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ROCKETSHIP
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

YEAR IN REVIEW

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LIFETIME
ROCKETEERS
SERVED

32,244

- Rocketeers: **10,454**
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: **69%**
- English Language Learners: **41%**
- Latino and Black: **85%**
- Special Education: **11%**

2023-24
STUDENT
POPULATION

17 YEARS
32,244
ROCKETEERS

Dear Rocketship Community,

Over the past 17 years, Rocketship has grown from a bold idea to rethink elementary education into a powerful, nationwide collective of families, educators, and leaders, united in a mission to unlock the potential of every child. What started with a single school in San Jose has blossomed into a national network serving thousands of Rocketeers across the country.

As we look ahead to our next phase of impact, we know that the future of Rocketship must be shaped by the voices of the communities we serve. Over several months last year, we engaged in meaningful conversations with our families, educators, and leaders to understand their aspirations and dreams for our network's future. Through these discussions, we arrived at a new vision for the next chapter of our movement: **Equal access to opportunity for all.**

This vision is rooted in the belief that every child, regardless of background, deserves a fair chance to succeed. It's about creating a level playing field—where children and families can overcome the barriers that stand in the way of opportunity. It's about ensuring that every child, regardless of zip code, can dream big, access a high-quality public school, and have the support and resources they need to make those dreams a reality.

To bring this vision to life, we are rolling out a bold five-year strategic plan, focused on three key strategic levers: **quality schools, community power, and scaled impact.** Our schools will continue to deliver “gap-busting” excellence in elementary education, always staying true to the academic rigor and support that has been the foundation of our success. And as we move forward, we are innovating upon, elevating, and expanding our work. We will honor and amplify the power of our families, ensuring they are central to the education and decision-making processes at every level of the network.

In the years to come, we will magnify our national impact by growing our network of schools in both current and new regions, reaching more Rocketeers, and deepening our connection with families. We will explore innovative approaches to education and community-building that extend our impact and allow us to better serve our students and families.

At the heart of all of this is a **culture of excellence and belonging**, where every child, family, and educator feels valued and supported to grow and achieve.

Together, we are embarking on this next chapter of our journey. We're unleashing the potential within every Rocketeer and creating equal access to opportunity for all. Thank you for being an essential part of this movement.



Preston Smith
Co-Founder & CEO



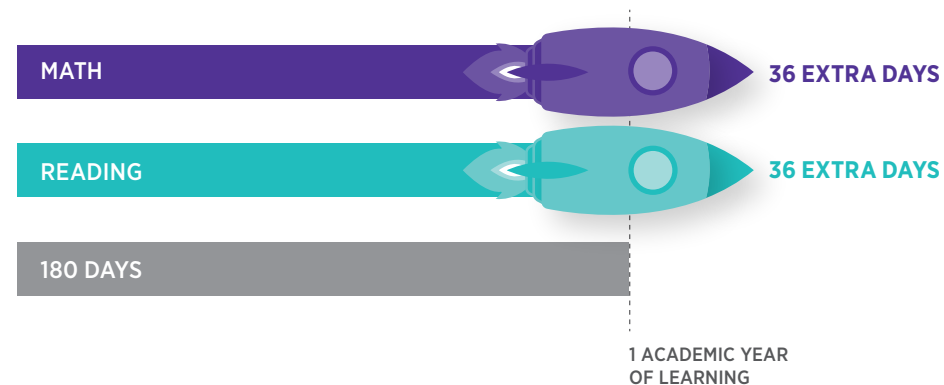
Rocketeers Gain 36 Extra Days of Learning

Every year a student spends in an underperforming school is another year they fall further behind their college-bound peers. Eventually, those gaps become insurmountable. Of course, we do not expect to close academic gaps that accumulated over several years of prior schooling in a single school year at Rocketship. But we do expect major gains in academic growth that narrow the gap that separates them from their college-bound peers.

In the 2023-24 school year, our Rocketeers grew an average of 1.2 years in both math and reading. This means that our students gained the equivalent of 36 additional days of learning this school year.

Gaining more than a year's worth of learning in a single school year, and repeating that year after year after year for the past 17 years, is how we are eliminating the achievement gap and ensuring our Rocketeers are on the path to college and career success.

The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), and its nationally normed MAP assessment, evaluates more than 13 million students annually across more than 35,000 schools and 146 countries. The MAP assessment measures how well students are learning and growing in core subjects. Rocketship students take the MAP assessment in the fall, winter, and spring to evaluate student progress and inform instruction. Last year, our Rocketeers grew more than a full school year in Reading and Math and gained the equivalent of 36 additional days of learning.



Closing in on Pre-Pandemic Levels

Rocketeers grew in math and reading at rates that reflect what we experienced prior to the pandemic and led to gap-busting schools!

