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Executive Summary

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) developed and administers the After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP) through an agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). Elementary schools within Los Angeles County, except those in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), are eligible to receive funding, with the highest percentage of students from families that receive support through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs). The program seeks to provide a safe environment that promotes academic, social, and behavioral well being of eligible elementary school students through intervention during non-school hours.

Public *Works*, Inc. is a non-profit, educational consulting firm dedicated to working with schools, government and the community in the areas of accountability, assessment and evaluation services. The multi-year evaluation began in November 2001, and this is the fifth year of ASEP evaluation. Public *Works*, Inc. is continuing to review and describe the program implementation at the school and program levels.

Based on the 2004-2005 data, Public *Works*, Inc. examined the background characteristics and achievement levels of the ASEP participants from a total of 70 sites at six school districts. A total of 4,247 students participated in ASEP at these sites, and 54% of them attended frequently, at least 90 days. It is found that an ASEP participant is most likely to be in grades 1-5, Hispanic, qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program, and proficient in English. This profile is consistent with what were found in previous years. The average number of after-school program attendance for ASEP participants is 93 days in 2004-2005.

ASEP participants attended regular schools 91% of time (164 days) in 2004-2005, it is one more day than the regular school day attendance for 2003-2004. For frequent participants, they increased their attendance rate from 92% (165 days) to 94% (169 days). For non-frequent participants, their attendance rate dropped from 89% (160 days) to 87% (157 days). Frequent participants attended school 12 more days than non-frequent participants.

In both ELA and mathematics, ASEP participants improved their percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the past two years. Frequent participants improved from having 21% of students who scored proficient or advanced in the 2003-2004 ELA to having 24% of the students who scored proficient or advanced in the 2004-2005 ELA. For non-frequent participants, they improved from 19% to 23% in the same two-year period in ELA. In mathematics, frequent ASEP participants improved from having 34% of students who scored proficient or advanced in 2003-2004 to 37% in 2004-2005. For non-frequent participants, they improved from 31% to 32%.

For the 2004-2005 outcomes reports, Public *Works*, Inc. also conducted additional matched sample analysis on two school districts (Pasadena and Whittier) where non-participants data are available. ASEP participants and their matched non-

participants are nearly identical in their demographic profiles and prior achievement levels, as intended. Therefore, it is assumed that any differences found between these two groups of students in their 2004-2005 academic achievement data would indicate the impact of one year of ASEP participation on student achievement performance.

Among Whittier students, 26% of ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA and 35% of White ASEP students scored proficient or advanced in mathematics. The corresponding numbers for the non-participants are similar, 26% in ELA (same) and 39% (4% higher) in mathematics.

For the Pasadena students, 27% of ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA and 40% of ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in mathematics. The corresponding numbers for the non-participants are 29% (ELA) and 39% (mathematics). Among Pasadena students, it is also found that (1) For African American students, a greater proportion of frequent participants than non-participants showed improvement by at least one performance level in the past two years for the CSTs in both ELA and mathematics; and (2) For Hispanic students, frequent participants were more likely than non-participants to improve at least one performance level in the CST ELA in the past two years.

I. Introduction

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) developed and administers the After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP) through an agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). Elementary schools within Los Angeles County, except those in the Los Angeles Unified School District¹, are eligible to receive funding, with the highest percentage of students from families that receive support through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)².

The program seeks to provide a safe environment that promotes academic, social, and behavioral well being of eligible elementary school students through intervention during non-school hours. In addition to enhancing academic achievement, programs offer enrichment and recreational activities while addressing the childcare needs of participating families. Although the program carries the title "after-school," participating schools are not limited to after-school hours. Programs may provide services before school, on pupil-free days, during holidays, vacations, summer, and periods when year-round schools are off track. In order for schools to respond to the unique needs of local populations, initiatives are designed at the individual school level.

Funding for the program was provided in three phases: Readiness Funds, Start-Up Funds, and Ongoing Operation Funds. The ASEP awarded the first Readiness Grants in June 1999. During the 2003-2004 academic year, the program was active in 81 elementary schools in 17 school districts across Los Angeles County. In school year 2004-2005, it was expanded to 91 elementary schools in 18 school districts. In 2005-2006, ASEP was further expanded to 100 elementary schools in 18 districts. For a list of the active sites and program enrollment, please refer to Appendix A.

In addition to LACOE funding, some sites leverage funding from other sources such as the State's After-School Education and Safety program (formerly called Before and After-School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program), the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant, the Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning (CORAL)3, and private funding. While the LACOE program serves only students eligible for CalWORKs, food stamps, and/or Medi-Cal, other funding streams do not place restrictions on eligibility. For this reason, both CalWORKs and non-CalWORKs students participate in the program at the sites with more than one funding stream.

¹ LAUSD contracts with DPSS on a separate program through their Youth Services Section called YS-CARES After-School Enrichment Program. This program has goals and objectives similar to the LACOE ASEP.

² CalWORKs provides financial aid and services to eligible impoverished families in California through the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program. The primary goal of the program is to mobilize people from welfare to work. In Los Angeles County, the statewide program is operated by DPSS.

³ The Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning (CORAL) initiative is funded through the James Irvine Foundation. This program funds a variety of community development efforts aimed at improving education for youth in California, including community-based afterschool programs.

Each local site is led and managed by an ASEP site coordinator, with some coordinators managing multiple sites. To help monitor and facilitate the process of delivering the ASEP, regional coordinators employed through LACOE monitor and support individual sites. Each regional coordinator covers several sites in multiple districts that are in close proximity and provides assistance with program content, budget information, and LACOE-related paperwork.

Highlights of the ASEP Evaluation

In November 2001, LACOE selected Public *Works*, Inc. through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to conduct annual evaluation of the ASEP. Public *Works*, Inc. is a Pasadena-based non-profit organization dedicated to working with schools, government, parents, and communities in the areas of accountability, assessment, and evaluation services. The evaluation design was based on the requirements set forth in the RFP developed by LACOE.

With the academic year 2005-2006 marking the fifth year of the ASEP evaluation, Public *Works*, Inc. is continuing to review and describe the program implementation at the school and program levels. The following provides a summary of previous four years' evaluation work.

First Year, 2002

The purpose of the first year of the evaluation was to establish a baseline of program implementation and student achievement in order to compare baseline measures against the data collected in future evaluations. The evaluation included four components:

- 1. Phone interviews with after-school personnel at each of the 92 ASEP sites;
- 2. Intensive site visits that include interviews and program observations at a random sample of 32 sites;
- 3. Survey on students, parents and program staff at the same 32 sites; and
- 4. Analysis of the student achievement and attendance data for the 2000-2001 school year at the same 32 sites.

The analysis of the 2001-2002 student data established the historical picture of students' achievement patterns before their ASEP participation in the 2001-2002 school year for the evaluation works in the later years.

Second Year, 2003

In May 2003, Public *Works*, Inc. updated the 1st year report by analyzing the 2001-2002 ASEP participant data covering the same set of program sites. Public *Works*, Inc. found that ASEP students showed improvement in both SAT-9 reading and math scores at most grade levels and their absent rates decreased in 2001-2002.

Third Year, 2004

Due in part to the challenges in obtaining complete and accurate data on across 17 districts, Public *Works*, Inc. chose to concentrate the data collection efforts with four school districts that have the largest number of ASEP sites - Lawndale, Long Beach, Pasadena, and Whittier City. This report focuses on these four districts with the addition of ten schools from Compton Unified for a total of 46 sites. This report presented findings based on 2003-2004 participants and how they performed in 2002-2003.

Fourth Year, 2005

Public *Works*, Inc. implemented two major data collection efforts: surveys of stakeholders (staff, parents, and students) and collection and analysis of the student performance data for all sites. Public *Works*, Inc. assisted LACOE in institutionalizing self-monitoring tools for the purpose of continuous program improvement.

Fifth Year, 2006

In the current year, Public *Works*, Inc. is conducting phone interviews with all 100 sites, developing a website for findings and communication, summarizing evaluation findings over time. In addition, Public *Works*, Inc. conducted the data analysis, presented in this report, examining participant outcomes based on number of days in the program.

II. 2004-2005 Evaluation

This section of the report provides the evaluation questions for the analysis of the 2004-2005 outcome data, describes the data collection process, and defines the data analysis plan. One significant improvement of the 2004-2005 evaluation is the additional analyses on frequent participants using the newly available participants' program attendance data. Therefore, the report separates out and compares the participants who rarely attended the program and the participants who attended the program faithfully and consistently. In this report, frequent participants are defined to be those who attended the program at least 50% of the time in 2004-2005. Non-frequent participants are those who attended the program but attended less than 50% of the time.

Evaluation Questions

The evaluation questions to be addressed are:

- 1. Who are the participating students in 2004-2005?
- 2. How do the 2004-2005 participants perform academically?
- 3. Are there any differences between frequent and non-frequent participants in their 2004-2005 academic performance?
- 4. How do frequent participants perform academically in 2004-2005, compared to their performance in 2003-2004?
- 5. Are there any differences among participants on their 2004-2005 achievement indicators by their years of program participation?
- 6. Are there differences across districts?

Data Collection

In Fall 2005 and January 2006, data requests were submitted to six districts with multiple schools participating in the ASEP (for a total of 70 sites).⁴ These districts were selected because they were among the districts having the largest number of ASEP sites. Since achievement outcomes are impacted by a variety of factors, including participation in various interventions such as the ASEP. Public *Works*, Inc. requested demographic data besides the various student achievement indicators for participating students. District contacts were instructed to complete the form by hand or electronically for each ASEP site within their district and to return it to Public *Works*, Inc.

Public *Works*, Inc. requested data directly from each district. The data request included a description of the requested information and a form in which to record the outcomes data (Appendix B). Data were requested on students who participated in the program during the 2004-2005 academic year and the variables requested are listed in Table 2.1.

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⁴ The data requests to Pasadena Unified and Whittier City Elementary were made in Fall 2005 due to a need for data earlier from these districts. However, all districts were examined with the same data regardless of collection time.

