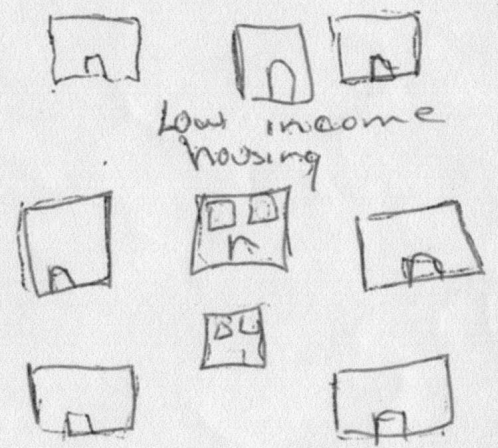
Restaurants



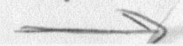
Candy stores



Low income  
housing



Do you get it ↑



# Public \_\_\_\_\_?

- Goods, Services and Institutions
- The public good: Benefits shared collectively which, in and through that sharing, shape us as a public
  - Roman *res publica* -> republic
  - “Republican” ideals of civic responsibility and participation
  - “commonwealth,” that from which we all benefit
- Underlying all of these is the notion that there is something defining about the public life and the good that contributes to it that is substantial, unique, and distinctly *not* private.

# What makes our schools *Public*?

- **Finances**
  - Primarily funded with public dollars
- **Access**
  - Serve all members of “the public” (though not necessarily equally)
- **Contributions**
  - Contribute directly and indirectly to the public good
- **Responsibility?**
  - Conceptualizing “public” not as an adjective, but as a verb...doing public, being actively public, all of us.



# What does this public ask of us?

- Revived focus on the public
- Willingness to push for and engage in dialogue
- Openness to new ways of thinking: private, “individual choices” about schooling as public commitments and actions
- Changes in institutions
- Changes in practices
- Changes in funding
- Taking RESPONSIBILITY - and spreading that web of responsibility WIDE

# Opportunities to Learn:

## Critical Conditions (Oakes, UC ACCORD)

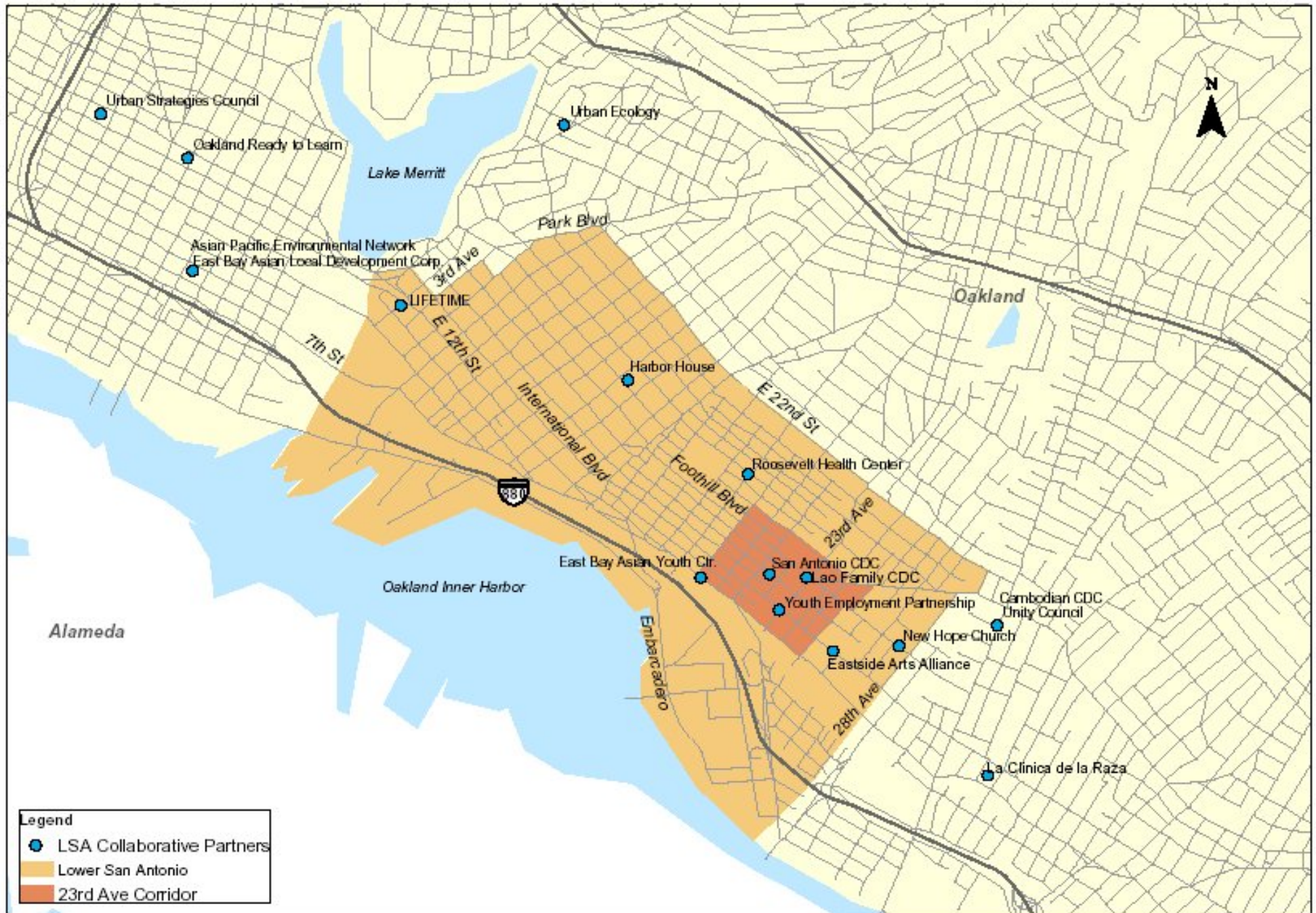
- Family-Neighborhood-School Connections
- Intensive Academic and Social Supports
- Opportunities to Develop a Multi-Cultural College-Going Identity
- A College-Going School Culture *embedded within a College-Going Community Culture*
- Safe and Adequate School Facilities *and access to them*

### My work

- Conditions ->Resources, Relationships, and Practices-> Indicators “What is at work and how will we know it when we see it?”)

Family-Neighborhood-School  
Connections:  
Resources, Relationships and  
Practices in an  
Oakland neighborhood

# Lower San Antonio Collaborative Partners



# San Antonio/Eastlake Demographics (Census 2010)

Asian/Pacific Islander	34%*
Latino	27%
African-American	21%
Caucasian	7%
Native American	1%
Other	10%

\* Chinese- 61%, Vietnamese - 16%, Cambodian - 9%, Filipino - 7%, Other: 7%.



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AMERICAN MEXICAN CHINESE

新合發超級市場  
VIETNAMESE THAILAND CAMBODIAN

GROCERIES SEAFOOD PRODUCE  
MEAT POULTRY HOUSEWARE  
LAOS PHILIPPINO ORIENTAL FOODS













# Institutions and Partnerships

- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- East Bay Asian Local Development Organization
- Oakland Community Organizations
- Oakland Coalition of Congregations
- Urban Strategies Council
- Policy-Link
- Intertribal Friendship House
- La Clinica de La Raza
- San Antonio Community Development Corporation
- Urban Ecology
- Oakland Ready to Learn
- LOWER SAN ANTONIO COLLABORATIVE