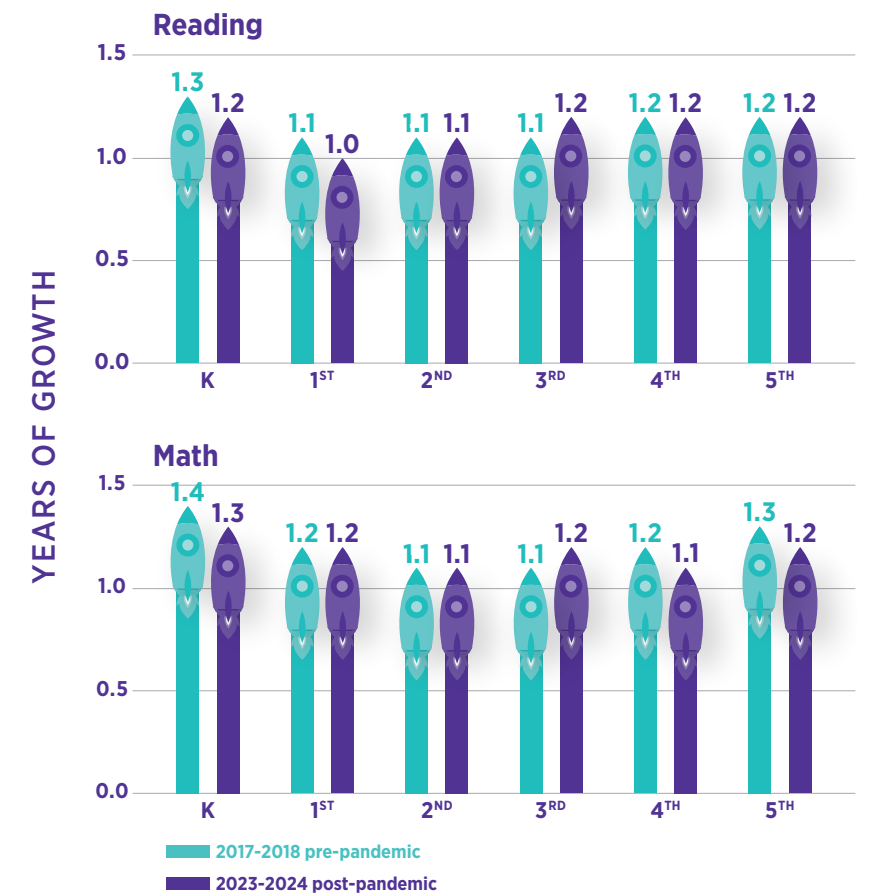
In the wake of COVID-19, many states are lowering academic standards, conceding a generation of students to lower growth and achievement. At Rocketship Public Schools, we refuse to accept that. We will never lower our standards—for ourselves, our Rocketeers, or the communities we serve.

Driven by a vision of equal opportunity for all children, we believe in a future where every Rocketeer can soar, supported by personalized learning, strong relationships, and communities committed to their success.

Our approach is not to use a singular “silver bullet,” but a comprehensive, community-driven model. Through offering a variety of programs—like data-informed instruction, tutoring and small groups, wraparound services, intentional parent partnership, mental health supports, and meaningful inclusion in special education—we meet each child and family where they are. Our personalized learning model ensures that every Rocketeer gets the right support at the right time to foster academic growth.

And it's working. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, our academic growth is back on track to pre-COVID-19 levels—and we're not stopping there. Our students are showing us, day by day, that with the right supports, they can and will exceed expectations.

FALL TO SPRING STUDENT GROWTH BY GRADE LEVEL



“Once we had a plan in place for him, he has been doing amazing. I just want to say Rocketship, thank you so much. Everyone else just threw us to the side...but I know here he’s getting his education. They’re paying attention, they’re making sure he gets everything he needs.”

BOBI,
Rocketship Parent

Hear from Bobi:



Rocketship Classrooms Serve All Students

Last year, 11% of Rocketeers nationwide were students with special needs. In most public elementary schools, students with special needs are separated from their peers for most of the learning day.

Rather than isolate and further stigmatize students, we operate a meaningful inclusion model that ensures all of our students with special needs have daily access to our general education environment. This means all students with learning disabilities spend at least half of their day in general education classrooms, with the vast majority spending over 80% of the day in the general education environment.

With this inclusive approach, our students with special needs are exposed to the same instructional program as their typically developing peers. By coupling our meaningful inclusion model with individual supports including small group co-teaching and individual instruction, we help all Rocketeers achieve ambitious academic and social outcomes.