Table 2.1: List of student-level variables requested

Background Characteristics	Achievement Indicators
 Grade level in 2004-2005 Race/ethnicity in 2004-2005 English Language Learner (ELL) status in 2004-2005 Free or Reduced Fee Meal enrollment status in 2004-2005 CalWORKs status in 2004-2005 Special education status in 2004-2005 	 Regular school day attendance for 2003-2004 & 2004-2005 California Standards Test (CST) English language arts (ELA) scale scores & performance levels for 2003-2004 & 2004-2005 CST math scale scores & performance levels for 2003-2004 & 2004-2005

The six districts provided fairly complete achievement data on CST, but there is still some missing achievement information due to student school/district transfer, different district policies in testing and reporting, etc. At most districts, students begin taking CST in the 2nd grade. For this reason, CST data are not available in general for students who were in Kindergarten or 1st grade in 2004-2005. Also, in many cases, districts did not provide data for ASEP participants who were in 6th grade in 2003-2004, as these students had moved on to the middle school for the 2004-2005 school year.

Data Analysis Plan

To answer the proposed evaluation questions, descriptive analyses are conducted to describe the 2004-2005 ASEP participants demographically and how they performed in CST ELA and mathematics tests. Students are also compared based on their program participation status with an emphasis on comparing frequent participants and non-frequent participants. For the students who have achievement data on both 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, analyses on how they have improved in terms of their CST performance are also conducted. Additionally, since this evaluation project involves multiple districts, district differences are also summarized and presented.

To examine the effect of ASEP participation over time, the 2004-2005 participants are split into three groups by their years of program participation. The three groups are: participants in the program for three or more years, participants in the program for two years, and those in the program for one year. Theses three groups of participants are compared on their 2004-2005 CST ELA and mathematics proficiency levels, besides their regular school day attendance.

Though the focus of this report is to compare frequent participants to non-frequent participants, it is still of interest to document how these participants performed academically when compared to a group of non-participants who are matched demographically and academically. With the availability of non-participants data, one separate section is dedicated to document how the comparison looks for students in the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) and Whittier School Unified District (WUSD).

III. Profile of 2004-2005 Participants

This section consists of two main parts. The first part describes 2004-2005 participants' program attendance information. The second part presents their demographic profile. The results provided in this section are based on the 2004-2005 participant data.

Program Attendance

Based on the 2004-2005 student outcomes data provided by the six districts, a total of 4,247 students participated in the after-school program. The following Table has students' program attendance information and the percentages of frequent participants by district and by grade. Participants who attended the program at least 50% of the time are treated as frequent participants for the purpose of reporting. As demonstrated in Table 3.1, 54% of the participants are frequent participants and their average program attendance rate is 53% (95 days). The program participation rate is calculated by dividing the number of days participants attend the programs by a possible 180 school days.

Table 3.1: ASEP participants and program attendance by district and by grade, 2004-2005.

Background	# of	% Frequent	Mean # of	Attendance
Characteristics	Participants	Participants	Days Attended	Rate
OVERALL	4,247	54%	96	53%
District				
Compton	747	22%	55	31%
Lancaster	489	57%	98	54%
Lawndale	698	71%	113	63%
Long Beach	929	58%	105	58%
Pasadena	558	66%	112	62%
Whittier City	826	56%	95	53%
Grade Level				
K	218	65%	104	58%
1^{st}	471	63%	109	61%
$2^{\rm nd}$	566	58%	102	57%
$3^{\rm rd}$	681	56%	99	55%
$4^{ ext{th}}$	639	52%	94	52%
5 th	578	52%	93	52%
6 th	94	38%	74	41%

All districts except Compton have over 50% of their participants being frequent participants. In Compton, only 22% of the 747 participants attended the program frequently. Lawndale has 71% of its participants being frequent participants. The average number of days the participants attended the program at Lawndale is 113 days.

Across grade levels, all grades except grade 6 (38%) have over 50% of participants attending as frequent participants. Participants in grades K-2 attended the program for over 100 days in 2004-2005. Participants in grade 6 attended the program for the least number of days, only 74 days.

Demographic Characteristics

Table 3.2 reports the distribution of participants by district. Long Beach District and Whittier City have the two largest numbers of participants, 906 and 826, and Lawndale only has 156 participants. The participants are mainly enrolled in grades 1-5, across all school districts except for Compton. In Compton, there are three students in grade 2 and the rest of participants (315 students) are in grades 3-5.

Table 3.2: Background characteristics of the 2004-2005 ASEP participants by district.

Background Characteristics	Compton (n=318)	Lancaster (n=483)	Lawndale (n=156)	Long Beach (n=906)	Pasadena (n=572)	Whittier City (n=826)
Grade Level						
K	0%	8%	6%	5%	8%	9%
1^{st}	0%	16%	17%	18%	15%	15%
$2^{\rm nd}$	1%	18%	21%	21%	17%	19%
3^{rd}	33%	20%	18%	21%	18%	19%
$4^{ ext{th}}$	37%	19%	15%	17%	16%	20%
$5^{ m th}$	29%	19%	12%	14%	18%	18%
6^{th}	0%	0%	13%	4%	8%	0%
Race/Ethnicity						
Hispanic	68%	39%	Missing	65%	63%	91%
African American	31%	46%	Missing	29%	27%	2%
White	0%	13%	Missing	2%	7%	5%
Other	1%	2%	Missing	4%	2%	2%

The ethnic distribution of the participants varies across districts (Lawndale School District would not provide the ethnicity information for their ASEP participants). Whittier City participants are mainly Hispanic students, and comprise 91% of the participants. Compton, Long Beach, and Pasadena have similar percentages of Hispanic (63% - 68%) and African American (27% - 31%) participants. Lancaster has a totally different student distribution – 39% Hispanic, 46% African American, 13% White, and 2% Others. Appendix C reports the school-specific ethnic distribution information.

Among the three school districts that provided the free and reduced fee meal program (an indicator of students' low socio-economic status) information on their students, Pasadena district has the highest percentage of students of low socio-economic status, 94%. Whittier City has 71% of the participants who could be classified as low socio-economic status and it is 82% in Long Beach (see Figure 3.3).

Figure 3.3: Percentages of ASEP participants who qualified for free and reduced fee meal program by district, 2004-2005.

Figure 3.4 reports participants' language proficiency by district. Lawndale district has the highest percentage of ELLs, 49%, and Lancaster has the lowest percentage of ELL students, 14%. The overall percentage is 31%, and Pasadena and Whittier City have similar percentages as the overall mean percentage.

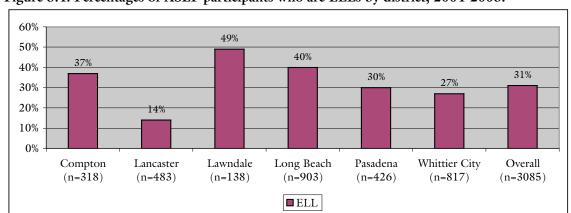


Figure 3.4: Percentages of ASEP participants who are ELLs by district, 2004-2005.

^{*} No data provided in Compton, Lancaster, and Lawndale.

IV. Achievement Profile of 2004-2005 Participants

In order to measure the extent to which the after-school program is achieving its goal in improving student achievement, Public *Works*, Inc. analyze three student achievement indicators:

- (1) Regular school day attendance
- (2) CST performance level in ELA
- (3) CST performance level in mathematics

The emphasis of the findings is on comparing the achievement of frequent participants and non-frequent participants. After presenting the 2003-3004 and 2004-2005 results on frequent and non-frequent participants, their improvement in ELA and mathematics between 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 are also provided. The last part summarizes the by-school information on the number of participants and how they performed on the 2004-2005 CST tests.

Regular School Day attendance

Regular school day attendance is reported as the number of days attended in the data provided by the districts. The number of days participants attended school is 164 days in 2004-2005, one more day than last year. The attendance rate is also calculated by dividing the number of days attended by a possible 180 days. For frequent participants, they increased their school attendance rate from 92% (165 days) to 94% (169 days). For non-frequent participants, their attendance rate dropped from 89% (160 days) to 87% (157 days). Frequent participants attended school 12 more days than non-frequent participants.

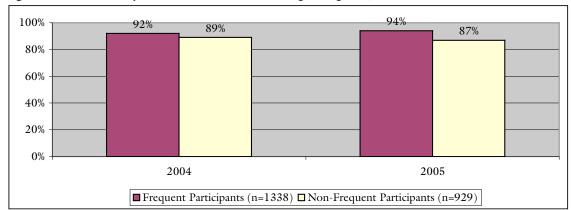


Figure 4.1: School day attendance rates of ASEP participants, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

Figure 4.2 provides the school day attendance results by district. As shown, frequent participants in Lancaster, Lawndale, Pasadena, and Whittier have higher school attendance rates than their non-frequent participants in their respective school districts. The largest difference is found for participants in Lancaster School District, with frequent participants attending school 91% of the time and non-frequent participants attending 69% of time in 2004-2005. In Long Beach, the

attendance rate for these two groups of ASEP participants is the same, 93% of the time.

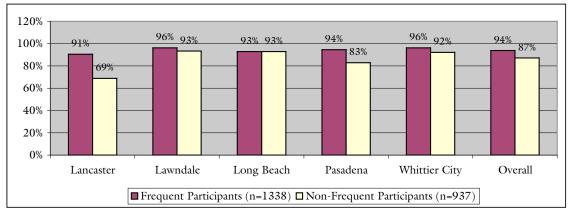


Figure 4.2: School day attendance rates of ASEP participants by district, 2004-2005.

The school day attendance data is also examined by student demographic variables, as shown in Figure 4.3. Frequent participants have a higher attendance rate than non-participants among all ethnic groups of students, ELL students, and students receiving free and reduced fee meal. The largest difference is found among White students (14%), and the smallest difference is found among ELL students and students receiving free and reduced fee meal (4%). For more detailed information on school attendance by student background characteristics, please refer to Appendix D.

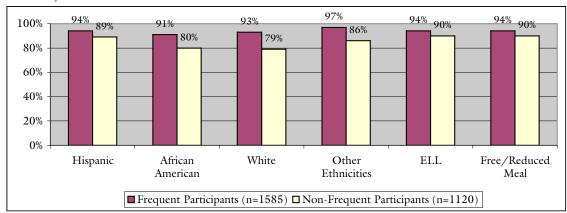


Figure 4.3: School day attendance rates of ASEP participants by student demographic variables, 2004-2005.