# Spaces between Home and School in East Oakland

## Condition

- *Safe Access to Safe School Facilities*

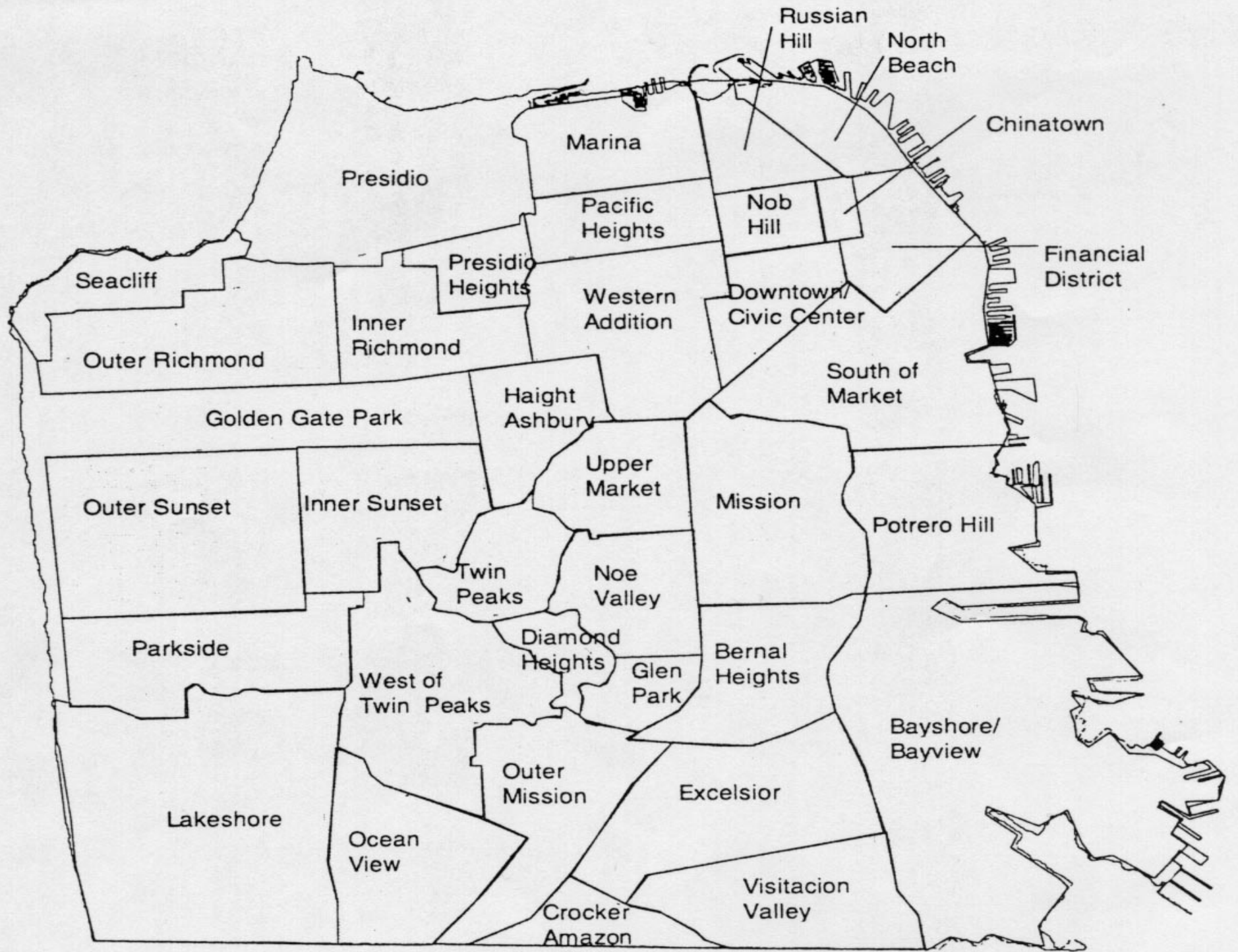
## Indicators

- Feeder Patterns
- Transportation routes
- Students' routes (geographically and temporally)
- Physical conditions and human use of routes and connections
- Policy recommendations -  
>Improvements in lighting, adult assignments, changes in bus routes
- Reframing transportation issue to one of education

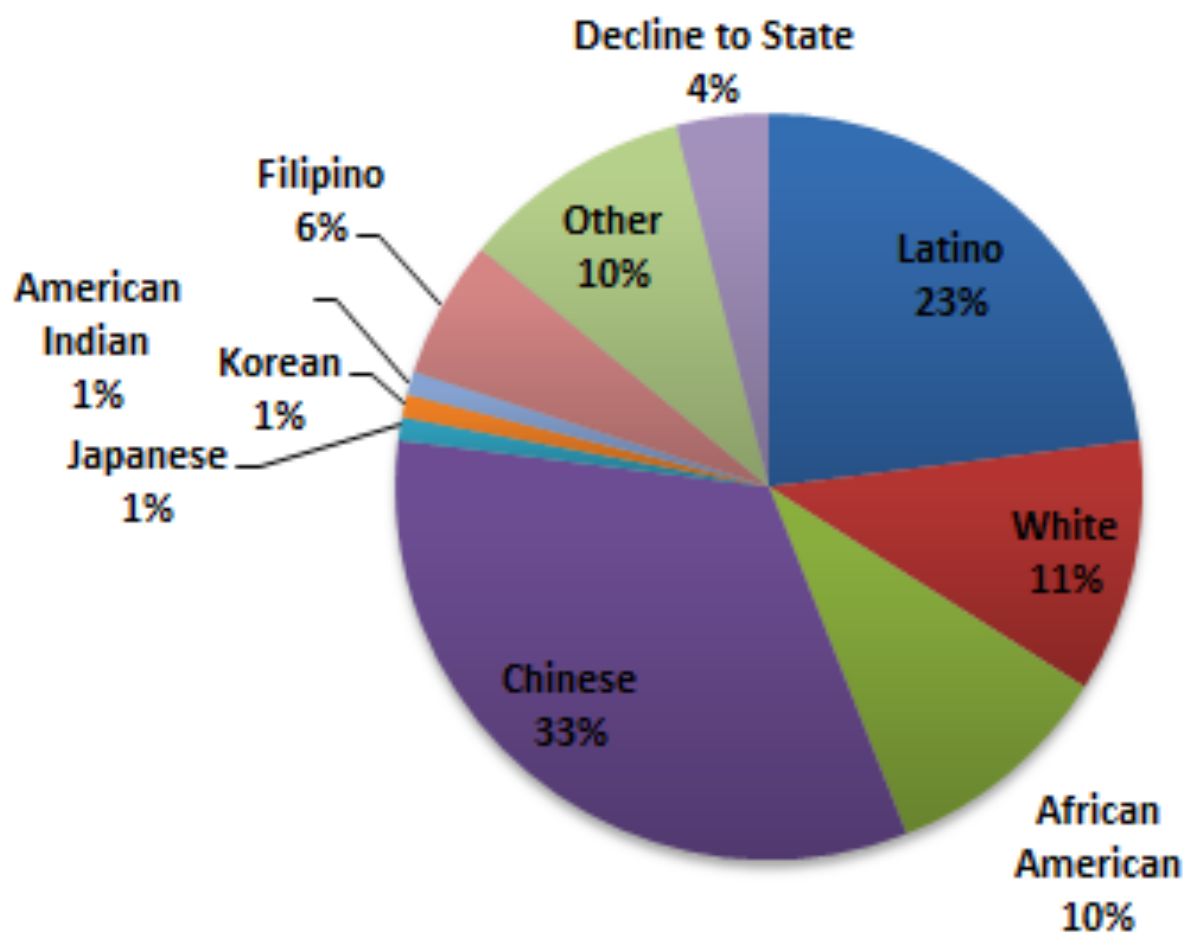
# Student Assignment Plans in the Bay Area: Confronting Landscapes of Difference and Inequality

- San Francisco Unified School District
- Berkeley Unified School District
- Oakland Unified School District

