

# The Green Dot Difference

Preparing all students for college, leadership and life

## About Green Dot Public Schools

Green Dot Public Schools is a non-profit organization founded upon the idea that every child in every community deserves to go to a great school.

Starting in 2000 with one school serving 140 students, we now operate a high-performing public charter school network of 14 high schools and five middle schools purposely located in some of California's highest need communities.

## Leading the Nation

Currently serving more than 10,000 students in the Los Angeles area, Green Dot is considered one the nation's largest school districts.

In strong collaboration with our teachers, we have built a nationally recognized professional development and evaluation system. And we are the only charter management organization in the country closing historic achievement and opportunity gaps by turning around existing neighboring schools that have been chronically underperforming.

## Meeting the Needs of Students and Families

In addition to a strong academic program, we offer students a variety of extracurricular activities and a full range of support services, including clinical services and counseling.

We also work with parents and families, providing a full program of training and workshops to help them develop the tools necessary to advocate for their communities and drive education reform.

From a rigorous, college-prep curriculum inside the classroom to meeting challenges outside the classroom - we do whatever it takes to prepare all students for college, leadership and life.

Schools in the Green Dot Public Schools network receive public funding and are free to attend.

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Doing what it takes

## Our Model

Green Dot's model is designed to create small, safe, high-performing learning environments to meet individual student needs. These tuition-free public schools feature:

- Small Class Sizes
- Effective, Caring Teachers
- Technology to Enhance Learning
- Comprehensive College Counseling
- Programs to Boost Parental Involvement
- A College-going Culture

In addition to strong academics, we offer students a wide variety of athletic programs and extra-curricular activities.

## Our Results

Since our founding, we have graduated thousands of students with more than 90% being accepted to college.

We have had continued, sustained growth in student achievement and several of our campuses have been ranked as America's best by *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

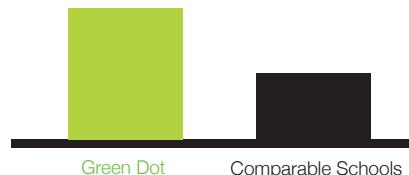
A recent study by UCLA found that students attending the Green Dot-operated Locke - a turnaround school - are nearly four times more likely to graduate and be ready for college than students at neighboring schools.

Driven by unwavering belief in every student's potential, Green Dot's more than 900 teachers, administrators and support staff dedicate themselves every day to meeting the needs of our students.

## Helping Students Succeed

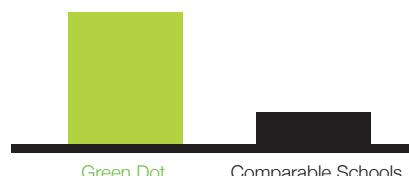
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Green Dot 9th graders are nearly **2X** more likely to **graduate** than their peers.<sup>1</sup>



**4X**

Green Dot 9th graders are nearly **4X** more likely to **graduate college-ready** than their peers.<sup>2</sup>



1.2. Graduation rates calculated as (# of graduating seniors in the Class of 2012) / (# of entering 9th graders in 2008-09), both figures according to California Department of Education. For more information, visit [www.greendot.org/results](http://www.greendot.org/results).