CST ELA

The purpose of the CST is to assess students' performance in relation to the California Content Standards. Student performance is reported in five categorical levels: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Below Basic and Far Below Basic. Students who score proficient or advanced have met the California State Standards for the grade level. Therefore, the analyses on ELA and mathematics focus on comparing the

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^{*:} No data on attendance provided by Compton School District.

percentage of students who scored proficient or advanced.

As presented in Figure 4.4, 24% of frequent participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA, and it is 1% higher than the percentage found for non-frequent participants. The difference between these two groups is 2% in 2003-2004, 21% vs. 19%, in favor of frequent participants.

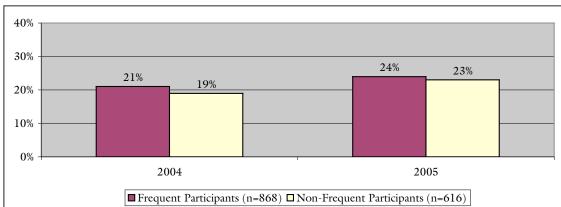


Figure 4.4: Percentages of ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in the CST ELA, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

Figures 4.5-4.7 present the disaggregated 2004-2005 CST ELA information by district, by grade, and by student demographic characteristics, respectively. For more detailed student achievement data results, please refer to Appendix E. As shown in Figure 4.5, frequent participants have a higher percentage of students who scored proficient or advanced in CST ELA than non-frequent participants in Compton (3% higher), Lancaster (10% higher), and Long Beach (5% higher). In Lawndale, Pasadena, and Whittier City, non-frequent participants out-performed frequent participants in having a higher percentage of students being proficient or advanced.

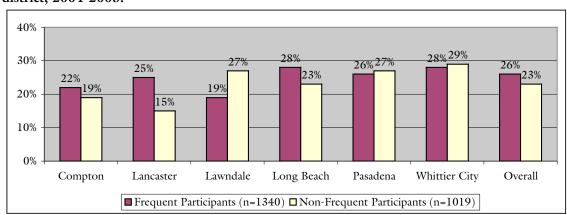


Figure 4.5: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST ELA by district, 2004-2005.

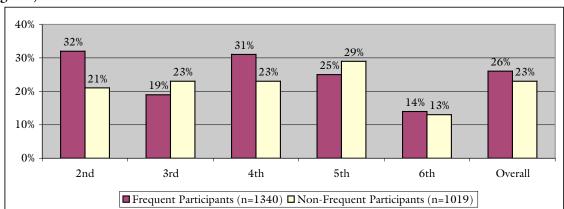
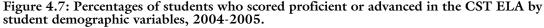
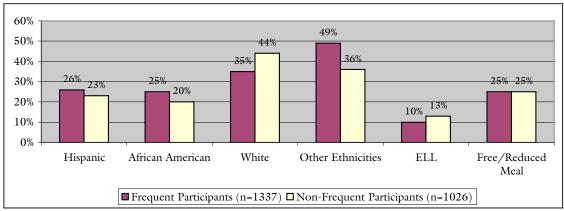


Figure 4.6: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST ELA by grade, 2004-2005.





By-grade information is presented in Figure 4.6. Frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants in grades 2, 4, and 6. It is especially noticeable in grade 2 where the difference is 11% in favor of frequent participants. In the other two grades, non-frequent participants have better performance.

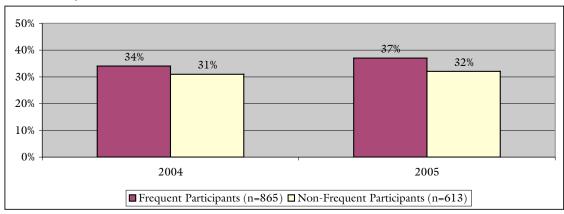
Figure 4.7 indicates that among Hispanic and African American students, frequent participants out-performed non-frequent participants in having a larger number of students scoring proficient or advanced. ELL frequent participants have lower performance than ELL non-frequent. Among students who received free and reduced fee meal, frequent and non-frequent participants have the same performance in ELA.

CST Mathematics

The percentages of participants who scored proficient or advanced in mathematics are higher than the percentages found for the ELA test. Over 30% of the participants are proficient or advanced in mathematics. As provided in Figure 4.8, frequent participants have 5% more students who scored proficient or advanced in mathematics than non-frequent participants in 2004-2005. The difference between

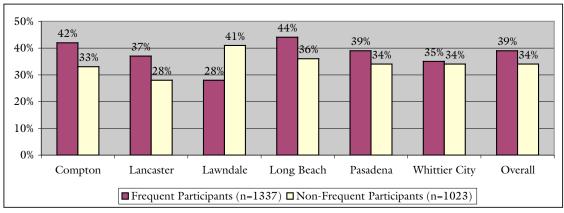
these two groups is 3% for 2003-2004, 34% vs. 31%.

Figure 4.8: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.



Figures 4.9 - 4.11 present the disaggregated 2004-2005 CST mathematics information by district, by grade, and by student demographic variables. Frequent participants have a higher percentage of students who scored proficient or advanced in CST ELA than non-frequent participants in Compton (9% higher), Lancaster (9% higher), Long Beach (8% higher), Pasadena (5% higher), and Whittier City (1% higher). In Lawndale, non-frequent participants out-performed frequent participants in having a higher percentage, 13% more, of students being proficient or advanced.

Figure 4.9: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by district, 2004-2005.



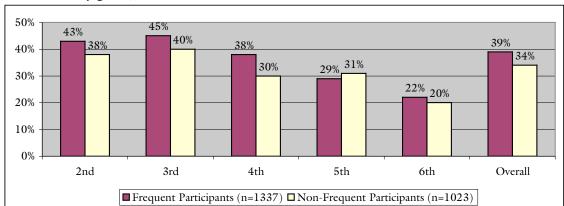
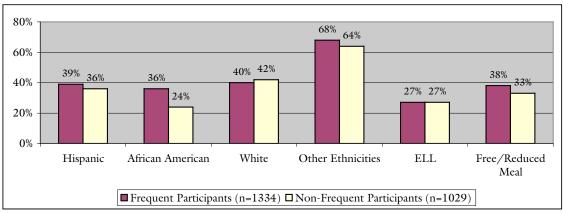


Figure 4.10: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by grade, 2004-2005.

Figure 4.11: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by student demographic variables, 2004-2005.



By-grade information is presented in Figure 4.10. Frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants in grades 2, 3, 4, and 6, especially in grade 2 where the difference is 8%. In grade 5, non-frequent participants have better performance, 2% more non-frequent participants scored proficient or advanced than frequent participants did.

Figure 4.11 indicates that among Hispanic and African American students, frequent participants out-performed non-frequent participants in having a larger number of students scoring proficient or advanced. ELL frequent participants have the same performance as ELL non-frequent in their 2004-2005 CST mathematics test. Among students who received free and reduced fee meal, frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants.

CST English Language Arts Improvement

Both frequent and non-frequent participants observed 31% of their students gained at least one CST level in 2004-2005 ELA test, compared to their 2003-2004 performance (Figure 4.12). In Compton and Whittier City, there is not much difference between frequent and non-frequent participants in how much students

improved. In Lancaster and Lawndale, the difference is quite large. Thirty-six percent of frequent participants in Lancaster gained at least one proficiency level, while only 10% of non-frequent participants gained. In Lawndale, the opposite was found, 29% of frequent participants gained while 53% of non-frequent participants gained.

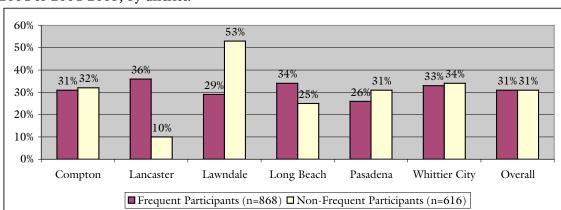


Figure 4.12: Percentages of students who gained at least one CST level in ELA from 2003-2004 to 2004-2005, by district.

Besides comparing students across district, comparison was also made across grade levels (see Figure 4.13) and by student demographic variables (see Figure 4.14). Frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants in grades 3, 4, and 6. The difference is the largest in grade 4, 9% more frequent participants gained one proficiency level than non-frequent participants. In grade 5, 7% more non-frequent participants gained one proficiency level than frequent participants.

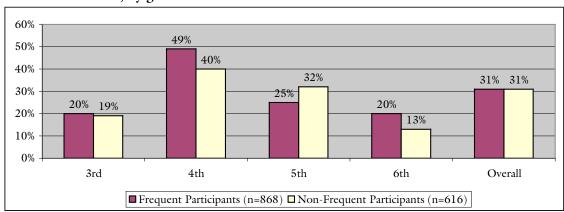


Figure 4.13: Percentages of students who gained at least one CST level in ELA from 2003-2004 to 2004-2005, by grade.

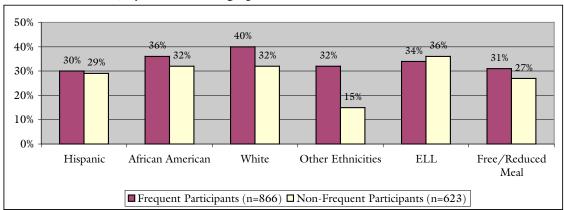


Figure 4.14: Percentages of students who gained at least one CST level in ELA from 2003-2004 to 2004-2005, by student demographic variables.

Figure 4.14 provides the percentages of students who gained at least one CST level in ELA by students' demographic variables. Except for ELL students, frequent participants are found to have a higher percentage of students who gained at least one CST level than non-frequent participants across all ethnic groups and among students who received free or reduced fee meal.

CST Mathematics Improvement

Frequent participants have 31% of students who gained at least one CST level in 2004-2005 mathematics test, compared to how they did in 2003-2004 (Figure 4.15). Non-frequent participants improved by 23%. In all districts except Lawndale, frequent out-performed non-frequent participants in how much students improved. The difference ranges from 3% in Pasadena to 19% in Compton. In Lawndale, the opposite is found, 29% of frequent participants gained while 58% of non-frequent participants gained.

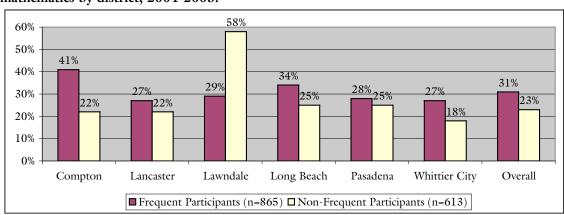


Figure 4.15: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by district, 2004-2005.