# San Francisco Unified School District

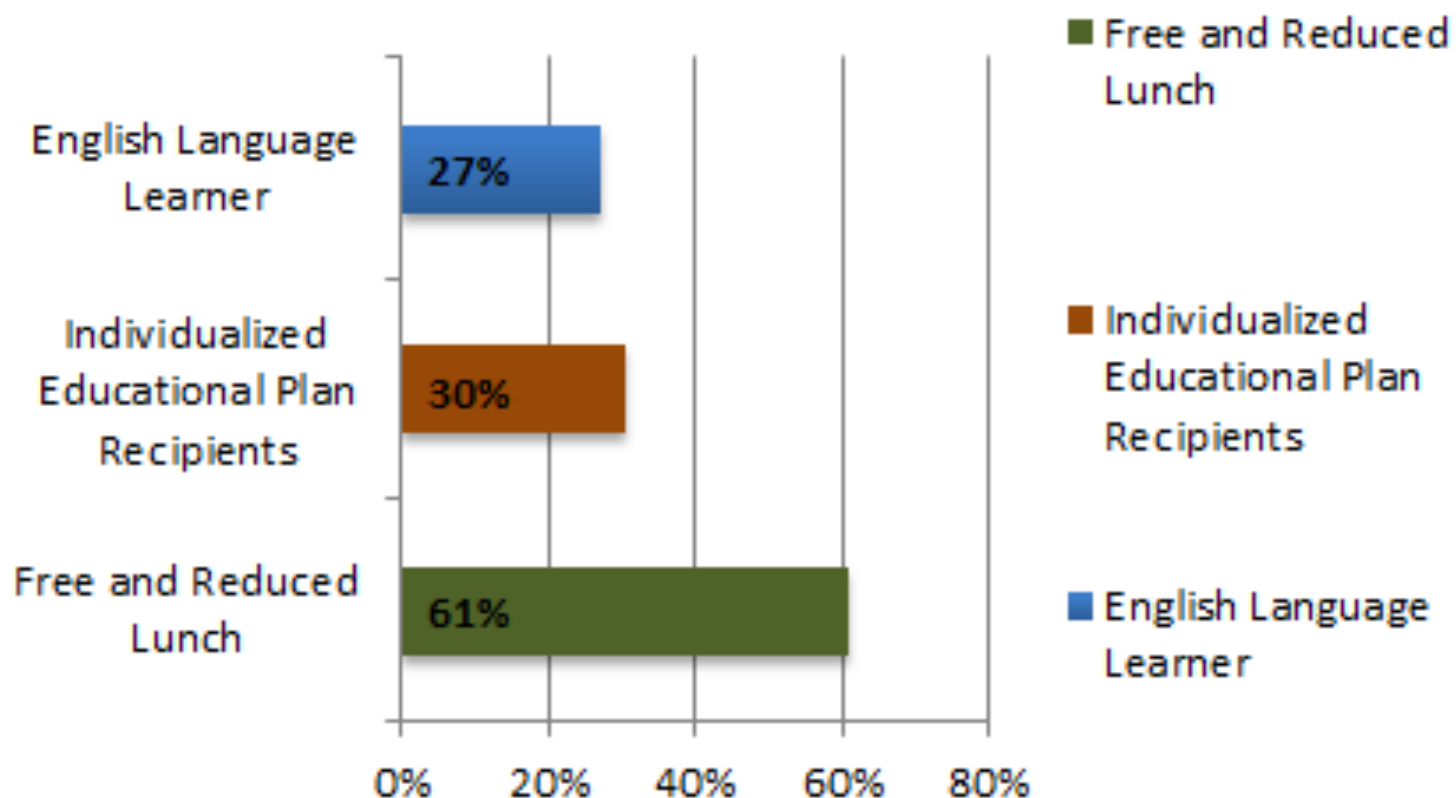


# Student Ethnic Representation





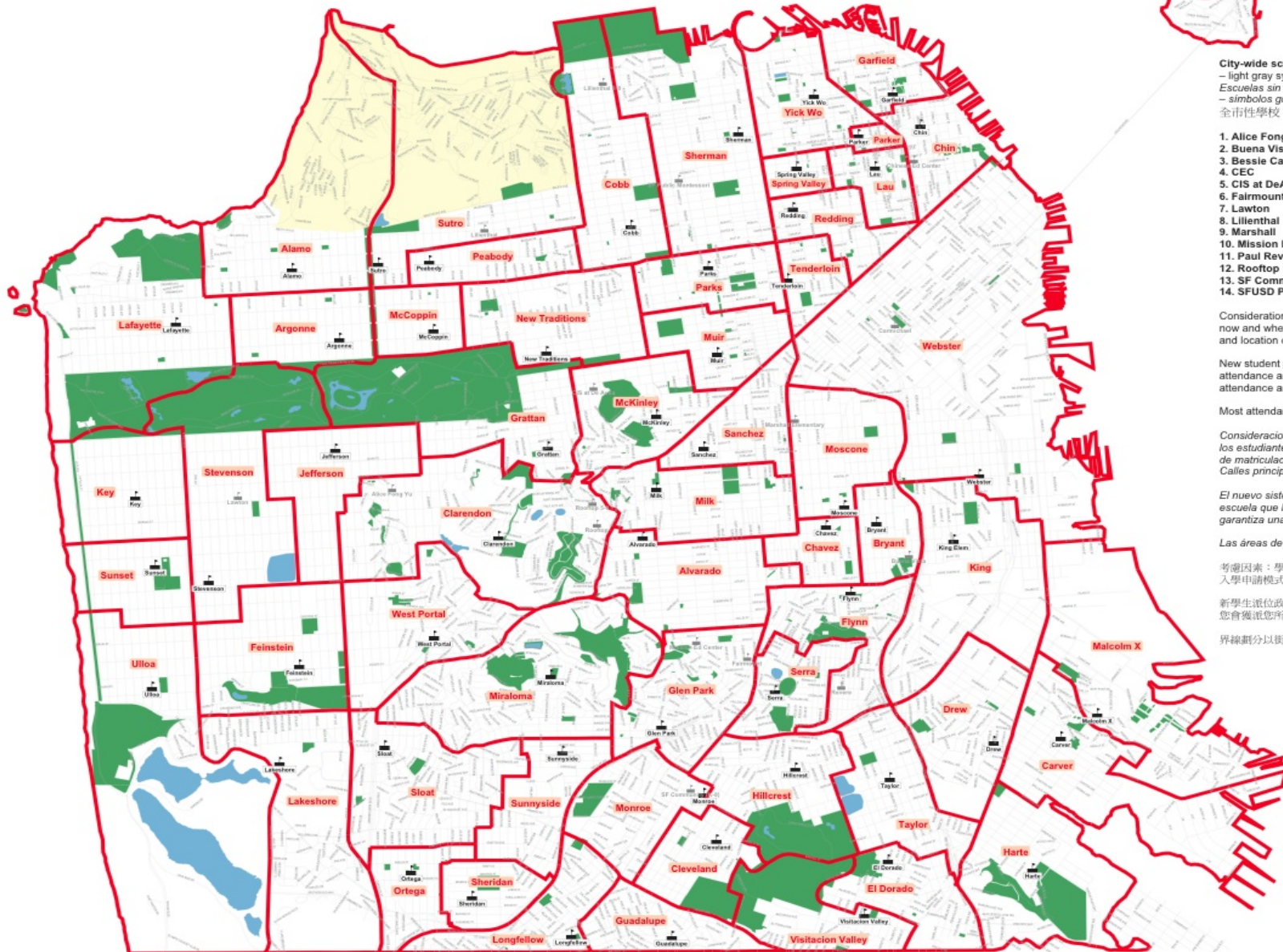
## Students Qualifying for Specific Programming



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City-wide schools (schools without boundaries)  
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 Escuelas sin áreas de asistencia  
 - símbolos grises en el mapa  
 全市性學校 (指沒有界線劃分的學校) - 地圖上淺灰色符號

1. Alice Fong Yu
2. Buena Vista
3. Bessie Carmichael
4. CEC
5. CIS at DeAvila
6. Fairmount
7. Lawton
8. Lilienthal
9. Marshall
10. Mission Ed Center
11. Paul Revere
12. Rooftop
13. SF Community
14. SFUSD Public Montessori

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Las áreas de asistencia pasan por el centro de la calle.

