



SEQUOIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

San Diego Unified School District, California



Sequoia Elementary School Exceeds Growth Targets!



Sequoia Elementary School has been using key components of American Reading Company's high-quality curricula since 2012-2013. Sponsored by the AMETEK Foundation from Grades K-3, Sequoia received ARC's Independent Reading Level Assessment® (IRLA®) & Foundational Skills Toolkits® to support conferring and small group work. Targeted practice and skill development driven by the IRLA®, combined with the school's focus on developing and sustaining an engaged reading culture has resulted in amazing growth.

Using choice, time, and opportunity to read, Sequoia students have grown a love of reading that is translating into improved outcomes on Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Third grade readers have scored higher each of the past four years, showing a consistent upward trend.

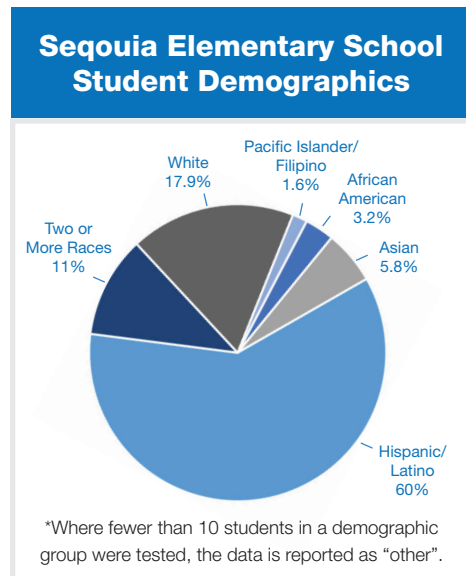
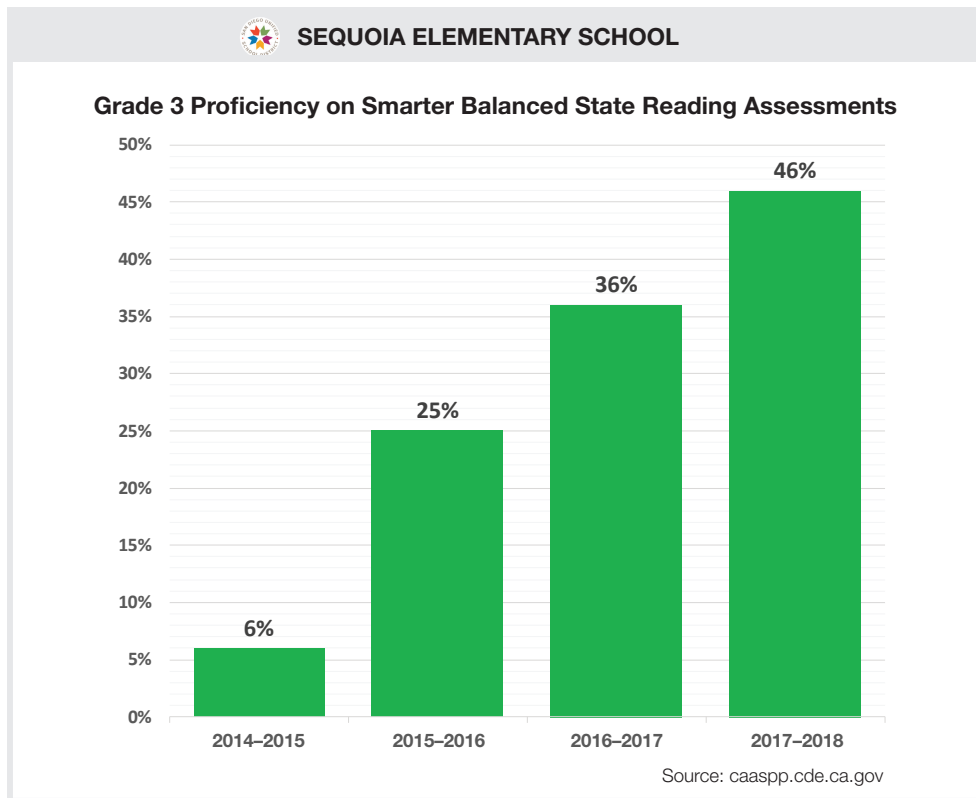
"Teachers report having learned the most ever at my school with [ARC Coach] Sandy's help. She is what makes everything go. She makes me a better instructional leader, she gives me books, she pushes my thinking. She has been a great partner."

—Principal Ryan Kissel



"For one of my students, the year began and there was a struggle to get the home reading done, but with encouragement and the right book, this student has become a self-proclaimed bookworm. She is now always in a book and I will always use her story as an example of how an open mind and a good book can open up the world of reading for anyone."