Besides comparing students across districts, comparison is also made across grade levels (see Figure 4.16) and by student demographic variables (see Figure 4.17). Frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants in all

grades. And the difference is the largest in grade 5, 11% more frequent participants gained one proficiency level than non-frequent participants. In grade 3, 3% more frequent participants gained one proficiency level than non-frequent participants.

60% 50% 40% 34% 33% 31% 30% 30% 30% 25% 25% 23% 19% 20% 10% 0% 3rd 5th 6th Overall ■ Frequent Participants (n=865) ■ Non-Frequent Participants (n=613)

Figure 4.16: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by grade, 2004-2005.

Figure 4.17: Percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by student demographic variables, 2004-2005.

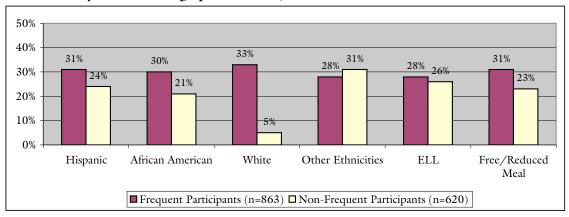


Figure 4.17 provides the percentages of students who gained at least one CST level in mathematics by students' demographic variables. Except for students of ethnicities other than Hispanic, African American, and White, frequent participants are found to have a higher percentage of students who gained at least one CST level than non-frequent participants among Hispanic students, African American students, White students, ELL students, and students who received free or reduced fee meal.

School-Level Student Achievement

The 70 ASEP sites included in this analysis represent a range of levels in terms of student achievement. Table 4.13 provides a summary of school-level student achievement for all the participants, besides the number of participants. The schools are ordered by district name and then school name. The average percentages of participants scoring proficient or advanced in CST ELA and mathematics by school

are 25% in ELA and 37% in mathematics. The schools that have at least 25% (in ELA) and 37% (in mathematics) of their students scoring proficient or advanced are shaded for easier recognition. For example, in Compton School District, there are six schools that meet this requirement. They are Bunche, Bursch, Caldwell Street, King, Laurel Street, and McNair.

Table 4.13: Participant information by district and school names.					
District/School	# of Participants	2005 CST ELA proficient or advanced	2005 CST Mathematics proficient or advanced		
Compton					
Compton Anderson	8	0%	0%		
Bunche	7	43%	57%		
Bursch	15	33%	50%		
Caldwell Street	8	25%	75%		
Carver	18	11%	67%		
Dickison	14	14%	21%		
Foster	13	15%	31%		
Kelly	21	33%	27%		
Kennedy	18	17%	22%		
King	21	29%	33%		
Laurel Street	21	29%	43%		
Lincoln	8	0%	0%		
Longfellow	12	17%	18%		
Mayo	1	0%	0%		
McKinley	18	11%	39%		
McNair	29	35%	50%		
Rosecrans	21 9	14% 33%	48% 33%		
Tibby Washington	29 29	10%	14%		
Willard	20	5%	25%		
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Lancaster					
Desert View	40	18%	25%		
El Dorado	45	18%	31%		
Joshua	45	24%	38%		
Linda Verde	49	27%	37%		
Mariposa	49	27%	37%		
Sierra	37	14%	35%		
Sunnydale	38	24%	35%		
Lawndale					
Anderson	24	17%	29%		
Green	23	35%	33%		
Mitchell	26	23%	32%		
Roosevelt	32	13%	30%		

Table 4.13 (continued): Participant information by district and school names.

District /Calcast	# of	2005 CST ELA	2005 CST Mathematics
District/School	Participants	proficient or advanced	proficient or advanced
I ama Danet			
Long Beach	27	100/	220/
Addams	36	19%	33%
Barton	39	23%	41%
Bryant	21	71%	62%
Burnett	40	18%	30%
Edison	42	24%	60%
Garfield	32	25%	47%
Harte	21	33%	38%
International	78	23%	37%
King	34	24%	49%
Lafayette	36	11%	33%
Lee	47	28%	44%
McKinley	12	33%	33%
Roosevelt	60	27%	41%
Signal Hill	26	35%	46%
Stevenson	57	30%	44%
Willard	61	23%	33%
Pasadena			
Altadena	19	26%	16%
Burbank	4	0%	0%
Cleveland	18	22%	22%
Edison	11	46%	36%
Field	43	19%	23%
Franklin	30	33%	60%
Hamilton	20	35%	40%
Jackson	40	18%	28%
Loma Alta	36	19%	14%
Longfellow	16	25%	25%
	28	25% 18%	32%
Madison	28 9	18%	
Roosevelt	31	11% 45%	63% 61%
San Rafael			
Washington	36	25%	56%
Webster	36 25	33%	47%
Willard	25	40%	52%
Whittier City			
Hoover	119	32%	28%
Jackson	78	27%	32%
Lincoln	83	27%	26%
Mill	112	26%	35%
Phelan	91	35%	43%
Sorensen	122	24%	40%
OVERALL	2,368	25%	37%

V. Achievement Profile of Frequent Participants

Considering the interest in frequent participants, separate analyses were conducted to document their improvement across years. The results presented here are based on the frequent participants who have both 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 data on the achievement measures. The school day attendance results are presented first, followed by CST ELA results and then mathematics results.

School Day Attendance

A summary of the mean school attendance rates for frequent participants for the past two years is presented in Figure 5.1. Compton School District would not provide the student attendance information and is therefore excluded from the analyses. As reported, the overall school day attendance rate improved, from 92% (166 days) to 94% (169 days). Except for students in Long Beach and Pasadena who maintained their school day attendance, frequent participants in Lancaster, Lawndale, and Whittier City improved their attendance rates over the past two years.

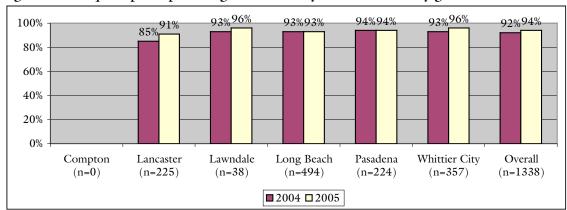


Figure 5.1: Frequent participants' regular school day attendance rate by grade.

The attendance rate by grade is shown in Figure 5.2. Examining the rates by grade, there is a general 1%-2% improvement in the school attendance across grades. In grade 6, the rate stayed the same, 96% (173 days).

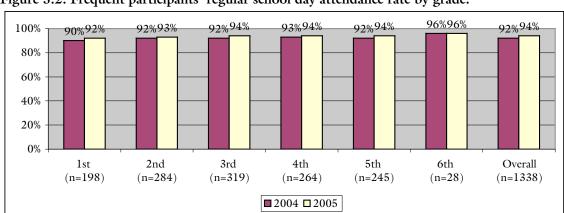


Figure 5.2: Frequent participants' regular school day attendance rate by grade.

CST ELA

Figures 5.3 and 5.4 provide the ELA results by district and by grade. Twenty-four percent of frequent participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA in 2004-2005, it is an overall improvement of 3% over previous year. Specifically,

- (Figure 5.3) Frequent participants in all school districts except Pasadena have higher percentages of students scoring proficient or advanced in ELA. It is especially evident in Whittier City where 21% of the frequent participants scored proficient or advanced in 2003-2004 and the percentage increased to be 27% in 2004-2005.
- (Figure 5.3) Frequent participants in Pasadena have lower performance, the number dropped by 1%.
- (Figure 5.4) Frequent participants in grades 4 and 5 improved their performance, while frequent participants in grades 3 and 6 performed lower in 2004-2005.

Figure 5.3: Percentages of frequent ASEP participants who scored proficient or advanced in the CST ELA by district.

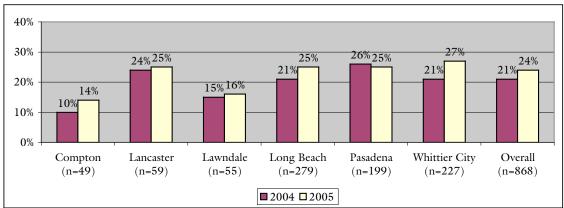
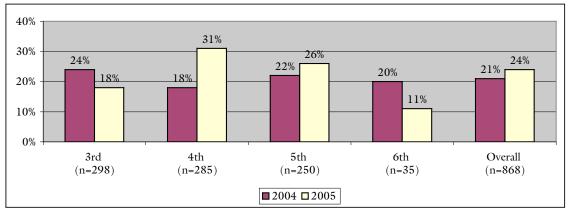


Figure 5.4: Percentages of frequent ASEP participants who scored proficient or advanced in the CST ELA by grade.



CST Mathematics

Figures 5.5 and 5.6 offer the parallel results on mathematics. Thirty-seven percent of frequent participants scored proficient or advanced in mathematics in 2004-2005, it is an overall improvement of 3% over previous year. Specifically,

- (Figure 5.5) Frequent participants in Compton, Long Beach, and Whittier City have higher percentages of students scoring proficient or advanced in mathematics. It is especially evident in Compton where 20% of the frequent participants scored proficient or advanced in 2003-2004 and the percentage increased to be 35% in 2004-2005.
- (Figure 5.5) Frequent participants in Lancaster, Lawndale, and Pasadena have lower performance, the difference ranges from 1% to 4%.
- (Figure 5.6) Frequent participants in grades 3, 4, and 5 improved their performance, while frequent participants in grade 6 performed lower in 2004-2005.

Figure 5.5: Percentages of frequent ASEP participants who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by district.

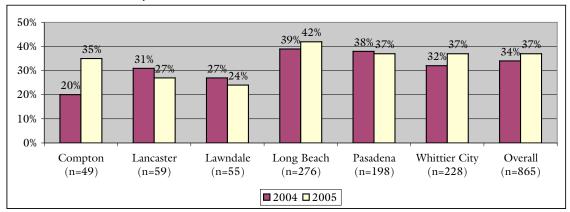
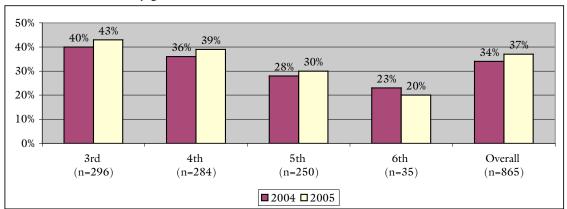


Figure 5.6: Percentages of frequent ASEP participants who scored proficient or advanced in the CST mathematics by grade.



