

Allendale Elementary School

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Overview

Mission/Vision: At Allendale, we take a whole child approach to education. It is important to us that our policies, practices, and relationships ensure each child in our school community is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. This is seen in the ROAR motto:

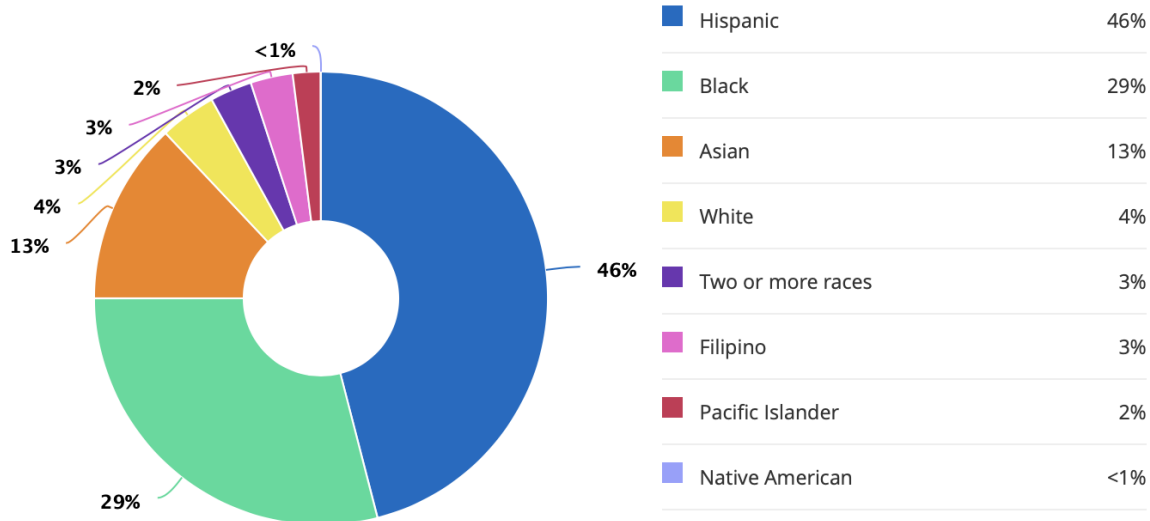
- R-Rigor. Hard work makes us smarter. Learning targets are standards based and on grade level.
- O- One Community--We share common values--We are...safe, responsible, respectful, and a community
- A-Achieve. We use blended learning, differentiated instruction, and tiered supports to assure that all students grow academically and achieve!
- R-Resilient-We have what it takes to overcome pitfalls and don't give up easily. We have a growth mindset and know that we can achieve nearly anything if we work hard and accept failures and challenges as opportunities to grow.

Principal: Desiree Miles

Demographics:

Total # of Students	Under-Resourced Students	Dual/Multi Language	Equity Rating	Students to Teacher Ratio
401	83%	45%	1/10	19:1

Race/ethnicity:



What Makes This School Unique

[Allendale Elementary School](#) there is a beautiful solar system [mosaic](#) right near the entrance to the school. It was designed and created from scratch by 80 Allendale School third graders in 2007. The students were guided by artists Mary McDermott and Leslie Stott. There are also a number of [mosaic tile trash cans](#) around the school, including one that says "Allendale School".



Additionally, Allendale has an abundance of unique inclusive programs and resources for all students and parents.

- Science-centered focus
- K-3 Spanish bilingual program
- Si Swun Math
- Learning partnership with the Aspire charter schools to run a balanced-literacy program
- Regular award ceremonies to celebrate high-performing students
- Dynamic "Tigers Roar" extended-day program, featuring Playworks, team sports, African dance, martial arts, track and cheerleading programs, and more

- Academic support during Extended Day, including a dedicated academic coordinator and math and reading tutors
- Computer lab with 32 workstations, integrating PLATO software to help students track their reading and math progress
- Support staff including speech therapists, behavior coaches, therapists/counselors, and interventionist specialists using the “response to intervention” model
- Parent outreach and involvement through parenting classes, how parents can give academic support, adult education classes, a Parent Teacher Organization, an English Learner Advisory Committee, and more

School and Neighborhood History

The [Ohlone and Chochenyo nations](#) inhabited the coastal region of Central and Northern California that includes Oakland.⁴ Due to [Spanish colonization of the Ohlone and Chochenyo lands](#), there was a drastic change and evolution of the region over the years that leads us to its physical layout today.



Allendale, originally named [Fruitvale School No. 3](#) in 1904. Before 1904 children living along High Street had to make the long walk to Fruitvale School No. 1 on School Street in Boston. Allendale was chosen because of its central location to the children from Laurel Grove District (Laurel District) to High Street and down to Foothill Blvd, then known as Old County Road. Miss Alice V. Baxley was the first principal of Allendale School from 1904-1913. The school was deemed unsafe and closed in 1953. At the time, it was one of the oldest school buildings; there were 2 others from the pre-1906 era still standing. The old school building withstood the 1906 earthquake. Plans for a new school were drawn up by architects George E. Ellinger and Roland Gibbs cost \$363,250. The school was completed in the fall of 1959.

Allendale is a mostly residential community just off the MacArthur Freeway. Residents enjoy a walkable landscape with a wide array of local amenities: Allendale Elementary School's location in the north-central portion of the neighborhood gives students the option to walk to class safely; small grocers, cafes, and specialty businesses in the neighborhood keep folks well-fed and well-supplied; and Allendale Recreation Center provides a terrific venue for enjoying the sunshine with friends and neighbors.

A more diverse selection of restaurants and shops can be found along MacArthur Boulevard just a few blocks to the northeast, and many more public parks surround Allendale on all sides. Numerous healthcare facilities in and around the neighborhood make it a great spot for medical professionals. The close proximity to the freeway makes it easy to reach anywhere in the Bay Area and beyond.

Development: Allendale Elementary School is located in Allendale (sometimes Allendale Park). This neighborhood is between [Fruitvale](#) and [Maxwell Park](#), roughly between Foothill and MacArthur. Originally its own town, settled in 1895 it was annexed to Oakland in 1909. By 1906 Allendale had a Methodist church, a bakery, butcher, hardware store, community hall and saloon on Allendale Ave. By 1910 there was an "Allendale Improvement Club" of 250 members working to improve the district. In 1927 the art deco Allendale Theatre was built at what is now 3116 Liese Ave. The theatre closed in 1941 and now houses the Theater Apartments.

Gentrification within the Neighborhood: [Gentrification](#) is a process that includes economic and demographic changes to historically disinvested neighborhoods. It's important to be aware of the process because new, affluent residents moving to a neighborhood for housing or business can contribute to significant increases in rent and real estate prices. These increases impact the most vulnerable and pressure low-income residents to meet the demand which alters their own household/family budget. Many Bay Area neighborhoods have [changed culturally and financially due to gentrification](#).

Endnotes:

1. <https://www.ousd.org/allendale>
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