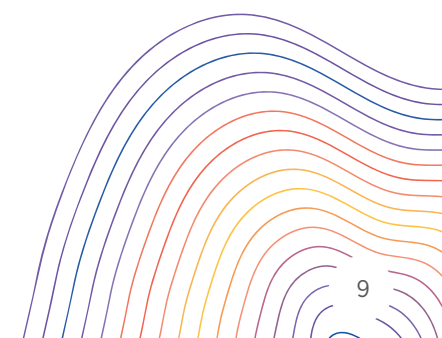
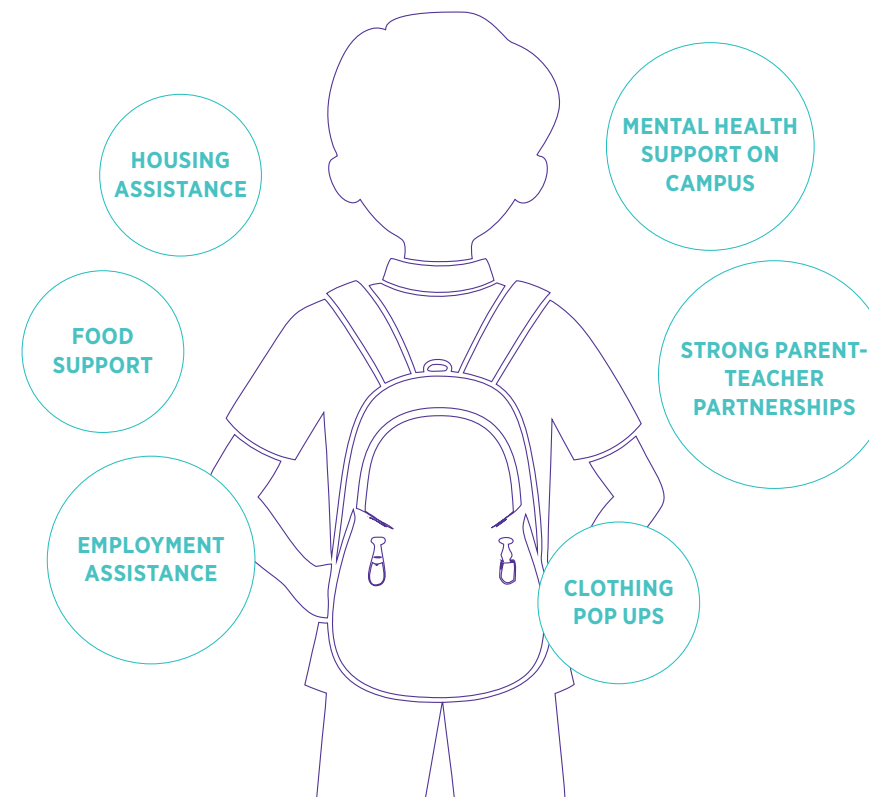
Students with mild-moderate special needs grew more than a year in both reading and math.



Supporting the Whole Child through a Community Schools Approach

In order for students to thrive both inside and outside of the classroom, Rocketship creates partnerships with community-based organizations to provide wraparound services to give our families a wide net of support beyond academics. This includes partnering with community organizations to provide resources such as food, housing, clothing, and employment support. This comprehensive network of support helps create an environment where Rocketeers can unleash their full potential in all areas of their lives.

Partnering with Community Organizations to Provide:



Connecting with Families Beyond the Classroom

Our approach to personalized learning begins with building deep relationships with our Rocketeers and their families. A strong relationship between the family and school is the backbone of child development. At Rocketship, this starts with our annual home visits. Last school year, our **teachers visited the homes of 7,921 students** by Thanksgiving break. This annual practice enables our educators to learn about their Rocketeers' home environment, family structure, unique interests, and more.

By changing the power dynamic from parent in a teacher's classroom to teacher in a parent's home, we are able to develop much deeper relationships with parents that carry into the school year and beyond.

We know that when parents are more involved in their child's education, Rocketeers have greater chances of excelling in school. By creating multiple opportunities for families to engage, we're able to support Rocketeers holistically and connect with families genuinely.



7,921
Rocketeers Received Home Visits from Educators

A Parent's Journey Cultivating Community Power

At Rocketship, we believe that families are powerful agents of change. To ensure that their voices are heard, we empower parents with the tools they need to shape educational policies.

One example of how parents exercise their power is through "Days on the Hill." In the spring of 2023, Rocketship families from Wisconsin, Texas, California, and D.C. participated in State and National Days on the Hill to elevate critical issues in their communities. They met with 35 state senators and representatives to advocate for **public safety initiatives, increased charter school and Title 1 funding, and increased mental health resources** for students.

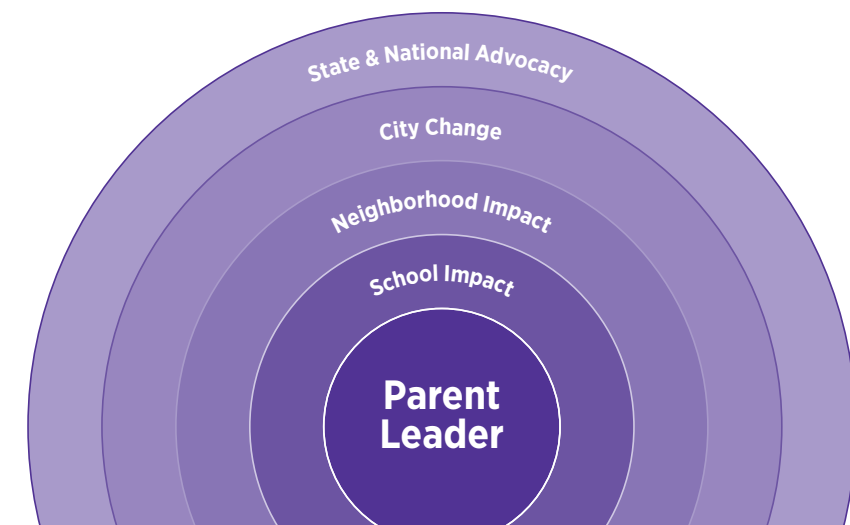
Our program guides parents through a unique journey. As parents become more involved at their school, our regional education organizers invite those with leadership potential to join their school's volunteer organizing committee. In this role, parents deepen their understanding of educational issues, receive training in advocacy and community organizing, engage directly with elected officials, and more. This path empowers parents to become influential stakeholders in their communities who lead the way in creating equitable education opportunities for all.

With only 11% of registered voters in the U.S. being Black and Latino, our Rocketship Votes! program increases voter registration. By the end of the 2023-24 school year,

47% of Rocketship families were registered to vote!