考慮因素：學校的規模和位置、學生居住的地方、入學申請模式、主要道路和公路、地理環境。

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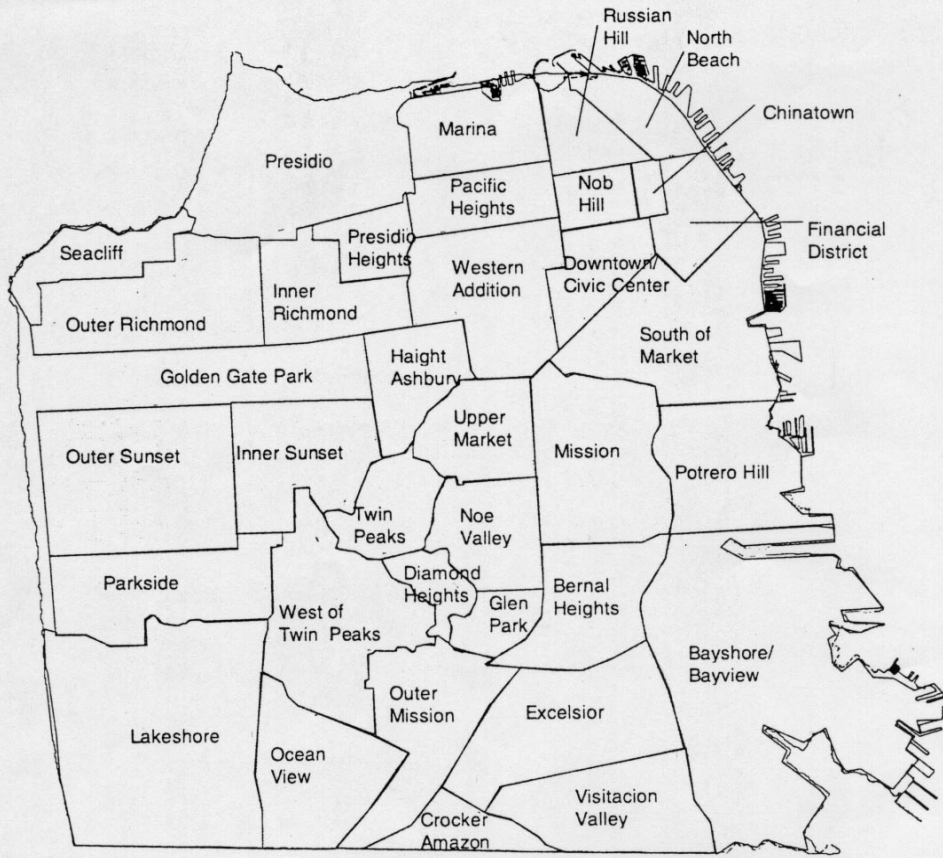
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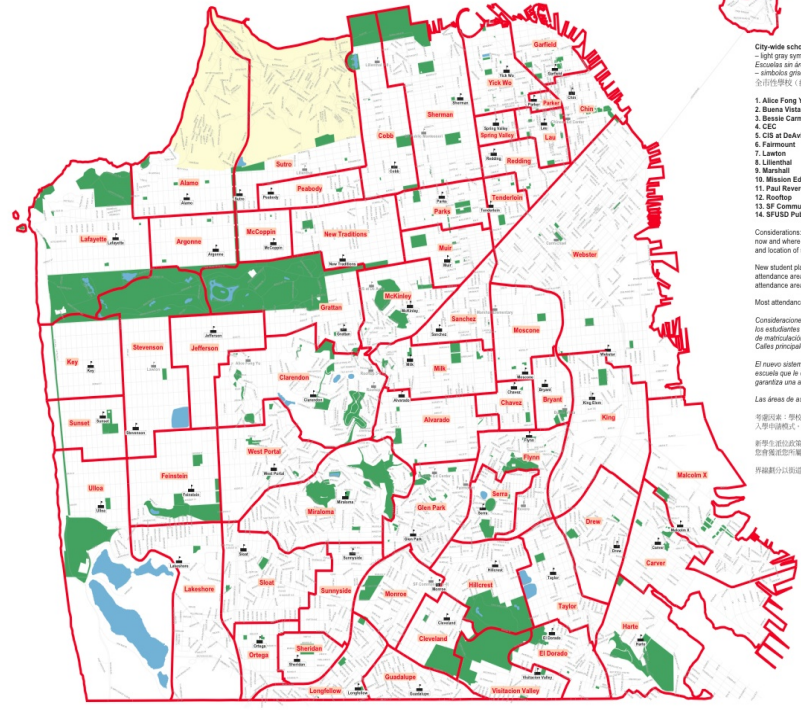




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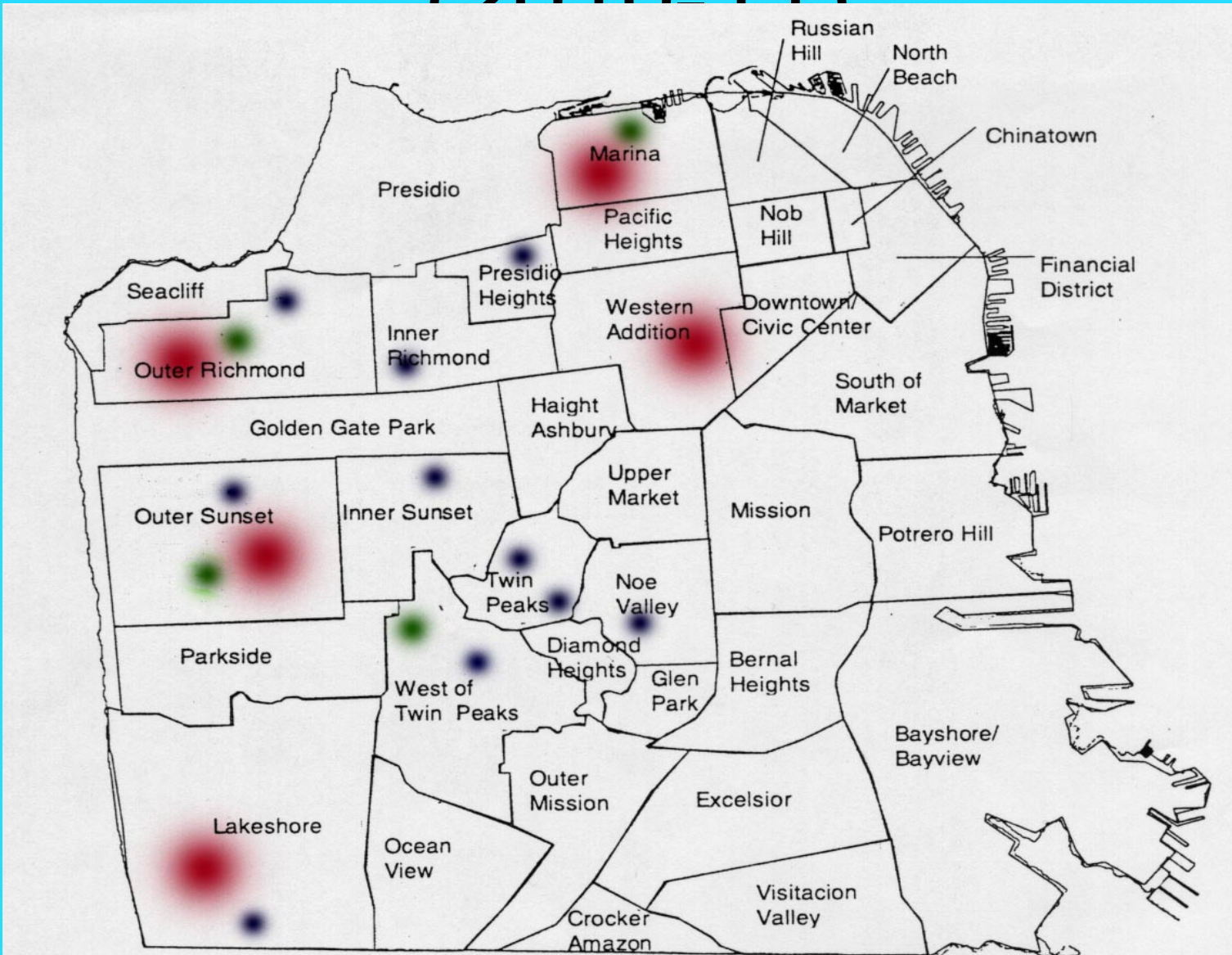
# Elementary Student Assignment

- Attendance Area schools and City-Wide Schools
- In cases with limited spaces, tie-breakers, in order:
- Siblings: younger siblings of students who are enrolled in and will be attending the school during the year for which the younger sibling requests attendance
- SFUSD PreK: students who live in the attendance area of the school and are also attending an SFUSD PreK program in the same attendance area
- Test score areas: students who live in areas of the city with the lowest average test scores
- Attendance area: students who live in the attendance area of the school. (Not applicable for city-wide schools.)
- Others: If the above tie-breakers do not resolve ties, then ties will be resolved by random lottery.

