

Ocean View School District, CA

Overcoming Pandemic Learning Loss

Ocean View School District (OVSD) selected and implemented ARC Core in the months just before the COVID-19 shut down. During the interruption imposed by the pandemic, state test scores plummeted nationally, and many school systems are now striving to reach pre-pandemic achievement levels. OVSD's strong implementation of ARC Core is helping the district recover from pandemic learning loss.

Scores on the Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA) show that student learning in OVSD has rebounded. The group of students who began kindergarten in 2019-2020, the year of the COVID-19 shut down, grew from 10% proficient in 1st grade to 35% proficient in 4th grade (see Figure 1). Even more dramatically, the group of students who were in first grade in 2019-2020 grew from 8% proficient to 37% over OVSD's first years of ARC Core implementation (see Figure 2).

Figure 1

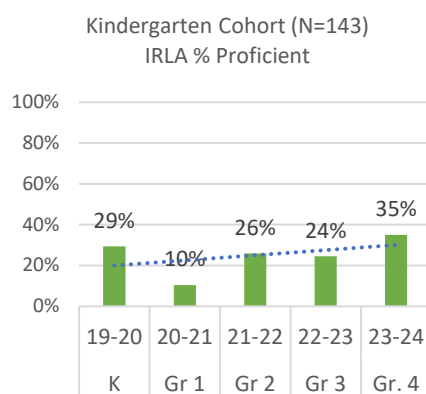
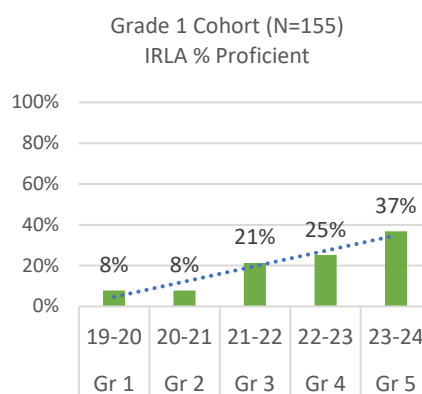


Figure 2



About the District

Ocean View School District is located just north of Santa Monica and extends north to the outskirts of Oxnard, California. It serves the Point Mugu Naval Air Station and surrounding communities.

Implementation of ARC Core began in 2019–20 in grades K–5.

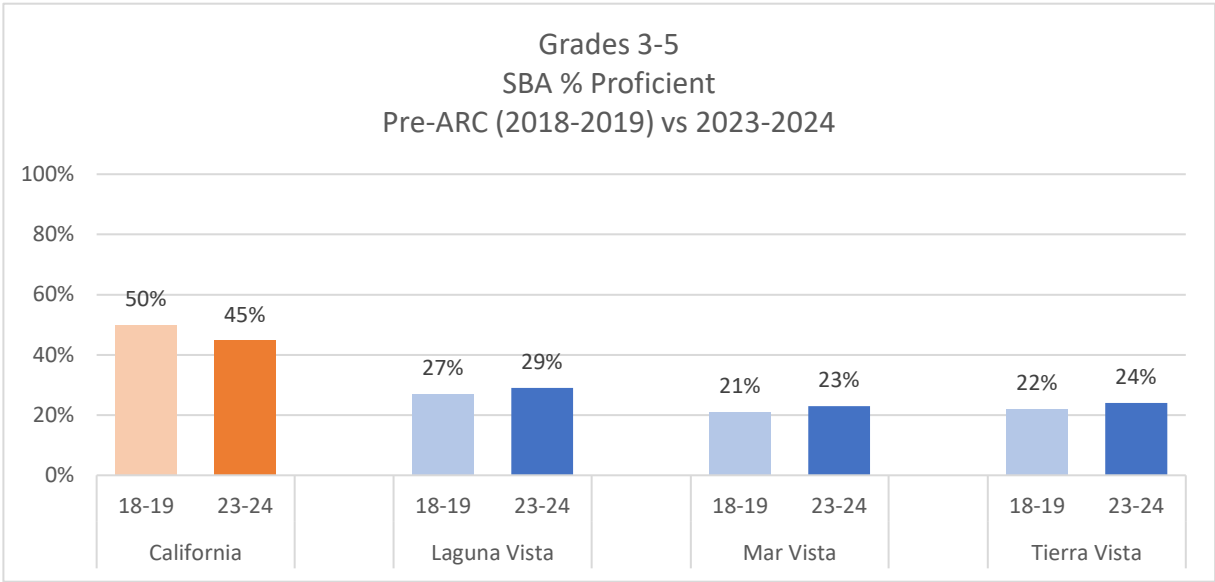
- 2,111 K-8 students
- 1 early childhood center
- 3 elementary schools
- 1 junior high school
- 89% Hispanic students
- 77% socio-economically disadvantaged students
- 11% students with disabilities
- 56% English Learners (ELs)

Assessment Overview

The Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA) is a standards-based formative assessment that teachers use to measure the extent to which students independently demonstrate reading proficiency in English. Research conducted in districts across the country shows that the IRLA is predictive of how students will perform on standardized tests including those used for accountability. For more information, see our Research Brief: Validity of the IRLA: <https://arc.red/validity>

Statewide, the percentage of grades 3-5 students scoring proficient on California’s state test, the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), has not yet caught up with pre-pandemic levels. However, since the implementation of ARC Core in the 2019-2020 school year, each school in OVSD has surpassed their pre-pandemic performance on SBA (see Figure 3).

Figure 3



In addition, comparisons of SBA performance from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024 reveal bright spots that can be celebrated. At Mar Vista, there was a 10-percentage point increase in grade 3 students scoring proficient. There was also a 10-percentage point increase in Laguna Vista at grade 4. At Tierra Vista, there was a 3-percentage point increase in Grade 5 students scoring proficient (see Figure 4).

Figure 4