JOURNEY OF A PARENT LEADER

HOW A PARENT LEADER DRIVES CHANGE





Rocketship Alumna Lands Multiple Tuition-Free College Options

BY **FERNANDA MORALES SOTO**, Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep

As I am writing this, I'm looking at the envelopes on my desk with the letters that are sure to change my life—my acceptances to UC Berkeley and the University of Southern California for the fall. While I'm not yet sure which one I'll attend, I am so proud to say that I also was accepted into Boston University (as a Trustee Scholar), UC Davis, UC Irvine, Santa Clara University, George Washington University, CSU Long Beach, and San Jose State University. And furthermore, I won a Webb Scholarship which means I will go to college debt free.

As a first-generation college-bound student, I am blessed to have been accepted into so many amazing schools. The journey to get here wasn't easy, but I am thankful for the help I've received along the way. I likely would have been in a different place now if I never attended Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep for elementary school.

My blood family and my Rocketship family taught me to use my voice. This led me not just to come back to Rocketship but also to advocate for all the causes I care about at my current school, in my community, and beyond. I am amazed at how a school I no longer attend continues to teach me about unity and determination. I am grateful for the opportunity to have experienced Rocketship and look forward to how my connection with my former school and community will continue to flourish, inspiring me to be a person who upholds empathy and grit throughout college and future endeavors.

Ten Years Later Tennessee and Wisconsin Alumni Reflect on Rocketship's Impact

Since launching Rocketship Tennessee and Rocketship Wisconsin more than 10 years ago, our alumni are excelling in middle school, high school, and soon, in college. They will always appreciate the educational foundation they built during their time at Rocketship. Hear what two former Rocketeers had to say about their time at Rocketship:

"Rocketship United Academy wasn't just a school, it was a place where I found not only academic growth but also personal development and lifelong friendships. It's where I learned the value of teamwork, perseverance, and the importance of cherishing every moment. Reflecting on those memories fills me with happiness for the experiences and the people who made my time at Rocketship United Academy truly unforgettable."

-COURTNEY KOON

High School Senior, RePublic High School
Alumna, Rocketship United Academy

"One Rocketship teacher who stood out to me was Mrs. Wilhelm. She was a big support for me, even on my bad days, she would be there to lift me up. And she's been there for me my whole journey—my middle school graduation and my high school graduation."

"I'm also proud of myself because I got a full-ride scholarship to my private high school, which was \$25,000 a year to attend. So, you know, me being just some regular kid from the south side of Milwaukee, it was kind of a dream come true. I'm going to the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and I'm studying computer engineering and I plan to be an engineer after I graduate."

-MAXIMUS MOLINA

Studying engineering at University of Wisconsin
Alumnus, Rocketship Southside Community Prep

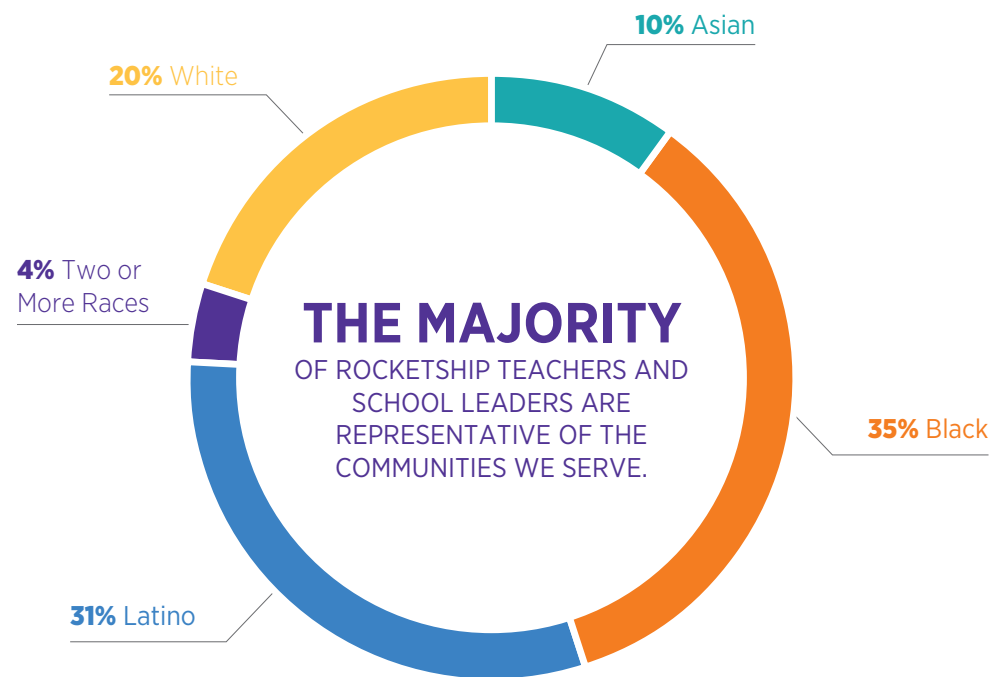


Rocketship Educators Reflect the Communities We Serve

An increasing body of research shows that student achievement and attendance go up and suspension rates go down when students have at least one same-race teacher. Yet America’s teaching force has not increased in community representation over the years with only 20% of public school teachers in the U.S. who are people of color. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, there has been a slight increase in Latino public school teachers since 2015 and the share of Black teachers has declined since the 1990s.

