

Steady academic achievement gains

For the fifth year in a row, FUSD demonstrated district-wide growth in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the California Standards Tests (CSTs).

Financial stability to invest in students

On the brink of a state takeover in 2005, Fresno Unified has turned its financial situation around and demonstrated fiscal responsibility while directing more resources to the classroom. The district has operated with consecutive balanced budgets and unqualified audits. FUSD has one of the lowest central-office administrative ratios in the state.

Career and college ready graduates

The district's award-winning counseling team has used data-drive strategies to direct more students to college, resulting in a 47 percent increase in the number of applications to California State University, Fresno over the past two years. The district emphasizes a K-12 system of career readiness that encourages students to apply academic knowledge to real-world challenges.

Innovative summer school

Nearly 6,500 high school students took advantage of an expanded summer school program that enabled 2,000 students to get "back on track" for graduation and more than 3,600 students to accelerate or augment their studies.

Facilities improvements

The community's support for the district led to overwhelming approval of Measure Q, a \$280 million local school bond measure for facilities upgrades district-wide, including replacing portable classrooms and improving core facilities such as libraries and career counseling centers.

Accountable communities

The district is pursuing an "accountable communities" approach system-wide to drive leadership and staff improvements to better serve students.

At-a-Glance

Improving academic performance

- 7.7 percent increase in students scoring proficient or above in both ELA and mathematics
- Ongoing staff and leadership development, including the "accountable communities" approach, to lift student achievement

Technology leader

- All FUSD schools connected to high speed internet
- Students have access to HP Mini-Note laptops in classrooms
- Implementing a new K-12 student information system to improve the reporting and retrieving of data and consolidate multiple systems

Facilities improvements

- Built four new schools since 2007
- Facilities Master Plan created to chart the needs of the district well into the future
- \$280 million Measure Q approved by voters for system-wide improvements and modernization
- Built and opened 106,000-square-foot Nutrition Center to prepare ready-made hot meals

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