# 2011-12 Student Assignments

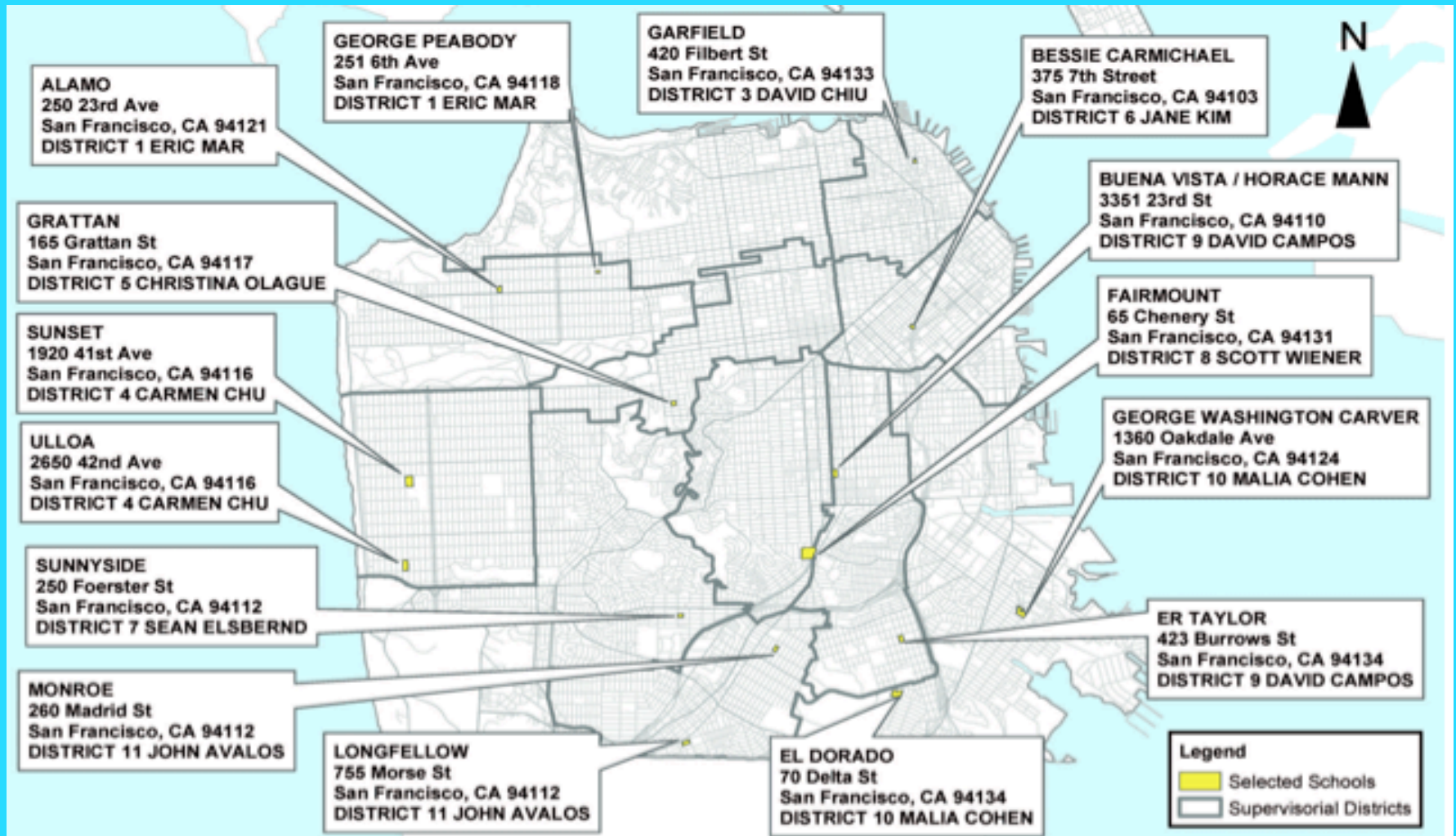
- 13,913 applicants (K, 6, 9)
- 56% assigned their first choice
- 80% assigned one of their choices
- 20% not assigned one of their choices
- Highly differential requests by school
- Clarendon ES: 1202 requests for 44 seats
- Bret Harte ES: 55 requests for 85 seats
- Lincoln HS: 2744 requests for 470 seats
- Mission HS: 467 requests for 250 seats

