APLUS+ Student Assessment Data Demonstrates Personalized Learning Public Charter School Students Outperform Their Peers

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Summary
Students at Personalized Learning Public Charter schools in the APLUS+ network (representing approximately 30% (85/310) of all nonclassroom-based public charter schools in California) showed significant learning growth during the pandemic impacted school years as a result of adaptable and flexible learning delivered in multiple settings through a student-centric approach.

These students, especially those who are socio-economically disadvantaged, made significant gains in proficiency and outperform their peers at public schools when comparing their test results to statewide CAASPP data.

The following data includes assessments of students in grades 3-8 & 11 at 25 Personalized Learning public charter schools throughout the state for testing completed in Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021.
Highlights:

Higher percentage of APLUS+ students met or exceeded grade level proficiency compared to statewide CAASPP results

- Reading: APLUS+ Spring 2021 (67%) vs Statewide CAASPP Spring 2019 (51%)
- Math: APLUS+ Spring 2021 (52%) vs Statewide CAASPP Spring 2019 (40%)

Significant growth in grade level proficiency in reading at APLUS+ schools

- Fall 2020 (56%) to Spring 2021 (67%)

Significant growth in grade level proficiency in math at APLUS+ schools

- Fall 2020 (35%) to Spring 2021 (52%)

Socio-economically disadvantaged students at APLUS+ schools made huge gains in proficiency during the pandemic

- Math scores at APLUS+ schools: Fall 2020 (26%) compared to Spring 2021 (41%)

Socio-economically disadvantaged students at APLUS+ schools outperform their peers

- Reading: APLUS+ Spring 2021: 55% vs Statewide CAASPP Spring 2019: 39%
- Math: APLUS+ Spring 2021: 41% vs Statewide CAASPP Spring 2019: 27%
2019-20 iReady Reading Assessment Results

2018-19 Statewide CAASPP ELA Results
- 51% Met/Exceeded
- 22% Nearly Met
- 27% Not Met

2019-20 iReady Reading Assessment Results
- 50% On or Above Grade Level
- 23% 1 Grade Level Below
- 28% At Risk

Data Source(s): iReady and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only
2020-21 iReady Reading Assessment Results

2018-19 Statewide CAASPP ELA Results

- Met/Exceeded: 51%
- Nearly Met: 22%
- Not Met: 27%

California: Spring 2019

2020-21 iReady Reading Assessment Results

- On or Above Grade Level: 56%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 22%
- At Risk: 22%

API Plus+: Fall 2020
n = 13,257

API Plus+: Spring 2021
n = 13,257

Data Source(s): iReady and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only
2019-20 iReady Math Assessment Results

**2018-19 Statewide CAASPP Math Results**
- Met/Exceeded: 40%
- Nearly Met: 25%
- Not Met: 35%
  
California: Spring 2019

**2019-20 iReady Math Assessment Results**
- On or Above Grade Level: 30%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 40%
- At Risk: 29%

APlus+: Fall 2019
- n = 7,163

APlus+: Spring 2020
- n = 7,163

Data Source(s): iReady and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only
2020-21 iReady Math Assessment Results

**2018-19 Statewide CAASPP Math Results**
- Met/Exceeded: 40%
- Nearly Met: 25%
- Not Met: 35%

**2020-21 iReady Math Assessment Results**
- On or Above Grade Level: 35%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 38%
- At Risk: 27%

**APlus+: Fall 2020**
- On or Above Grade Level: 52%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 29%
- At Risk: 19%

Data Source(s): iReady and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only
2019-20 iReady Reading (Socio-Econ. Disadvantaged)

Data Source(s): CALPADS, iReady, and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only
2020-21 iReady Reading (Socio-Econ. Disadvantaged)

**2018-19 Statewide CAASPP ELA Results**
- Met/Exceeded: 39%
- Nearly Met: 26%
- Not Met: 35%

*Economically Disadvantaged

California: Spring 2019

**2020-21 iReady Reading Assessment Results**
- On or Above Grade Level: 44%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 24%
- At Risk: 32%

- On or Above Grade Level: 55%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 21%
- At Risk: 24%

APlus+: Fall 2020
n = 5,141

APlus+: Spring 2021
n = 5,141

Data Source(s): CALPADS, iReady, and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only
2019-20 iReady Math (Socio-Econ. Disadvantaged)

**2018-19 Statewide CAASPP Math Results**

- Met/Exceeded: 27%
- Nearly Met: 28%
- Not Met: 45%

*Economically Disadvantaged

California: Spring 2019

**2019-20 iReady Math Assessment Results**

- On or Above Grade Level: 22%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 40%
- At Risk: 38%

- On or Above Grade Level: 44%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 32%
- At Risk: 24%

APIUS+: Fall 2019

n = 2,907

APIUS+: Spring 2020

n = 2,907

Data Source(s): CALPADS, iReady, and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only
2020-21 iReady Math (Socio-Econ. Disadvantaged)

**2018-19 Statewide CAASPP Math Results**
- Met/Exceeded: 27%
- Nearly Met: 28%
- Not Met: 45%

*Economically Disadvantaged

California: Spring 2019

**2020-21 iReady Math Assessment Results**
- On or Above Grade Level: 26%
- 1 Grade Level Below: 37%
- At Risk: 41%

APlus+: Fall 2020
- n = 5,502

APlus+: Spring 2021
- n = 5,502

Data Source(s): CALPADS, iReady, and CAASPP, Grades 3-8 & 11 Only