We are flipping the script at Rocketship. Our educators reflect the communities we serve. **The majority of our educators—80 percent—identify as people of color.**

Equity and excellence in education are about providing each student with what they need to succeed. This includes learning from teachers who offer both windows and mirrors—people who bring new perspectives, as well as reflect their own background and experience. That is why Rocketship is working relentlessly to ensure that our Rocketeers are taught by a representative team of educators who bring experiences, ideas, and perspectives to our classrooms that even more deeply connect with our kids and communities.



Rocketship is Creating Pathways to Economic Mobility

Our model prioritizes personalized learning to unleash the potential inside every Rocketeer, and that includes our educators. Unlike most public elementary schools, Rocketship teachers engage in weekly professional development sessions and each has a coach where they receive in-the-moment feedback as they’re teaching. Informed by data, coaches also partner with their teachers to adjust upcoming lessons to maximize student success and regularly review progress to find new ways to improve.

We recognize that one of the greatest ways for us to bolster our educators and catalyze student success is to grow from within. We are making strategic investments to create a recruitment funnel that attracts local candidates who reflect the communities we serve and then provide them each with an individualized growth plan to support their development.

Rocketship has built strong relationships with external partners like Rivet School and Reach, and programs that specialize in offering an affordable pathway for receiving the required degrees and credentials to support teaching careers.

Our recruitment and retention efforts exemplify our capacity as a workforce development engine. We have demonstrated our ability to hire someone at an entry-level, hourly rate, provide them with real-world experience in the classroom or our learning lab, and scaffold their development with degrees and credentials to pave the way for a salaried teaching position and beyond. From there, our in-house talent development strategies coupled with our performance-based pay system enable top achievers to thrive as educators.

“I truly see my coaching as a piece of feedback that only helps me get better. I can testify that I am where I am today due to my super critical, but not in a bad way, feedback from my coaches. I think coaching should be mandatory at every school, and in the way that Rocketship does it.”

EMILY SUAREZ DEAL REAL,
Former Rocketship para-professional
Current first-grade educator,
Rocketship Wisconsin

Hear from Emily:



Rocketship’s Journey to Career Advancement





ELEMENTARY-ONLY BY DESIGN



Improving the Public Education Ecosystem

By focusing exclusively on elementary education, we work to improve the entire ecosystem of public education in the communities we serve.

We are not creating a parallel K-12 school system, we are focused on improving outcomes for kids and deepening engagement with parents at the elementary level.

Our expertise in elementary education prepares thousands of Rocketeers in their vital early years of education. When our graduates move on to attend different middle schools, those students are ready for the rigors of middle school. In fact, **a three-year study by SRI Education found that our Rocketeers are a full year ahead of their middle school classmates in both math and reading** on day one of middle school. This means middle schools are enrolling more students that are on grade level and ready to advance their education.

We are also sending powerful parents off to join their middle school communities. During their time at Rocketship, our parents are deeply engaged in their Rocketeers' education. They become champions of their child's learning and learn how to harness the power of their voice to advocate for their children and their communities. Families also participate in middle school fairs and get connected to schools with high success rates. They also learn to hold leaders accountable in the local school district or charters, and ensure their kids continue to receive the same excellence in education that they experienced during their elementary years at Rocketship.

Excellent elementary schools beget stronger middle schools beget stronger high schools. It's a virtuous cycle designed to scale impact far beyond the number of seats offered by Rocketship. This is how our elementary-only model is designed to elevate the entire public education ecosystem in the communities we serve.

ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALIFORNIA

13 SCHOOLS 6,389 ROCKETEERS 73% LATINO

54% ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS 75% SOCIOECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

Rocketship California started in 2007 in a church in downtown San Jose with makeshift classrooms, seven fearless teachers, and 160 courageous Rocketeers. Building on an innovative model of teaching, learning, and parent power, Rocketship California has grown to a network of 13 high-performing schools across the Bay Area serving thousands of students.

And our impact goes far beyond our current students. Tens of thousands of Rocketship California alumni make their communities better every single day. From high schoolers active in volunteering to college students aiding in scientific research and immigration justice, our Rocketeers are changing the world for the better. And a few of our Rocketeers are even back as educators in our schools—helping to unleash the potential of the next generation.



US NEWS & WORLD REPORT previously named seven Rocketship California schools as among the best elementary schools in the nation!



California Spotlight

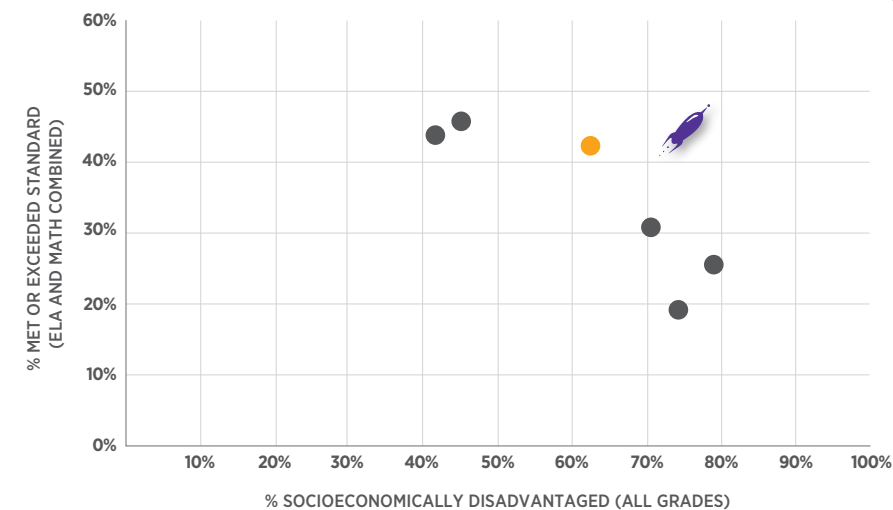
Rocketship California Outperforms Local Schools Serving Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students