VI. Cohort Analysis

To examine the effect of ASEP participation over time, participants are compared on their 2004-2005 CST ELA and mathematics test results, along with their school day attendance, by their years of program participation. Participants are split into three groups by their years participating in ASEP:

- 1. participants in the program for three or more years,
- 2. participants in the program for two years, and
- 3. participants in the program for one year.

Figure 6.1 presents participants' regular school day attendance by their length in ASEP and by district. As reported in the Figure, the longer the students have participated in ASEP, the more likely they attended school regularly. Overall, participants in the program for two years or more attended schools 7 more days then those who joined the program in 2004-2005. Examining the numbers by district, Pasadena fits the overall pattern perfectly, Lawndale and Whittier observe a higher attendance rate of participants in the program for two years than the other participants, and Long Beach reports no differences among these three groups.

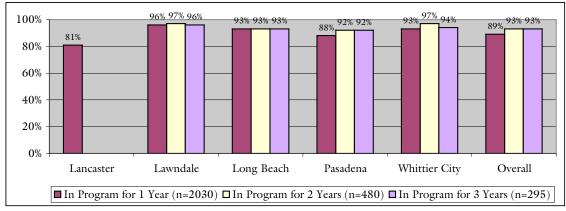


Figure 6.1: Mean school day attendance in 2004-2005 by length in the program and district.

The by-grade results are presented in Figure 6.2. Participants in program for one year are found to have the lowest attendance rate (89%), compared to the other participants (93%). The same result is also observed when the by-grade attendance rates were examined. Compared to participants who had been in the program for three years, participants in the program for two years have a higher attendance rate in grades 2, 3, and 6 and have the same rate in grades 4 and 5.

^{*:} No data provided for Compton school district.

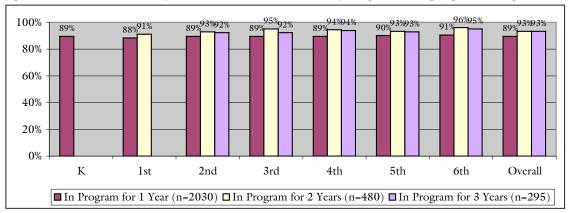
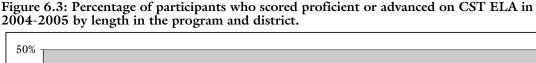
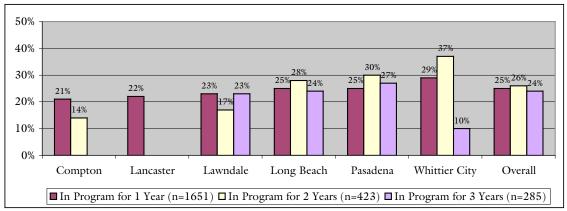


Figure 6.2: Mean school day attendance in 2004-2005 by length in the program and grade.

Figures 6.3 and 6.4 provide the percentages of participants who scored proficient or advanced in the CST ELA by district and by grade, respectively. Overall, no advantage is observed for participants in the program for three or more years over those in the program for one or two years, except when fourth-graders are compared. The fourth-graders in the program for three years have the highest percentage of students who scored proficient or advanced than the other fourthgraders in the program. Participants in the program for two years are found to have the higher percentages of students being proficient or advanced in Long Beach, Pasadena, and Whittier City than the other participants. The also have the highest percentages of students being proficient or advanced among second-graders and fifth-graders.



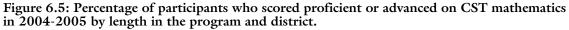


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■ In Program for 1 Year (n=1651) □ In Program for 2 Years (n=423) □ In Program for 3 Years (n=285)

Figure 6.4: Percentage of participants who scored proficient or advanced on CST ELA in 2004-2005 by length in the program and grade.

The parallel results for mathematics are reported in Figures 6.5 and 6.6. Overall, no advantage is observed for participants in the program for three or more years over those in the program for one or two years, except when fourth-graders are compared. The fourth-graders in the program for three years have the highest percentage of students who scored proficient or advanced than the other fourth-graders in the program. Participants in the program for two years are found to have the higher percentages of students being proficient or advanced in Long Beach, among second-graders, third-graders, and fifth-graders than the other participants.



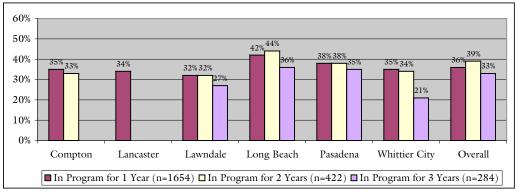
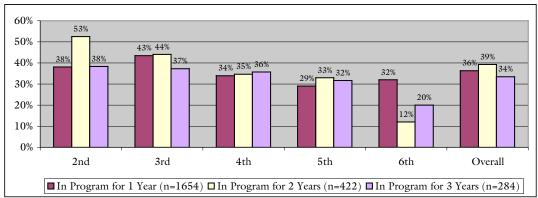


Figure 6.6: Percentage of participants who scored proficient or advanced on CST mathematics in 2004-2005 by length in the program and grade.



VII. Profile of Matched Students

With the availability of non-participants data at Pasadena and Whittier School Districts, this section is dedicated to document how participants compare to their matched non-participants academically. The section starts by describing the matching parameters and how students compared to each other on various demographic variables and achievement measures in 2003-2004. The second part presents matched students' 2004-2005 performance results in CST ELA and mathematics for Pasadena students, and the last part has the results for Whittier students.

Matching Students

Because all of the ASEP participating schools are elementary schools and students in K-1 do not take CST tests, the students of interest are those who: (1) are enrolled in grades 2-5 in 2003-2004, (2) continue to be enrolled in the Pasadena and Whittier School Districts in 2004-2005, and (3) have both 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 CST test data. Using the 2003-2004 student data, students in Pasadena and Whittier are matched, separately for each district, on multiple variables in the following order:

- grade level
- ethnicity
- ELL status
- CST ELA proficiency level
- CST Mathematics proficiency level

Since participants and non-participants are also matched based on their ethnicity and ELL status, students with missing information on these two variables are also excluded from the matching exercise. After matching participants and non-participants on the above variables, Pasadena's matched sample consists of 112 frequent ASEP participants and 112 non-participants, and Whittier's matched sample includes 37 frequent ASEP participants and 37 non-participants. Table 7.1 reports the comparison results.

Table 7.1: Pasadena & Whittier - Distribution of students by matching variables

		dena	Whittier		
	Frequent participants (n=112)	Matched non- participants (n=112)	Frequent participants (n=37)	Matched non- participants (n=37)	
Grade					
3 rd	38%	38%	46%	46%	
$4^{ m th}$	32%	32%	30%	27%	
5^{th}	30%	30%	24%	27%	
Ethnicity					
Hispanic	70%	70%	86%	86%	
African American	21%	21%	5%	5%	
White	8%	8%	5%	5%	
Other	2%	2%	3%	3%	
ELL					
Yes	29%	29%	19%	22%	
No	71%	71%	81%	78%	
2004 CST ELA					
Advanced	7%	9%	3%	3%	
Proficient	19%	18%	27%	22%	
Basic	45%	44%	35%	41%	
Below Basic	18%	18%	16%	16%	
Far Below Basic	12%	12%	19%	19%	
2004 CST Math					
Advanced	15%	15%	5%	5%	
Proficient	27%	27%	16%	16%	
Basic	33%	34%	49%	49%	
Below Basic	20%	21%	27%	27%	
Far Below Basic	5%	4%	3%	3%	

Please note that the grade level information is based on 2004-2005 data. As intended, frequent ASEP participants and their matched non-participants students are nearly identical in their demographic profiles and prior achievement levels. Therefore, it is assumed that any differences found between these two groups of students in their 2004-2005 academic achievement data would indicate the impact of one year of ASEP participation on student achievement.

2004-2005 Findings – Pasadena

Table 7.2 presents the 2004-2005 CST ELA and mathematics results for Pasadena's frequent ASEP participants and their matched non-participants. Thirty-one percent of frequent ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA and 40% of them scored proficient or advanced in mathematics. The corresponding numbers for the non-participants are slightly higher, 33% in ELA and 44% in mathematics.

Table 7.2: Pasadena - Student performance in 2004-2005 CST.

	Frequent Participants (n=112)	Matched non-participants (n=112)
2005 CST ELA	, ,	
Advanced	8%	10%
Proficient	23%	23%
Basic	39%	38%
Below Basic	21%	21%
Far Below Basic	9%	8%
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2005 CST Math		
Advanced	13%	16%
Proficient	27%	28%
Basic	35%	30%
Below Basic	21%	19%
Far Below Basic	4%	7%

Besides examining whether students scored proficient or advanced in their CST, it is also of interest to examine how students improved over the past two years. Figure 7.3 indicates that 31% of the frequent ASEP participants improved their ELA performance by at least one level, and 28% of their matched non-participants improved. Across student grade levels, the largest difference is 14% which was found among 4th-graders, in favor of frequent participants. Among 5th-graders, the difference is 6% in favor of frequent participants. Among 3rd-grade students, frequent participants improved less than their matched students.

Figure 7.3: Pasadena - Percent of students who improved at least one level in ELA, by grade

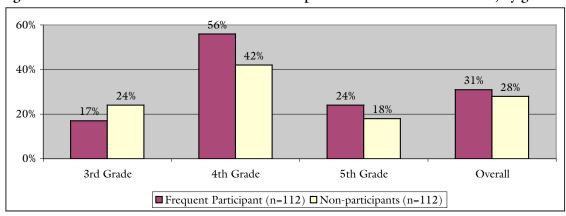
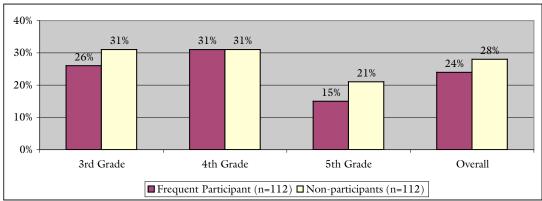


Figure 7.4 presents the parallel results on mathematics. Overall, the percentage of frequent ASEP participants (24%) improving at least one performance level is lower than their matched non-participants (28%). The overall pattern is applicable to the results by grade level, except in grade 4 where frequent participants and their matched non-participants have the same performance.