# SF's most requested schools (2010-11)





# San Francisco's Safe Routes to School







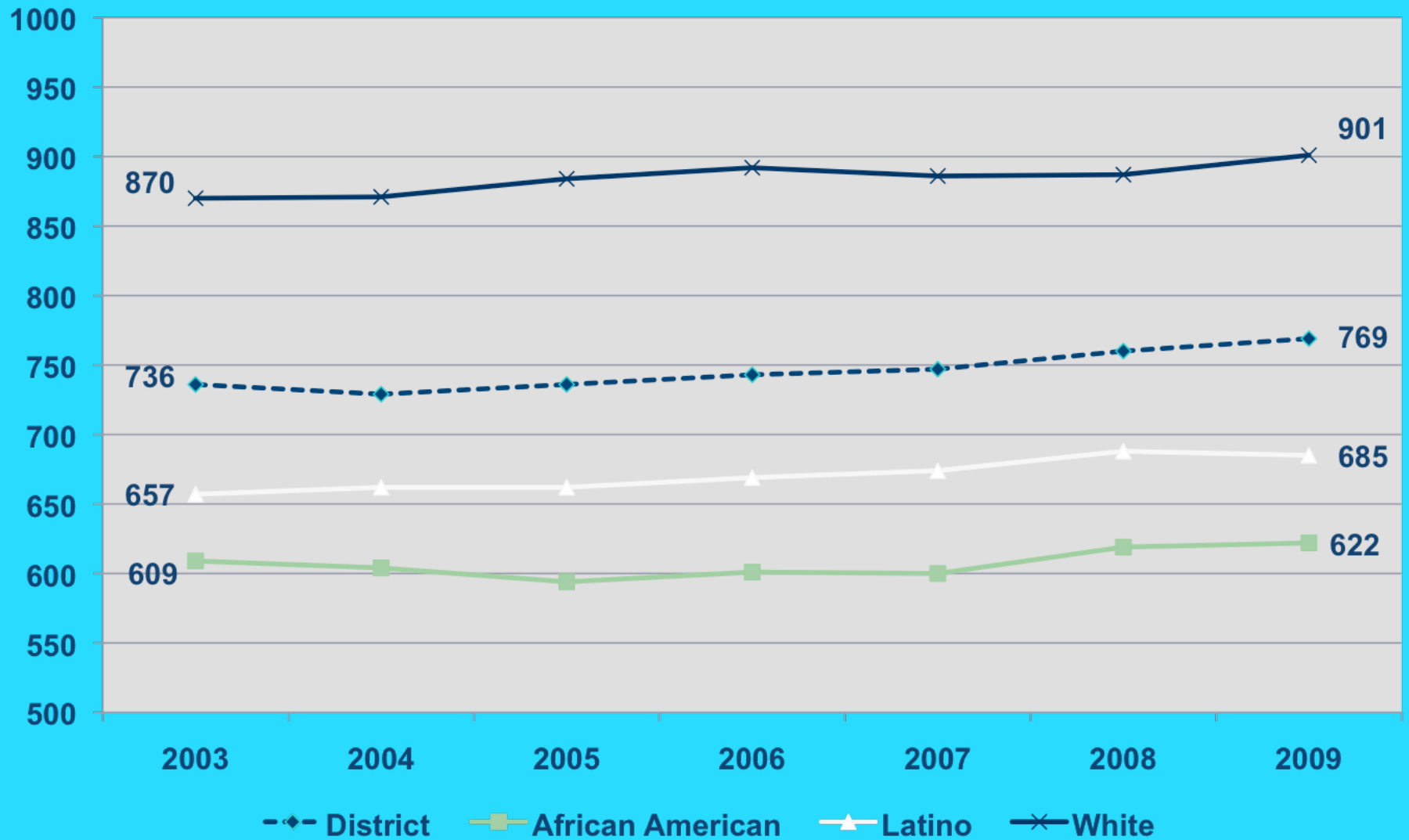






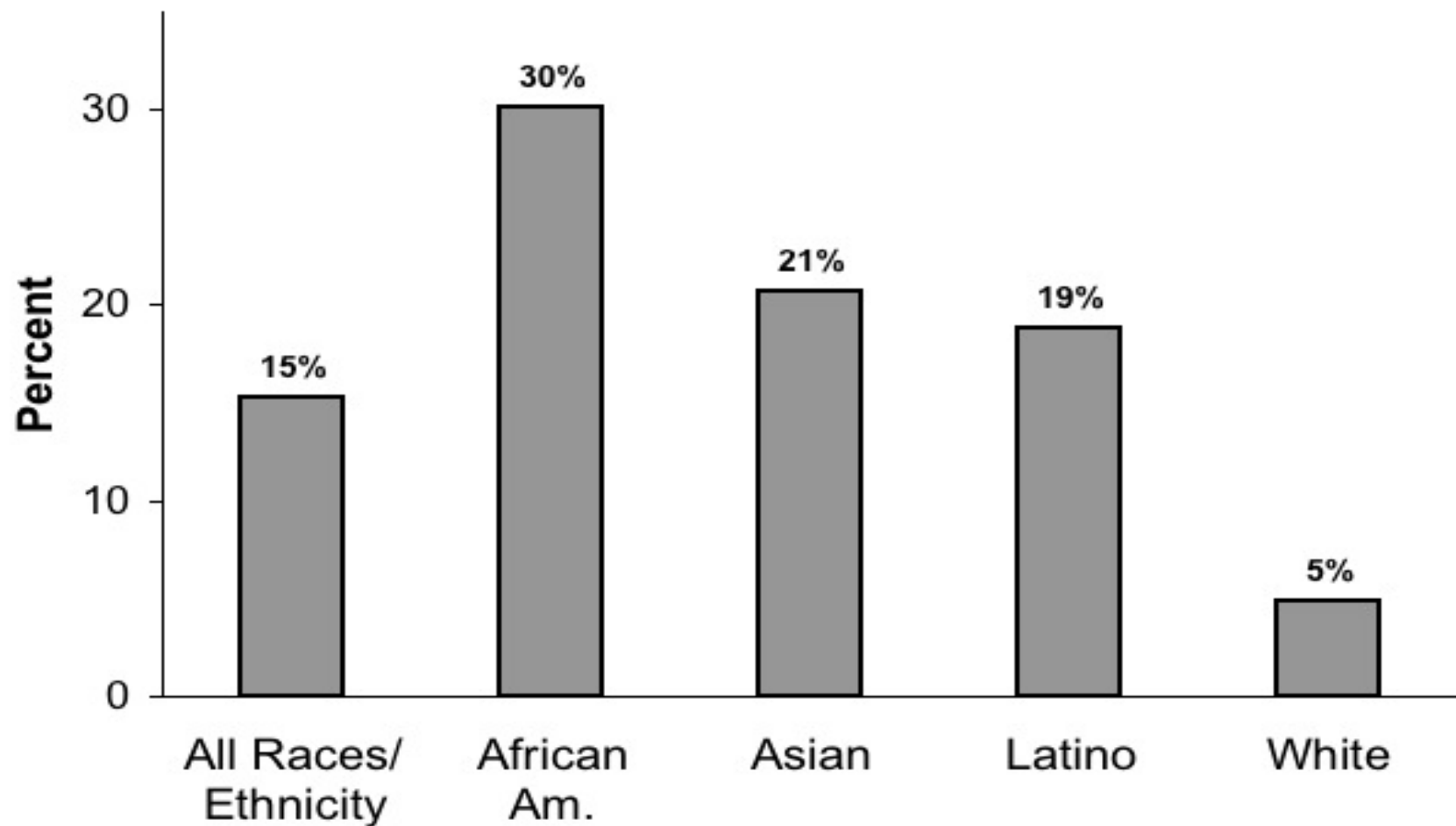
**Berkeley Unified School District**

# Academic Performance Index (API) Scores by Race 2003-2009, Grades 2- 11



# 2,217 Berkeley Children, Ages 0-17, live below the Poverty Level, 1999

*Source: 2000 Census*





Berkeley Unified School District believes that diversity in our student population enriches the educational experiences of students. The diversity in our schools:

- advances educational and occupational aspirations;
- enhances critical thinking skills;
- facilitates the equitable distribution of resources;
- reduces, prevents or eliminates the effects of racial and social isolation;
- encourages positive relationships across racial and economic lines by breaking the cycle of racial hostility to foster a community of tolerance and appreciation of students from varied and diverse backgrounds; and
- promotes participation in a pluralistic society

# Berkeley's Student Assignment Plan

Three factors considered *by residence area* (each school's population should reflect the diversity of the zone)

