

Animo South Los Angeles Charter High School

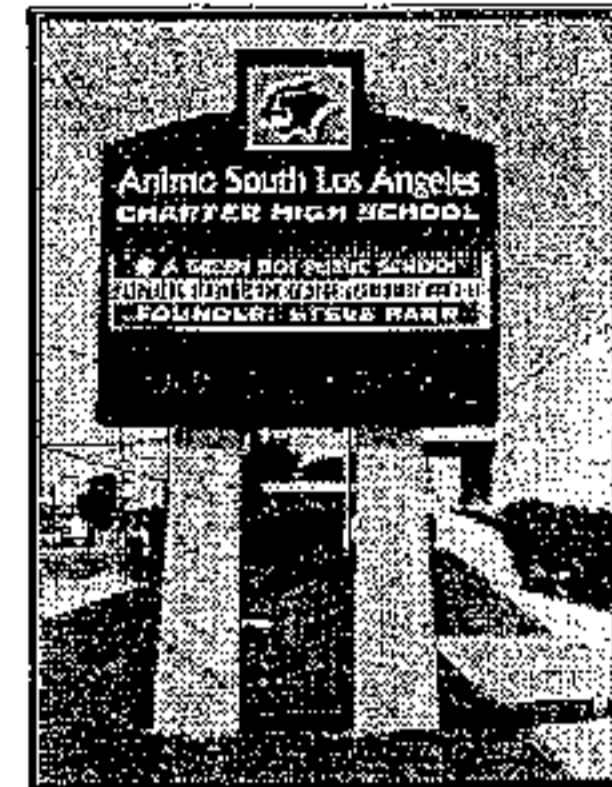


Preparing All Students for College, Leadership and Life

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Brief History

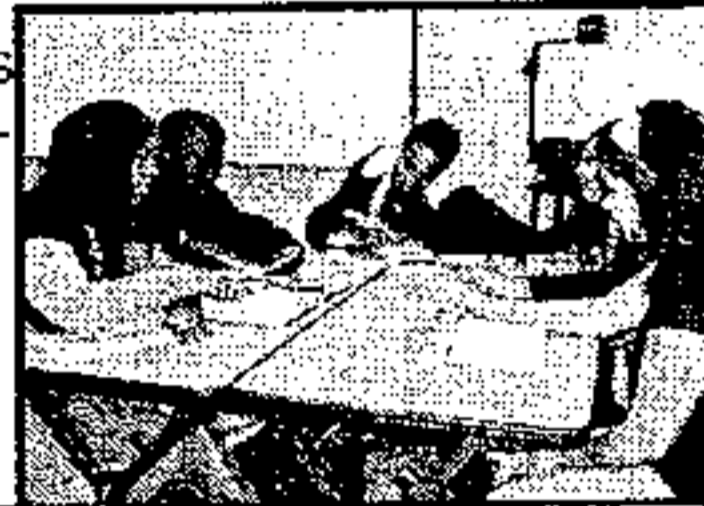
- ASLA was founded in 2002 by Steve Barr and Green Dot Public Schools
- ASLA graduated its first class of students last year!
- ASLA is in its fifth year of operation
- ASLA is located at 11130 S. Western Ave or down the street from LA Southwest College



GREEN DOT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

What Makes ASLA Special?

- Personalization and Relationships:
 - Smaller School
 - Smaller Class sizes
 - Block scheduling
 - Advisory
 - Two School Counselors
 - 35 Parent Hours a Year
 - Stakeholder Driven
 - Safety



The Mission of Animo South LA

- To prepare students for college, leadership and life.



Preparing Students for College

- 92% of our first graduating class were accepted into college or university!
- They were accepted into the following prestigious schools: UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, University of Arizona, Penn State University, Clark University, Grinnell, and Occidental College.



Earning College Credits at ASLA

- Students have the opportunity to take LASC classes at ASLA during the school day.
 - Two 12th Grade Cohorts earning freshman college credits during high school
 - Next year we are adding two 11th grade cohorts
 - Two summer school classes offered on campus as well
- In the end, ASLA students can graduate from high school with enough credits to almost satisfy their freshman year of college!



Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

- Students who pass an AP Exam can earn college credit.
- Taking AP and Honors courses increases a student's GPA and makes them more competitive when applying to college.
- For a small school ASLA has a long list of AP/Honors courses including: AP Bio, AP US History, AP English Lit, AP Spanish Lang and AP Spanish Lit, Algebra 2 Honors, and Calculus.
- Next year, ASLA is adding AP US Gov't, AP Physics and two honors courses.



Improving College Knowledge

- ASLA offers a four-year College Prep class that is designed to increase college knowledge (difference between types of colleges, majors, personal statements, SAT Prep, the application process, financial aid, and scholarships)
- 11th Grade College Tours to HBCUs, East Coast, N. Cali and S. Cali
- Grade level college visits
- Annual GD College Fair



Rigorous Graduation Requirements



- All students graduate haven taken the rigorous A-G Graduation Requirements necessary for admittance in the Prestigious UC/CSU school systems
- 4 yrs of English, 3-4 yrs of Math, 4 yrs of History, 3-4 yrs of Science, and 2-4 yrs of Spanish
- ASLA students must graduate with at least 270 credits versus 220 at other LAUSD high schools

Rigor with Student Support

- Two Week Summer Bridge for all Incoming 9th Graders (English and Algebra support)
- Math Support class for 9th graders struggling in Algebra
- Read 180—a computer-based reading intervention—for all incoming 9th graders reading below grade level
- Advisory once a week for four years
- Teacher Office Hours
- CAHSEE Classes
- Two Resource Teachers (Special Ed)



Preparing Students for Leadership and Life

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports (City Section) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Varsity Football – Varsity Basketball – Varsity Soccer – Varsity Track – Girls Varsity Softball – Girls Varsity Volleyball – Girls Varsity Cheerleading – Students Run LA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Yearbook – Newspaper – Panther Student Gov't – Helping Paws – Step Team – Drill Team/Drum Line – Video Game – Skateboard – SPAAP – Spanish |
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Empowerment

- Students, parents and teachers have a voice in the decisions affecting the school
 - Hiring faculty
 - Policies and Priorities
 - Extra-curricular
 - Stakeholder surveys
 - School Advisory Council (SAC)



The Results

- ASLA had an API of 702 and a similar school ranking of 10 last year
- ASLA received a 6 year Accreditation from WASC
- Greatly out-perform the local LAUSD and Inglewood High Schools on all academic measures



Application Process

- Complete the one page application and return it to ASLA by Friday, March 27th to make it in the Public Lottery
- All late applications will be placed on the waitlist
- The Public Lottery will be held on Thursday, April 30th at 6pm at ASLA
- Siblings of current ASLA students given preference
- Names are pulled and given a number
- The first 155-160 students will be offered a spot and the rest are put on the waitlist in the order they were pulled.
- As spaces become available the next student on the waitlist will be offered a spot at ASLA.

Summer Bridge

- All incoming 9th graders must attend one of two two-week Summer Bridge Sessions.
 - Algebra
 - English
 - ASLA Culture
 - Session 1: July 6th-17th
 - Session 2: July 20th-31st
 - Must be in Uniform
- All incoming 9th graders must take two placement exams (algebra and reading)
 - Five assessment days from June 1st -5th

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