Figure 7.4: Pasadena – Percent of students who improved at least one level in mathematics, by grade



Figures 7.5 and 7.6 summarize the student improvement results by ethnicity for ELA and mathematics, respectively. African American frequent participants outperformed their matched non-participants in both ELA and mathematics by having a higher percentage of students who improved their CST performance by at least one level. Hispanic frequent participants out-performed their matched non-participants in ELA by having a higher percentage of students who improved their CST performance by at least one level.

Figure 7.5: Pasadena – Percent of students who improved at least one level in ELA, by ethnicity

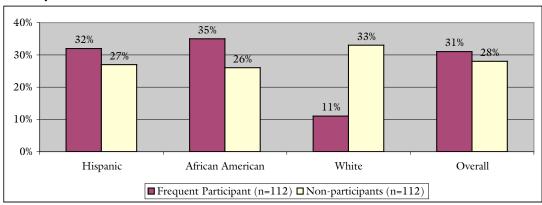
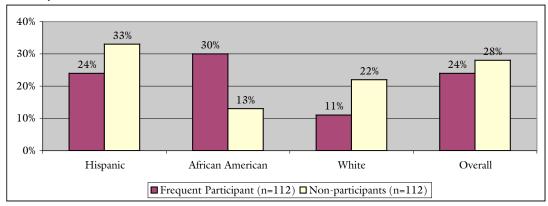


Figure 7.6: Pasadena – Percent of students who improved at least one level in mathematics, by ethnicity



Figures 7.7 and 7.8 provide the student improvement results by their ELL status for ELA and mathematics, respectively. Both ELL and non-ELL frequent participants out-performed their matched non-participants in ELA by having a higher percentage of students who improved their CST performance by at least one level.

Figure 7.7: Pasadena – Percent of students who improved at least one level in ELA, by ELL.

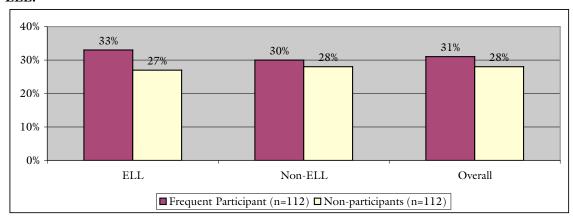
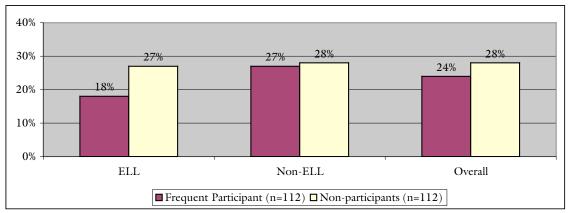


Figure 7.8: Pasadena – Percent of students who improved at least one level in mathematics, by ELL



2004-2005 Findings – Whittier

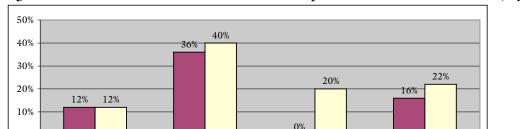
Table 7.9 presents the 2004-2005 CST ELA and mathematics results for Whittier's frequent ASEP participants and their matched non-participants. Twenty-five percent of participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA and 38% of participants scored proficient or advanced in mathematics. The corresponding numbers for the non-participants are higher, 29% in ELA (4% higher) and 44% (8% higher) in mathematics.

Table 7.9: Whittier - Student performance in 2004-2005 CST.

	Frequent participants	Matched non-participants
	(n=38)	(n=38)
2005 CST ELA		
Advanced	3%	5%
Proficient	22%	24%
Basic	32%	24%
Below Basic	30%	27%
Far Below Basic	14%	19%
2005 CST Math		
Advanced	8%	14%
Proficient	30%	30%
Basic	24%	27%
Below Basic	30%	19%
Far Below Basic	8%	11%

Besides examining whether students scored proficient or advanced in their CST, it is also of interest to examine how students improved over the past two years. Considering that there are 38 frequent participants, results on some sub-groups of students are not discussed in this report due to the small number of students. Therefore, for frequent participants and their matched non-participants, results on African American, White, and other students are not discussed here.

Figure 7.10 indicates that 16% of the frequent ASEP participants improved their ELA performance by at least one level, and 22% of their matched non-participants improved at least one level. Among 2nd-grade students, frequent participants and non-participants have the same percentage of students who improved. In grades 4 and 5, frequent participants have a smaller percentage of students who improved, compared to non-participants.



■ Frequent Participant (n=37) □ Non-participants (n=37)

4th Grade

Figure 7.10: Whittier – Percent of students who improved at least one level in ELA, by grade

5th Grade

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3rd Grade

Figure 7.11 presents the parallel results on mathematics. Overall, the percentage of frequent participants (27%) who improved at least one performance level is lower than the percentage for their matched non-participants (41%). Examining the results by grade level, frequent 4th-graders are the only ASEP participants who out-perform their matched non-participants in mathematics. Thirty-six percent of frequent 4th-grade participants improved at least one level, while 30% of their matched non-participants improved.

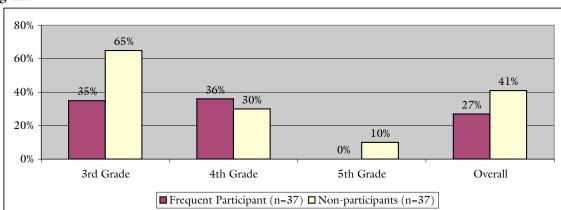


Figure 7.11: Whittier – Percent of students who improved at least one level in mathematics, by grade

Figures 7.12 and 7.13 summarize the student improvement results by ethnicity for ELA and mathematics, respectively. In both ELA and mathematics, both frequent and non-frequent Hispanic participants have a smaller percentage of students who improved their performance than their respectively matched non-participants.

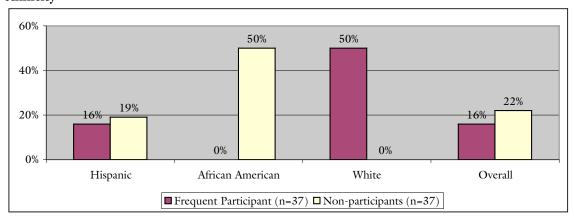
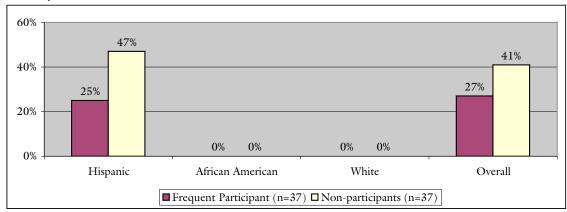


Figure 7.12: Whittier – Percent of students who improved at least one level in ELA, by ethnicity

Figure 7.13: Whittier – Percent of students who improved at least one level in mathematics, by ethnicity



Figures 7.14 and 7.15 provide the student improvement results by their ELL status for ELA and mathematics, respectively. Both ELL and non-ELL frequent participants are over-performed by their matched non-participants in ELA and mathematics.

Figure 7.14: Whittier - Percent of students who improved at least one level in ELA, by ELL

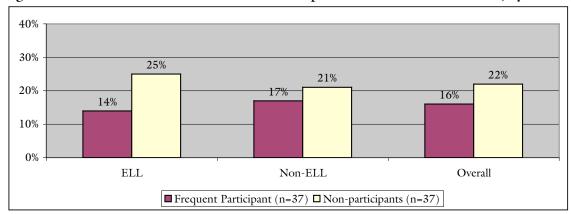
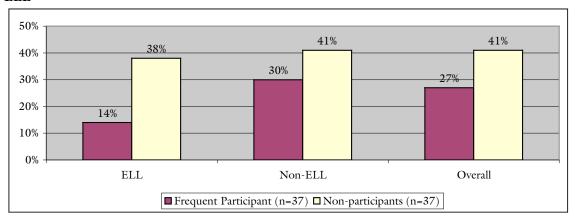


Figure 7.15: Whittier – Percent of students who improved at least one level in mathematics, by ELL



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VIII. Summary and Conclusions

One goal of the ASEP is to increase student achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics. In this year's evaluation, Public *Works*, Inc. examined the background characteristics and achievement levels of the 2004-2005 ASEP participants from a total of 70 sites and six school districts.

Program Attendance

Based on the 2004-2005 student outcome data provided by the six districts, a total of 4,247 students participated in ASEP in2004-2005. Fifty-four of them attended the program more than 50% of the time or 90 days, and the average number of program attended is 93 days. Long Beach has the largest number of participants (929 students) and Lawndale has the highest average program attendance rate, 63% (113 days).

Background Characteristics

The participants in the five districts with available ethnicity data are mainly Hispanic and African American students. The majority of ASEP participants are proficient in English (69%) and are of at low socio-economic status (80%), measured by their qualifying status for the federal free and reduced fee meal program⁵.

Regular School Day Attendance

The number of days participants attended school is 164 days in 2004-2005, one more day than last year. For frequent participants, they increased their school attendance rate from 92% (165 days) to 94% (169 days). For non-frequent participants, their school attendance rate dropped from 89% (160 days) to 87% (157 days). Frequent participants attended school 12 more days than non-frequent participants.

CST ELA

- ASEP participants improved their percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in ELA in the past two years.
- Frequent participants improved from having 21% of students who scored proficient or advanced in ELA in 2003-2004 to 24% of the students in 2004-2005. For non-frequent participants, they improved from 19% to 23% in the same two-year period.

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⁵ The Federal Free or reduced Price Meal Program data are only available for participants in Long Beach, Pasadena, and Whittier City districts.

- In 2004-2005, frequent participants have a higher percentage of students who scored proficient or advanced in ELA than non-frequent participants in Compton (3% higher), Lancaster (10% higher), and Long Beach (5% higher).
- In 2004-2005, frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants in ELA for students in grades 2, 4, and 6.
- In 2004-2005, frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants in ELA among Hispanic, African American, and students of other ethnic groups.
- Both frequent and non-frequent participants observed 31% of their students improved at least one CST level in the 2004-2005 ELA test, compared to how they performed in 2003-2004.