- Parent educational level
- Parent income level
- Racial and ethnic background





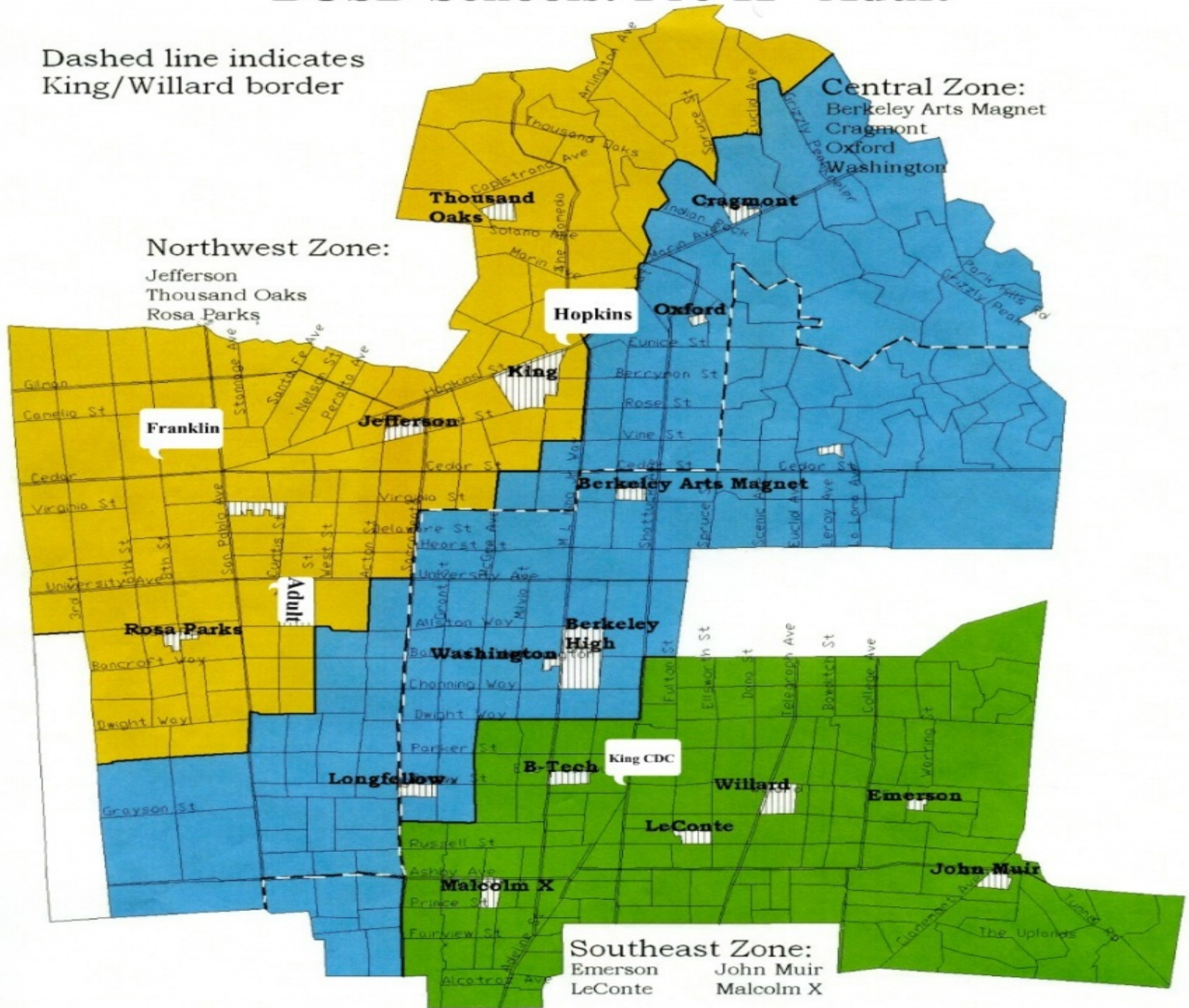






# BUSD Schools: Pre-K - Adult

Dashed line indicates King/Willard border









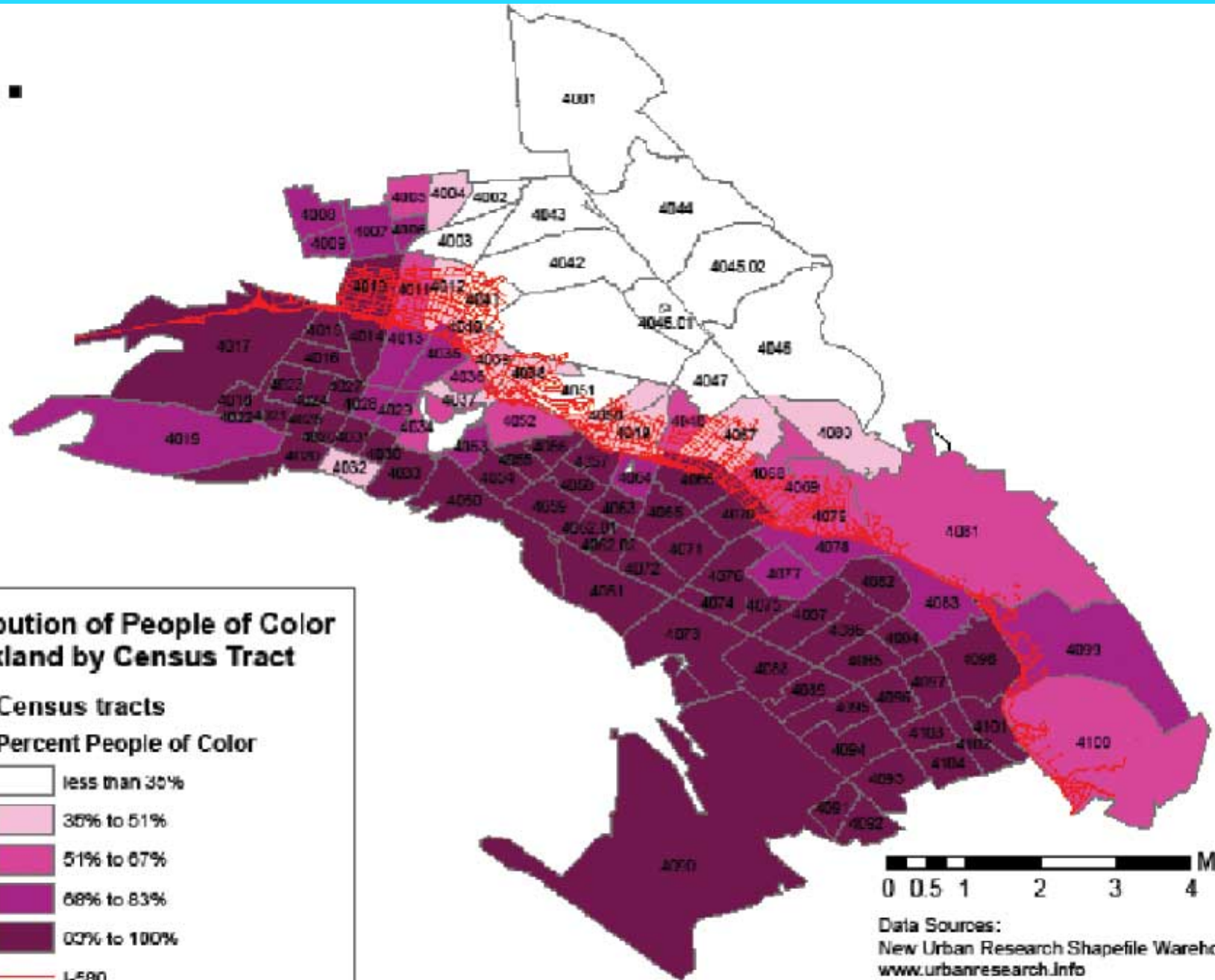
Oakland

Piedmont

Alameda

Oakland Hills



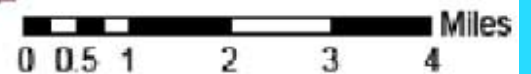


### Distribution of People of Color in Oakland by Census Tract

Census tracts  
Percent People of Color

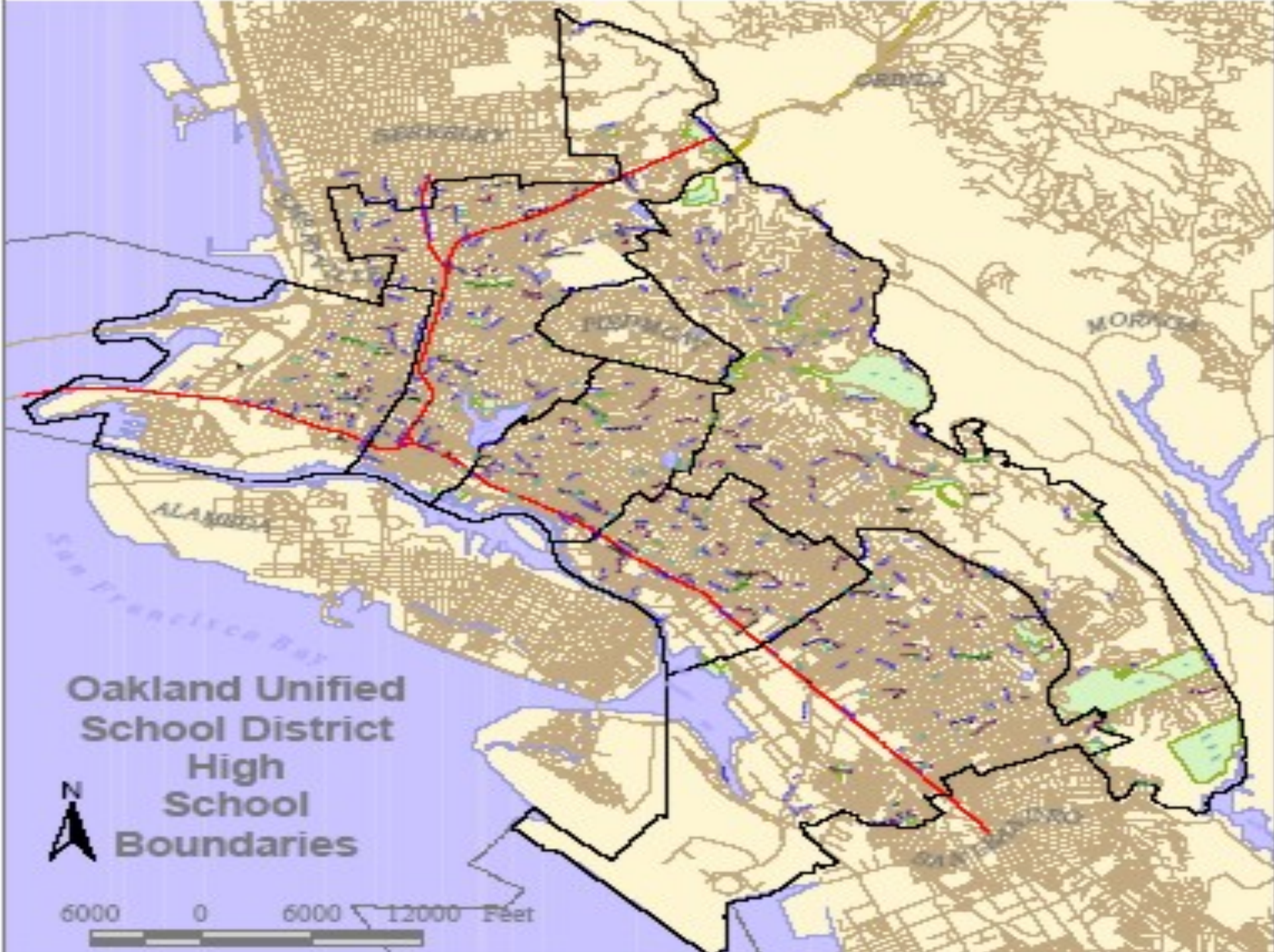


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Map prepared by HOPE Collaborative  
March 2009





**Oakland Unified  
School District  
High  
School  
Boundaries**



6000 0 6000 12000 Feet



# OUSD's School Choice and Open Enrollment Process

- Only activates if requests > spots
- Priorities
  - 1) Sibling
  - 2) Neighborhood
  - 3) Middle School boundaries
  - 4) Neighborhood school is in Program Improvement
  - 5) Open lottery

# 133: Lincoln Elementary

All K-5 students living in neighborhood AND/OR going to this school: 709



85% of K-5 students who live in the neighborhood attend this school in the neighborhood