Among California schools that serve a similar population, Rocketship California ranks above the 70th percentile among all California schools for socioeconomically disadvantaged (SED) students in grades 3-5 math and above the 60th percentile for English Languages Arts. We're proud that **Rocketship California's overall proficiency in math increased by 3 percentage points**, keeping us 4% ahead of the state's overall proficiency rate.

Impressively, **92% of Rocketship California schools outperformed their local district SED averages in both subjects**, and 77% of our schools outperformed the state's SED average.

The chart on this page shows achievement results plotted against the percentage of students classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged for local districts, the state of California, and Rocketship California. This analysis underscores how our Rocketeers are charting a new course for disadvantaged students in our state. Our high-quality schools and instructional model are proving that demographics do not define the amazing potential of the Rocketeers we have the privilege to serve.

2023-24 CAASPP: GRADES 3RD-5TH
Rocketship vs. Local Districts vs. CA



Rocketship California received the \$8.2 million Stronger Connections grant to ensure every Rocketeer and their family continues to have access to services and resources that help meet their holistic needs, including their mental health and overall well-being. This award recognizes the incredible work of our schools and their ability to foster safe and strong communities built on high-achieving schools and engaged families. Rocketship California is the only grant recipient in Santa Clara County to be awarded this funding.

LEGEND
● ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
● STATE OF CALIFORNIA
● LOCAL DISTRICTS

ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS WISCONSIN



2 SCHOOLS 628 ROCKETEERS 95% BLACK & LATINO

18% SPECIAL EDUCATION 86% SOCIOECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

Despite decades of effort, the racial achievement gap in Milwaukee is still among the worst in the nation. Another generation of students in Milwaukee is at risk of being denied the opportunity to realize their full potential. Standing apart from this seemingly intractable problem is Rocketship Wisconsin. Focusing on small group instruction and personalized learning, our educators engage students in a joyful learning community focused on positivity, growth, and opportunity. We're leveraging our national wraparound service approach and doubling down on being community schools in Milwaukee. The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded Rocketship Wisconsin with a \$2.5 million grant, further enabling us to do just that. And our families are deeply engaged in both our school community and the greater movement for equity in Milwaukee.

In 2013, Rocketship Wisconsin launched the largest charter school opening in the history of Milwaukee: Rocketship Southside Community Prep. In 2018, we launched our second school, Rocketship Transformation Prep. We are proud to now serve over 600 students on both the North and South sides of Milwaukee.



Highest Growth in Both Subjects
Since Serving All Grade Levels

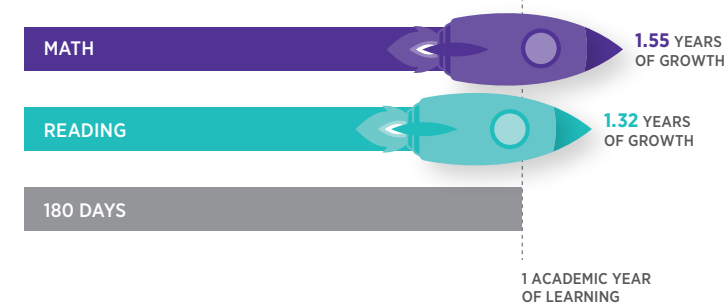
Wisconsin Spotlight

Rocketship Wisconsin Leads the Network for Growth in Math

On the nationally normed NWEA Map assessment, Rocketship Wisconsin achieved the best growth since offering all grades at both campuses. Rocketship Southside Community Prep earned its highest-ever average growth in both subjects—1.55 years in math and 1.32 in reading.

Rocketship Transformation Prep improved from last year and earned its highest growth in both subjects since reaching full enrollment in the 2021-22 school year.

Rocketship Wisconsin is making major progress toward closing long-standing achievement gaps in Milwaukee. In classrooms like Lauren Geary's third grade at Rocketship Southside Community Prep, our Rocketeers are achieving remarkable results—1.84 years of growth in math! Growing nearly two full school years worth of academic achievements in just one year, and repeating that year-after-year, is how we will close the achievement gap in our lifetime and get our Rocketeers on the path to college and career success.



Rocketship Wisconsin Receives \$2.5 million Grant to Propel Wraparound Services

Rocketship Wisconsin was one of only 30 recipients nationwide of the U.S. Department of Education's **Full-Service Community Schools grant**. This award recognizes the incredible work of our schools to truly serve as community schools—taking care of our students, families, and neighborhoods both inside and outside of the classroom. We will leverage our national wraparound service approach to replicate California's Care Corps success to provide deeper wraparound services to our Rocketeers in Milwaukee. Rocketship Wisconsin is the only grant recipient in all of Wisconsin and the only charter school organization in the entire country to be awarded this funding.

ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS TENNESSEE



3 SCHOOLS **1,410** ROCKETEERS **92%** BLACK & LATINO

38% ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS **13%** SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our first school in Tennessee, Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary, launched in 2014. Rocketship United Academy opened in south Nashville a year later. And in August 2022, Rocketship Dream Community Prep opened in southeast Nashville. Our three schools served more than 1,400 students in the 2023-24 school year. Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary and Rocketship United Academy have both been named a “Reward School,” the highest recognition for student achievement by the Tennessee Department of Education.

Rocketship Tennessee is opening doors of opportunity and providing much-needed options for families to choose a school that best meets the needs of their students. All Rocketship Tennessee campuses use the same core academic model, but each offers a unique enrichment program to meet the needs and desires of the community it serves. Rocketship Nashville Northeast focuses on STEM education, Rocketship United Academy is a multicultural school with an exceptional student government program, and Rocketship Dream offers a music-enriched curriculum to help bring learning to life at Rocketship Dream Community Prep.



Strong Academic Growth in Math and Reading

Tennessee Spotlight



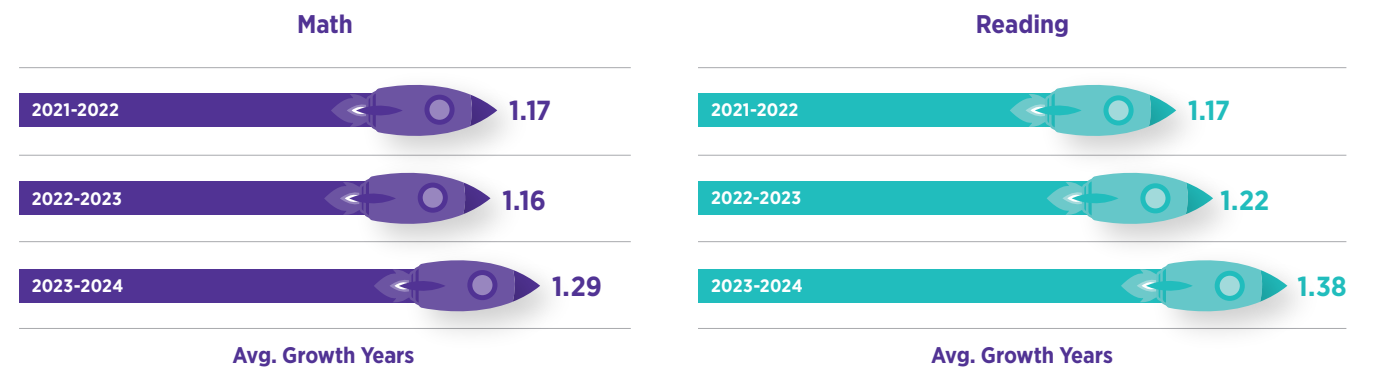
Rocketship Tennessee Rocketeers Are Growing, Fast

Rocketship Tennessee has demonstrated remarkable resilience in the past year, charting a strong course back toward pre-pandemic performance levels. Our students have shown exceptional academic growth, achieving 1.29 years of progress in mathematics and 1.38 years of progress in reading. This is our highest growth in three years (all post-COVID) and our second-highest growth rate in our 10-year history. In fact, this year outpaces our growth from 2017-2018 when our 1.2 and 1.3 years of growth helped us reach record-high levels of absolute academic achievement. Furthermore, Rocketship United Academy and Rocketship Dream Community Prep both achieved a TVAAS Level 4—demonstrating that our schools are helping Rocketeers grow each and every day.

These growth rates propelled us back to pre-pandemic levels of achievement and charted a course for even higher levels of success in the years to come.

By focusing on individualized support and innovative learning strategies, Rocketship Tennessee is steadily rebuilding our academic foundation and positioning our students to even further unleash their potential.

Fall-to-Spring Avg Growth Years



ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS WASHINGTON DC

3 SCHOOLS 1,376 ROCKETEERS 98% BLACK & LATINO

72% AT-RISK 13% EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

In 2016, Rocketship Rise Academy opened in Southeast DC's Ward 8 as the largest charter opening in DC history. Rocketship Legacy Prep opened in Ward 7 a year later. In their very first year, both schools achieved Tier 1 status—the highest ranking for DC Public Charter Schools. In August 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, Rocketship Infinity Community Prep opened its doors as our third school in DC. Partnering with AppleTree Institute to provide high-quality pre-K education, we serve more than 1,000 Rocketeers every day—students who have the potential to be DC's next leaders and creative thinkers.



2023 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for At-Risk Students

EMPOWER K12, education nonprofit

Washington DC Spotlight

Community Partnerships Bring New Opportunities to Rocketeers

Rocketship Washington DC and Out Teach, an outdoor education science lab, are bringing learning to life across all three Rocketship schools. Out Teach helps schools across the country transform the outdoors into active learning labs that unlock the wonder of science through hands-on learning, reduce food scarcity, and inspire healthy living.

Rocketship Legacy Prep Launches Kindergarteners Strong

Based on the latest NWEA MAP results, Kindergarten Rocketeers at Legacy Prep averaged more than 1.4 years of growth in both math and reading!