CST mathematics

- ASEP participants improved their percentages of students who scored proficient or advanced in mathematics in the past two years.
- Frequent participants improved from having 34% of students who scored proficient or advanced in mathematics in 2003-2004 to 37% in 2004-2005. For non-frequent participants, they improved from 31% to 32%.
- In 2004-2005, frequent participants have a higher percentage of students who scored proficient or advanced in mathematics than non-frequent participants in Compton (9% higher), Lancaster (9% higher), Long Beach (8% higher), Pasadena (5% higher), and Whittier City (1% higher).
- In 2004-2005, frequent participants have better performance than non-frequent participants in grades 2, 3, 4, and 6.
- Frequent participants have 31% of their students gained at least one CST level in 2004-2005 ELA test, compared to how they performed in 2003-2004. It is 8% higher than the non-frequent participants.

Cohort Analysis

• The longer the students have participated in ASEP, the more likely they attended school regularly. Overall, participants in the program for 2 years or more attended schools 7 more days then those who joined the program in 2004-2005.

- Among fourth-graders in the 2004-2005, the students who have been in the program for 3 years are more likely to score proficient or advanced in CST ELA than the other groups of participants.
- Among the cohort of students enrolled in grades 2, 3, and 5 in 2003-2004, the students who have been in the program for 3 years are more likely to score proficient or advanced in the 2004-2005 CST mathematics than the other groups of participants.
- In Long Beach, the students who have been in the program for 3 years are more likely to score proficient or advanced in the 2004-2005 mathematics than the other participants.

Pasadena Matched Analysis

- In 2004-2005, 31% of frequent participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA and 40% of ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in mathematics. The corresponding numbers for the non-participants are 33% (ELA) and 44% (mathematics).
- In ELA, 31% of the frequent ASEP participants improved their performance by at least one level, and 28% of their matched non-participants improved.
- In mathematics, 24% of the frequent ASEP participants improved their performance by at least one level, and 28% of their matched non-participants improved.
- For African American students, a greater proportion of frequent participants than non-participants showed improvement by at least one performance level in the past two years for both CST ELA and mathematics.
- For Hispanic students, frequent participants were more likely than nonparticipants to improve at least one performance level in the CST ELA in the past two years.

Whittier Matched Analysis

- In 2004-2005, 25% of ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in ELA and 38% of ASEP participants scored proficient or advanced in mathematics. The corresponding numbers for the non-participants are similar, 29% in ELA (4% higher) and 34% (8% higher) in mathematics.
- In ELA, 16% of the frequent ASEP participants improved their performance by at least one level, and 22% of their matched non-participants improved.

- In mathematics, 27% of the frequent ASEP participants improved their performance by at least one level, and 41% of their matched non-participants improved.
- In both ELA and mathematics, Hispanic students who frequently participated showed smaller percentages of improvement in performance on the CST than the matched non-participants.

Appendix A ASEP Sites with Enrollment 2004-2005

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Appendix A: ASEP Sites and Enrollment

	endix A:	ASEP	Sites and Enrollment		
District/School	ASEP	School	District/School	ASEP	School
ABC USD			Long Beach USD	•	
Aloha Elementary	64	474	Addams Elementary	170	1171
Alhambra City ŠD			Barton Elementary	110	1019
Northrup Elementary	35	931	Bryant Elementary	112	391
Ramona Elementary	39	1,047	Burnett Elementary	152	1012
Azusa USD		,	Edison Elementary	180	995
Murray Elementary	57	659	Garfield Elementary	137	1084
Bellflower USD			Grant Elementary	142	1431
Washington Elementary	160	977	Harte Elementary	115	1223
Williams Elementary	43	795	International Elementary	121	750
Woodruff Elementary	23	842	King Elementary	126	1101
Compton USD		012	Lafayette Elementary	128	974
Anderson Elementary	34	677	Lee Elementary	85	989
Bunche Elementary	87	1,062	McKinley Elementary	127	926
	97			127	
Bursch Elementary		466	Muir Elementary		996
Caldwell Street Elementary	40	355	Roosevelt Elementary	127	1143
Carver Elementary	32	418	Signal Hill Elementary	137	847
Dickison Elementary	19	1,055	Stevenson Elementary	140	905
Foster Elementary	38	825	Whittier Elementary	90	953
Kelly Elementary	29	1,093	Willard Elementary	165	998
Kennedy Elementary	50	909	Los Nietos USD		
King Elementary	45	647	Nelson Elementary		536
Laurel Street Elementary	110	576	Lynwood USD		
Lincoln Elementary	22	849	Wilson Elementary	40	909
Longfellow Elementary	89	830	Palmdale USD		
Mayo Elementary	42	573	Tamarisk Elementary	25	989
McKinley Elementary	45	393	Pasadena USD		
McNair Elementary	42	549	Altadena Elementary	90	431
Rosecrans Elementary	60	629	Burbank Elementary	90	393
Tibby Elementary	40	567	Cleveland Elementary	68	326
Vanguard Learning Center	48	947	Edison Elementary	103	248
Washington Elementary	44	699	Field Elementary	86	487
Willard Elementary	37	490	Franklin Elementary	91	402
El Rancho SD			Hamilton Elementary	110	463
Magee Elementary	86	533	Jackson Elementary	92	487
Selby Grove Elementary	21	437	Jefferson Elementary	100	687
Garvey SD			Loma Alta Elementary	96	334
Duff Elementary	54	432	Longfellow Elementary	154	639
Inglewood USD	01	132	Madison Elementary	124	652
Highland Elementary	37	909	Roosevelt Elementary	73	343
Hudnall Elementary	60	581	San Rafael Elementary	118	379
Warren Lane Elementary	24	998	Washington Elementary	150	755
Woodworth Elementary	50	864	Webster Elementary	104	455
Lancaster SD	30	304	Willard Elementary	130	630
Desert View Elementary	86	937	Rowland USD	130	030
El Dorado Elementary	84	944		40	811
			Yorbita Elementary	60	011
Joshua Elementary	95	990 896	Whittier City SD	105	418
Linda Verde Elementary	80		Hoover Elementary		
Mariposa Elementary	85	785	Jackson Elementary	132	565
Sierra Elementary	90	904	Lincoln Elementary	100	321
Sunnydale Elementary	75	785	Longfellow Elementary	119	632
Lawndale SD	1 101	03.5	Mill Elementary	108	338
Addams Elementary	131	817	Orange Grove Elementary	139	453
Anderson Elementary	146	885	Phelan Elementary	115	495
Green Elementary	na	1,033	Sorensen Elementary	110	585
Mitchell Elementary	130	713	West Whittier Elementary	108	473
Roosevelt Elementary	164	967			
Twain Elementary	105	448			
Lennox SD					
Felton Elementary	95	741			
Jefferson Elementary Moffett Elementary	100	940			
	153	1,157			

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Appendix B Data Request Letter and Form

January 12, 2006

TO: Lawndale, Long Beach, Compton, Lancaster

From: Mikala L. Rahn, Public Works, Inc.

Cc: John Berndt

Thank you for all your hard work in helping us create attendance records on your ASEP students in 2004-2005. This information will help us examine "dosage" and the impact in the first year and over time. Attendance information and the ability to define a "frequent" participant has been very important to our past evaluations in determining impact.

Enclosed is a list of students that were served in your program last year (minimum 1 day). The following is a list of variables for which we are requesting student-level data for these students:

- School
- Grade level in 2004-2005
- Regular School Day Attendance in number of days present for 2003-2004 and 2004-2005;
- CST English/Language Arts Performance Level & Scaled Scores for 2004 and 2005
- CST Mathematics Performance Level & Scaled Scores for 2004 and 2005
- CalWORKs
- Race/ethnicity
- ELL status 2004-05
- Free and/or reduced meal program participation 2004-2005
- Special education status 2004-2005

We are happy to work directly with your research and testing division to provide this list electronically to match the file for the above information. If possible, we would prefer a flat file for all students at the particular schools served in order for Public Works to work on an even more important questions of how do similar students who never participated in the after-school program perform as compared to students who frequently participated in the after-school program. This would be a more interesting research question, and make this data request in many ways easier to fulfill.

We greatly appreciate your assistance with this request and thank you for your time in advance. A staff person from Public Works, Inc. will be calling you within the next week to follow up. Please return the information either on the provided disk or paper-copy spreadsheet to Public Works, Inc. (address below) by **January 27, 2006**. In addition, if you have access to email and would prefer to email the Excel file as an attachment, please send an email to mrahn@publicworksinc.org or achen@publicworksinc.org. If you would like to discuss this request or have questions before then, please feel free to call me at (626) 564-9890.

Sincerely, Mikala L. Rahn, PhD President Public Works, Inc. 90 North Daisy Avenue

If you do not track attendance in this manner, please provide data in the format your district utilizes and make a note of the method.