38% of K-5 students who attend this school don't live in the neighborhood

15% of K-5 students who live in the neighborhood don't attend this school

K-5 students live and go to school in neighborhood	394	85%
K-5 students live in and go to school outside neighborhood	70	15%
K-5 STUDENTS LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD	464	
K-5 students not living in neighborhood going to this school	245	38%
K-5 STUDENTS ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL	639	
K-5 STUDENTS LIVING AND/OR GOING TO SCHOOL IN NEIGHBORHOOD	709	
K-5 students living within .25 mile of this school	273	
K-5 students living within .5 mile of this school	456	
K-5 students living within 1 mile of this school	1129	

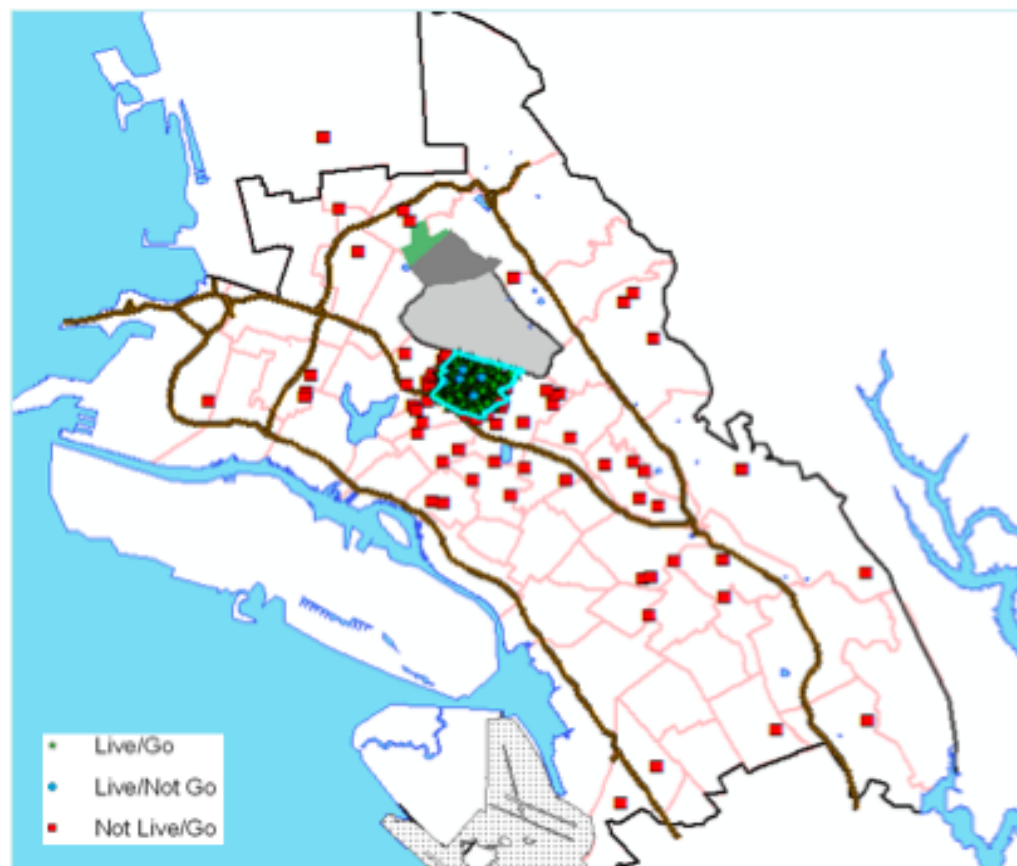


# Lincoln Elementary student demographics

- 86.5% Asian
- 3.5% African American
- 2.8% Latino
- 1.9% White
- 73.5% Socio-economically disadvantaged
- 86.3% English language learners

# 111: Crocker Highlands Elementary

All K-5 students living in neighborhood AND/OR going to this school: 393



95% of K-5 students who live in the neighborhood attend this school in the neighborhood

24% of K-5 students who attend this school don't live in the neighborhood

5% of K-5 students who live in the neighborhood don't attend this school

K-5 students live and go to school in neighborhood	289	95%
K-5 students live in and go to school outside neighborhood	14	5%
K-5 STUDENTS LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD	303	
K-5 students not living in neighborhood going to this school	90	24%
K-5 STUDENTS ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL	379	
K-5 STUDENTS LIVING AND/OR GOING TO SCHOOL IN NEIGHBORHOOD	393	
K-5 students living within .25 mile of this school	104	
K-5 students living within .5 mile of this school	304	
K-5 students living within 1 mile of this school	951	

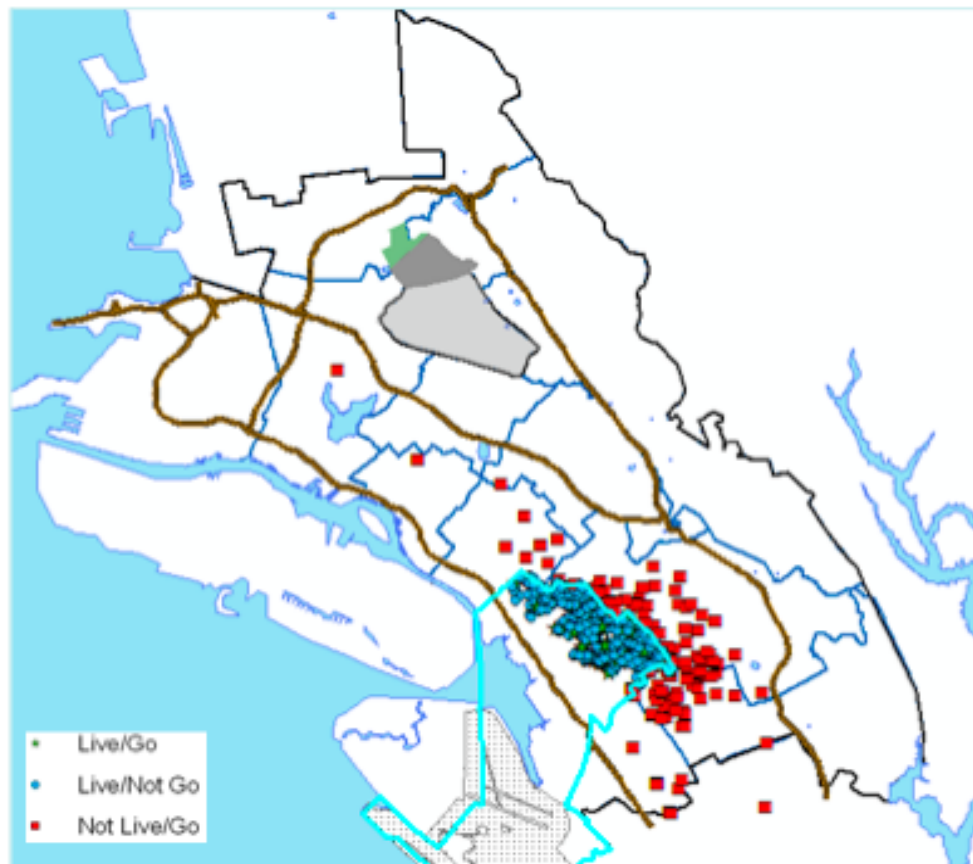
# Lincoln/Crocker Highlands student demographics

<u>Lincoln</u>	<u>Crocker Highlands</u>
• 86.5% Asian	7.7%
• 3.5% African American	16.2%
• 2.8% Latino	6.9%
• 1.9% White	53.3%
• 73.5% Socio-economically disadvantaged	9.0%
• 86.3% English language learners	4.0%



# 232: Coliseum College Prep

All G6-10 students living in neighborhood AND/OR going to this school: 1037



15% of G6-10 students who live in the neighborhood attend this school in the neighborhood

69% of G6-10 students who attend this school don't live in the neighborhood

85% of G6-10 students who live in the neighborhood don't attend this school

G6-10 students live and go to school in neighborhood	117	15%
G6-10 students live in and go to other schools in or outside neighborhood	662	85%
G6-10 STUDENTS LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD	779	
G6-10 students not living in neighborhood going to this school	258	69%
G6-10 STUDENTS ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL	375	
G6-10 STUDENTS LIVING AND/OR GOING TO SCHOOL IN NEIGHBORHOOD	1037	
G6-10 students living within .25 mile of this school	142	
G6-10 students living within .5 mile of this school	754	
G6-10 students living within 1 mile of this school	2021	

# Coliseum Prep student demographics

- 79.9% Latino
- 15.6% African American
- 2.3% Asian
- 0.0% White
- 92.4% Socio-economically disadvantaged
- 72.1% English language learners

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