—Greg Roy, Teacher of 18+ years





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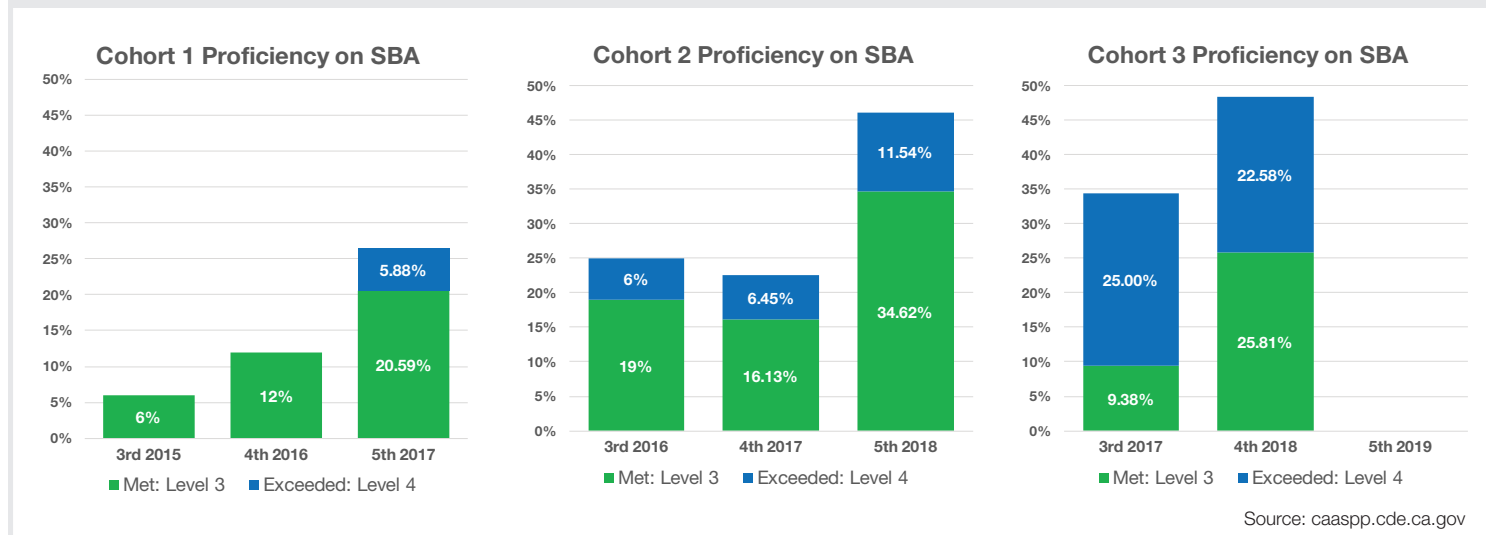
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Cohorts Get Stronger Year After Year



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In 2015, just 6% of 3rd graders scored proficient on SBA. The number doubled to 12% when those same students took SBA as 4th graders, and it doubled again to 26% for that cohort when they took SBA as 5th graders.

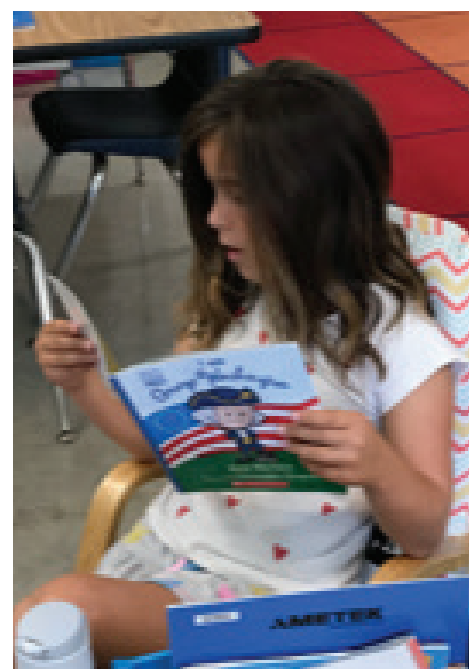
The 2016 3rd grade class saw 25% reach proficiency on SBA. As 4th graders, the numbers remained similar, but as 5th graders, this group reached a proficiency rate of 46%!

Students in 3rd grade in 2017 reached a proficiency rate of 34%. As 4th graders, these students rose to 48% and we are expecting great things from their 2019 SBA results.

Sequoia reports their main focus has been access to lots and lots of books.

“Readers’ Workshop is one of the most important times of the day. Teachers spend time with kids working on Power Goals and learning about student reading behaviors. It helps us encourage the love of reading and gets kids engaged.”

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Sequoia Elementary is paired with the AMETEK Foundation, working to find options to support students. Students in Grades K–3 at Sequoia are AMETEK sponsored.