Appendix C Data Results by Site

Table C-1: Ethnic breakdown of ASEP participants by site

Background Characteristics	Ethnicity						
	N	Hispanic	African American	White	Other		
Overall	2,945	68%	24%	5%	3%		
Compton							
Anderson	8	88%	13%				
Bunche	7	57%	43%				
Bursch	16	69%	31%				
Caldwell Street	8	38%	63%				
Carver	18	67%	33%				
Dickison	14	93%	7%				
Foster	13	77%	23%				
Kelly	24	54%	38%		8%		
Kennedy	18	44%	56%				
King	22	64%	36%				
Laurel Street	21	90%	10%				
Lincoln	8	63%	38%				
Longfellow	12	50%	50%				
Mayo	1		100%				
McKinley	18	61%	39%				
McNair [']	31	52%	48%				
Rosecrans	21	62%	38%				
Tibby	9	78%	22%				
Washington	29	86%	14%				
Willard	20	95%	5%				
Total	318	68%	31%		1%		
Lancaster							
Desert View	62	23%	63%	15%			
El Dorado	66	35%	48%	15%	2%		
Joshua	68	35%	56%	9%			
Linda Verde	68	54%	35%	10%			
Mariposa	89	52%	35%	11%	2%		
Sierra	58	33%	47%	17%	3%		
Sunnydale	72	36%	44%	15%	4%		
Total	483	39%	46%	13%	2%		
Lawndale							
Anderson							
Green							
Mitchell							
Roosevelt							
Total							

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Table C-1 (Continued): Ethnic breakdown of ASEP participants by site

Background	Ethnicity						
Characteristics	N	Hispanic	African American	White	Other		
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Long Beach Addams	44	59%	32%	2%	7%		
Barton	54	33%	54%	4%	9%		
Bryant	24	67%	13%	8%	13%		
Burnett	80	40%	57%	1%	1%		
Edison	56	70%	21%	7%	2%		
Garfield	42	70% 71%	17%	2%	10%		
Harte	34	50%	26%	15%	9%		
International	91	74%	21%	2%	3%		
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King							
Lafayette	44	61%	34%	5%			
Lee	60	65%	33%		2%		
McKinley	25	40%	52%		8%		
Roosevelt	109	85%	13%		2%		
Signal Hill	34	41%	38%		21%		
Stevenson	80	73%	21%	1%	5%		
Willard	78	86%	13%		1%		
Total	900	65%	29%	2%	4%		
Pasadena							
Altadena	20	40%	50%	10%			
Burbank	6	67%		33%			
Cleveland	18	39%	56%	6%			
Edison	11	36%	64%				
Field	46	76%	13%	4%	7%		
Franklin	33	58%	39%	3%			
Hamilton	20	100%					
Jackson	40	60%	33%	8%			
Loma Alta	41	29%	59%	12%			
Longfellow	19	11%	74%	16%			
Madison	30	87%	10%		3%		
Roosevelt	9	56%	33%		11%		
San Rafael	33	79%	18%	3%			
Washington	38	95%	5%				
Webster	37	62%	8%	27%	3%		
Willard	25	72%	12%	4%	12%		
Total	426	63%	27%	7%	2%		
Whittier City							
Hoover	159	81%	2%	14%	3%		
Jackson	104	97%	1%	1%	1%		
Lincoln	128	96%	1%	2%	2%		
Mill	146	90%	1%	4%	5%		
Phelan	129	94%	2%	4%	370		
Sorensen	152	92%	3%	3%	1%		
Total	818	91%	2%	5% 5%	2%		
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Table C-2: ELL, Free or Reduced Price Meal Enrollment breakdown of ASEP participants by site

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Total 483 14% 86%				

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Table C-2 (Continued): ELL, Free or Reduced Price Meal Enrollment breakdown of ASEP participants by site

Background	ELL			Free/Reduced Meal			
Characteristics	N	Yes	No	N	Yes	No	
Long Beach							
Addams	45	40%	60%	45	87%	13%	
Barton	54	19%	81%	54	96%	4%	
Bryant	26	12%	88%	27	93%	7%	
Burnett	81	14%	86%	82	72%	28%	
Edison	56	39%	61%	57	65%	35%	
Garfield	41	34%	66%	42	95%	5% 5%	
Harte	34	29%	71%	34	94%	5% 6%	
				92			
International	91 45	52%	48%		61%	39%	
King	45	42%	58%	45	98%	2%	
Lafayette	44	39%	61%	44	80%	20%	
Lee	61	30%	70%	61	70%	30%	
McKinley	25	16%	84%	25	76%	24%	
Roosevelt	109	66%	34%	109	74%	26%	
Signal Hill	33	42%	58%	34	97%	3%	
Stevenson	80	40%	60%	80	91%	9%	
Willard	78	60%	40%	78	97%	3%	
Total	903	40%	60%	909	82%	18%	
Pasadena							
Altadena	20	25%	75%	20	95%	5%	
Burbank	6	67%	33%	6	100%		
Cleveland	18	6%	94%	18	89%	11%	
Edison	11	9%	91%	11	100%		
Field	46	41%	59%	46	96%	4%	
Franklin	33	24%	76%	33	94%	6%	
Hamilton	20	25%	75%	20	95%	5%	
Iackson	40	40%	60%	40	95%	5%	
Loma Alta	41	12%	88%	41	88%	12%	
Longfellow	19	11%	89%	19	95%	5%	
Madison	30	53%	47%	30	97%	3%	
Roosevelt	9	44%	56%	9	89%	11%	
San Rafael	33	27%	73%	33	94%	6%	
Washington	38	45%	55%	38	100%		
Webster	37	27%	73%	37	86%	14%	
Willard	25	28%	72%	25	100%	14/0	
	426	30%	70%		94%	6%	
Total	420	30%	/0%	426	94%	0%	
Whittier City							
Hoover	159	22%	78%	159	67%	33%	
Jackson	104	41%	59%	104	83%	17%	
Lincoln	128	22%	78%	128	83%	17%	
Mill	145	33%	67%	146	66%	34%	
Phelan	129	23%	77%	129	65%	35%	
Sorensen	152	24%	76%	152	67%	33%	
Total	817	27%	73%	818	71%	29%	

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Appendix D

Attendance Data by Background Characteristics

Table D-1: Mean school days attended of ASEP participants by background characteristics

Background Characteristics	2004 Regular Atter	r School Days nded	2005 Regular School Days Attended		
Characteristics	N	Mean	N	Mean	
Overall	2,320	163	2,817	163	
District					
Compton					
Lancaster	375	147	478	146	
Lawndale	49	167	143	173	
Long Beach	860	167	906	167	
Pasadena	399	166	480	161	
Whittier City	637	167	810	167	
Total	2,320	163	2,817	163	
Grade					
K			171	161	
lst	332	160	465	160	
2nd	497	163	548	163	
3rd	508	164	562	163	
4th	464	164	503	163	
5th	434	165	475	163	
6th	82	165	92	170	
Total	2,317	163	2,816	163	
Ethnicity					
Hispanic	1,528	165	1,743	166	
African American	516	156	601	154	
White	128	163	154	157	
Other	66	167	71	166	
Total	2,238	163	2,569	163	
ELL					
Yes	701	168	826	167	
No	1,589	161	1,879	162	
Total	2,290	163	2,705	163	
Free or Reduced I					
Yes	1,511	166	1,675	167	
No	360	169	422	167	
Total	1,871	167	2,097	167	
Participant Status					
Frequent	1,364	165	1,660	168	
Non-Frequent	956	160	1,157	154	
Total	2,320	163	2,817	163	
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Appendix E

Achievement Data by Background Characteristics

Table E-1: 2005 California Standards Test % Above Proficient of ASEP participants by background characteristics

Background		California Standa nglish Language		2005 California Standards Test (Mathematics)			
Characteristics	N	% Proficient or Above	% Below Proficient	N	% Proficient or Above	% Below Proficien	
Overall	2,368	25%	75%	2,369	37%	63%	
District							
Compton	311	20%	80%	313	35%	65%	
Lawndale	303	22%	78%	302	34%	66%	
Lancaster	105	21%	79%	109	31%	69%	
Long Beach	642	26%	74%	639	41%	59%	
Pasadena	402	27%	73%	401	37%	63%	
Whittier City	605	28%	72%	605	34%	66%	
Total	2,368	25%	75%	2,369	37%	63%	
Grade							
2nd	512	28%	72%	512	41%	59%	
3rd	631	21%	79%	632	43%	57%	
4th	595	28%	72%	595	34%	66%	
5th	539	27%	73%	539	30%	70%	
6th	91	13%	87%	91	21%	79%	
Total	2,368	25%	75%	2,369	37%	63%	
Ethnicity							
Hispanic	1,567	25%	75%	1,565	38%	62%	
African American	521	23%	77%	520	30%	70%	
White	113	38%	62%	113	41%	59%	
Other	59	44%	56%	59	66%	34%	
Total	2,260	25%	75%	2,257	37%	63%	
ELL							
Yes	721	11%	89%	719	27%	73%	
No	1,642	31%	69%	1,644	41%	59%	
Total	2,363	25%	75%	2,363	37%	63%	
Free or Reduced Pr	ice Meal						
Yes	1,330	25%	75%	1,326	36%	64%	
No	317	35%	65%	317	44%	56%	
Total	1,647	27%	73%	1,643	38%	62%	
Participant Status							
Frequent	1,340	26%	74%	1,337	39%	61%	
Non-Frequent	1,028	24%	76%	1,032	34%	66%	
Total	2,368	25%	75%	2,369	37%	63%	

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Table E-2: 2004-2005 California Standards Test Change in Proficiency Level of ASEP Participants by grade level and background characteristics

Background		California Sta (English Lan			California Standards Test (Mathematics)			
Characteristics	N	% Increased	% Same	% Decreased	N	% Increased	% Same	% Decreased
Overall	1,491	31%	46%	23%	1,485	28%	47%	26%
District								
Compton	196	32%	38%	31%	195	27%	44%	30%
Lancaster	69	32%	28%	41%	68	26%	25%	49%
Lawndale	74	35%	47%	18%	74	36%	41%	23%
Long Beach	454	30%	47%	23%	451	31%	46%	23%
Pasadena	304	27%	48%	25%	304	27%	47%	25%
Whittier City	394	33%	49%	18%	393	23%	52%	24%
Total	1,491	31%	46%	23%	1,485	28%	47%	26%
Grade								
3rd	429	20%	46%	35%	426	27%	49%	24%
4th	513	45%	41%	15%	513	29%	45%	26%
5th	460	28%	49%	22%	457	25%	46%	29%
6th	89	16%	56%	28%	89	33%	49%	18%
Total	1,491	31%	46%	23%	1,485	28%	47%	26%
Ethnicity								
Hispanic	1,019	29%	47%	23%	1,015	28%	47%	25%
African American	299	34%	40%	26%	297	26%	46%	28%
White	61	38%	33%	30%	61	25%	44%	31%
Other	38	26%	63%	11%	38	29%	53%	18%
Total	1,417	31%	46%	24%	1,411	27%	47%	26%
ELL								
Yes	464	35%	41%	24%	461	27%	46%	27%
No	1,025	29%	48%	23%	1,022	28%	47%	25%
Total	1,489	31%	46%	23%	1,483	28%	47%	26%
Free or Reduced Pr								
Yes	933	30%	47%	23%	929	28%	48%	24%
No	219	34%	51%	15%	219	26%	51%	23%
Total	1,152	30%	48%	22%	1,148	27%	49%	24%
Participant Status								
Frequent	868	31%	46%	23%	865	31%	44%	25%
Non-Frequent	623	30%	45%	25%	620	24%	50%	26%
Total	1,491	31%	46%	23%	1,485	28%	47%	26%

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