Keeping Rocketeers Safe During At-Risk Hours

Safeguarding our Rocketeers is a top priority at Rocketship DC. Students not only need a space to learn and grow during school, but also deserve a support system they can rely on after school during at-risk hours. But we're not alone in that vision. Washington DC's Mayor Bowser and DC's Deputy of Education Department feel the same and awarded Rocketship DC a three-year grant to revitalize our afterschool programming at Rocketship Rise Academy! This award expands access to our high-quality afterschool program at Rocketship Rise in Ward 8 and serves as a pilot program for what we hope to extend to all Rocketship DC schools.



ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEXAS

651
ROCKETEERS

95%
BLACK & LATINO

9%
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

81%
SOCIOECONOMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED

In August 2022, Rocketship Public Schools Texas opened its first school in Fort Worth. The region is led by Superintendent SaJade Miller, a proven education leader born and raised in Southeast Fort Worth's Stop 6 neighborhood—the same community our flagship school serves. Mr. Miller has dedicated his entire career to working to eliminate the racial achievement gap in Texas and has a deep understanding of the strengths, opportunities, and challenges with public education in Fort Worth. He passionately believes that to create a more equitable and excellent public school system in Tarrant County, we need to innovate and we need to collaborate.



Texas Spotlight

Family Sees Exponential Growth in Nonverbal Child with Inclusive Special Education Program

"We tried putting Percy in a special education-only environment, as the district recommended. It backfired...Percy's love of learning faded. I enrolled him [at Rocketship], and one month in, it was clear that Percy was getting the individualized support he needed to succeed. Today, Percy eats lunch, has recess, learns phonics, and goes on field trips with his general education peers. I am so proud of Percy. More importantly, he's proud of himself. And there are so many kids out there like Percy who just need to be seen for who they are, for their exceptional gifts, not just their most challenging behaviors, and to be supported in their learning. By embracing neurodiversity and providing tailored support for diverse learners, schools can not only transform lives but also reshape the narrative surrounding students with learning and behavioral differences."

CASSIE HAUSCHILDT, Parent at Rocketship Texas

> This story originally appeared in Chalkbeat





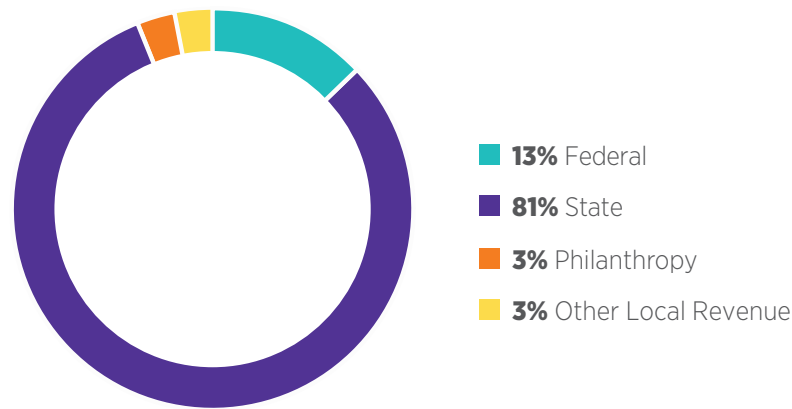
Financials

Rocketship is building a scalable and financially sustainable non-profit school model that propels student achievement in underserved communities across the country. In 2023-24, 94% of our funding came from public sources. School-based expenses accounted for 84% of our spending.

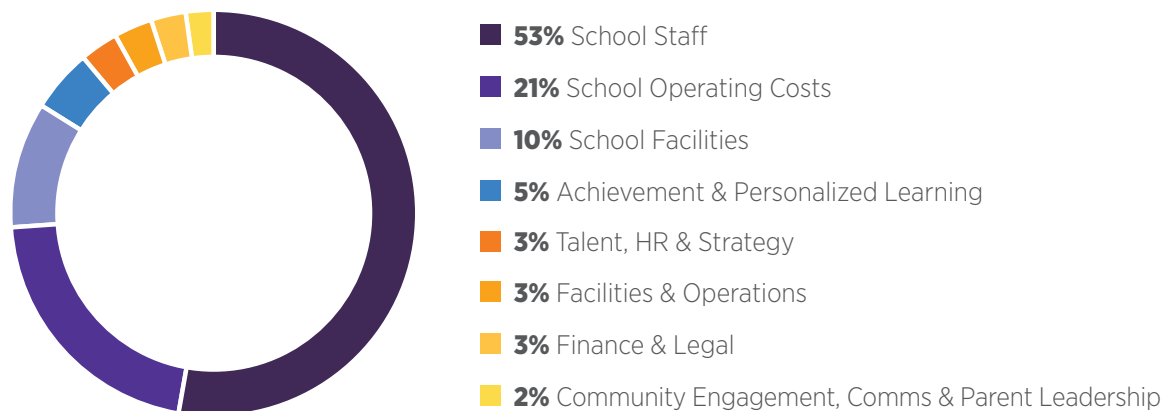
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Fully enrolled schools reach financial sustainability by their fifth year of launching. Each region is financially sustainable once it operates between three to eight schools. Our California region was our first fully sustainable region, meaning that our 13 schools and the regional team supporting them operate solely on public funds. Tennessee, home to three campuses, is now our second sustainable region. While we're proud to continue to drive toward financial sustainability, philanthropic support remains critical to our ability to innovate and expand our impact.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Supporters

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Louis Jordan, CHAIR
- Alex Terman
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