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## Benjamin holt preparatory academy

Nanci Holtz has been in education for over 23 years with her career beginning by teaching middle school math in Tracy. She has also served as the coordinator for a math grant with Stockton Unified and an instructional coach for Lodi Unified before joining the Benjamin Holt team in 2009. At Holt she has taught Algebra 2 and Geometry and enjoys supporting her math teachers and struggling students. Nanci is a Stockton-native and has three daughters, one husband, one cat and one puppy. She spends most of her free time managing two softball teams that her husband coaches for her youngest and oldest girls. Her middle daughter traded softball for dance, cooking and acting. Nanci's guilty pleasures include watching reality television and reading gossip magazines. A charter school is a public school that has been given some autonomy from state education regulation and bureaucracy. In exchange, the school must be accountable for student achievement and fiscal solvency. The "charter" is simply a license to operate - hence the name 'charter schools.' It is granted and regularly reviewed by the local school district, county office of education, or state department of education. This process varies across the country. Are charter schools private schools? No. Charter schools are public schools. Families do not pay tuition for students to attend, and there are no entrance exams or other requirements often associated with private schools. Many aspects of Aspire's education design (such as our small schools) sometimes remind people of the quality of education in many private schools. How is Aspire different from other charter schools? Since charter schools were 'created' by legislation, most charter schools were founded and run by a small group of parents or teachers. These stand-alone schools were created by brave, determined and sometimes seemingly super-human individuals. Because it's so hard to start a school, it makes sense for groups to work together with others who have complementary areas of expertise. Many new charter schools are being started by "charter management organizations" (also known as CMO's, for short): organizations that establish and run multiple schools. Aspire is widely considered the leading not-for-profit CMO. As a 501(c)3 non-for-profit, Aspire is focused on ensuring all its students receive a high-quality education within an efficient and cost-effective model. Are there any admission requirements? Aspire Public Schools has NO admission requirements. Any student who is a California state resident is eligible to enroll. If the number of students interested in enrolling in an Aspire school exceeds the school capacity, a lottery is held to determine enrollment. Does Aspire charge tuition? As a system of public schools, Aspire does not charge tuition. How are charter schools funded? There is a lot of confusion about this topic in the media. Charter schools are funded by state, local and federal funds in the same way that non-charter public schools are. In general, both revenues and expenses follow the student. When a family chooses to send their child to a public charter school, the charter school is then responsible for providing that student's education. Therefore, it incurs the expenses of the teacher, facility, textbooks and supplies. For that reason, funding for that student goes to the entity that is providing the public education. How big are Aspire schools? We believe in small schools so that individual students are personally known. Students do not "slip through the cracks." Elementary schools (grades K-5) are about 360 students; secondary schools (grades 6-12) are about 560 students. What are the average class sizes at Aspire campuses? Aspire schools have a student:teacher ratio of approximately 24:1 in grades K-3, and 29:1 in grades 4-12. In addition, secondary students spend part of their day in classes with ratios as small as 17:1. Does Aspire have a school uniform policy? Each school community determines whether a uniform policy is appropriate. Most Aspire campuses do have uniforms. Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy's student population of 694 students has grown by 50% over five school years.The teacher population of 28 teachers has grown by 133% over five school years.School TypeGrades OfferedGrades 9-12GradeAspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy9183101791116812164Note: Data may not be displayed on any public-facing website or service that replicates or resembles a school search or review portal without prior written permission. 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See our Terms of Service.YearAspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory AcademyCaliforniaAspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy School District202295%87%95%202195%84%202095%85%201995%84%Note: Data may not be displayed on any public-facing website or service that replicates or resembles a school search or review portal without prior written permission. See our Terms of Service.Eligible for Free LunchEligible for Reduced LunchSchool Statewide TestingView Education Department Test ScoresSource: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), CA Dept. of EducationProfile last updated: 02/09/2025 What is Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy's ranking?Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy is ranked #1400 out of 9,602 schools, which ranks it among the top 20% of public schools in California. What percent of students have achieved state testing proficiency in math and reading?45-49% of students have achieved math proficiency (compared to the 33% CA state average), while 75-79% of students have achieved reading proficiency (compared to the 47% CA state average). What is the graduation rate of Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy?The graduation rate of Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy is 95%, which is higher than the California state average of 87%. How many students attend Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy?694 students attend Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy. What is the racial composition of the student body?49% of Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy students are Hispanic, 28% of students are Asian, 8% of students are White, 7% of students are Black, 7% of students are Two or more races, and 1% of students are Hawaiian. What is the student:teacher ratio of Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy?Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy has a student ration of 25:1, which is higher than the California state average of 21:1. What grades does Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy offer?Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy offers enrollment in grades 9-12 In what neighborhood is Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy located?Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy is located in the Valley Oak neighborhood of Oakland, CA. There are 2 other public schools located in Valley Oak. My name is Leslie Renee. I serve as the Dean of Instruction at BHA. My job is to ensure that the students here receive the best instruction possible, so that they can succeed in college and in life. I have 3 awesome children, who are now adults, and 2 adorable grandchildren. I was the first female in my family to graduate from college. I have been a lifelong learner, earning my first degree, an AA in Social Sciences at Chabot College in Hayward, and then my BA in Human Spirituality at CSUEB. I earned my teaching credential at College of Holy Names in Oakland. Later, I earned a M.S. Ed. from Walden University, and then a doctoral degree, Ed. S. in Leadership of Curriculum and Instruction, from University of Phoenix. I taught English Language Arts and Social Studies to secondary students of all grade levels until 2015, then I served as an Assistant Principal, and then as Regional Instructional Coach for Humanities at Aspire Central Valley. I also taught online teacher education courses at University of Phoenix for 5 years. When I am not working, I ride my horses or play golf with my husband and father. I am so proud to be a member of this educational community, and to work toward College for Certain for all of our students! Hello! My name is Lauren Gidding and I'm a science teacher here at Ben Holt. I received my B.S. in Biology, with a minor in Chemistry, from CSU Stanislaus. My husband and I were both born and raised in Stockton and just moved back with our baby boy, after living in Turlock for a couple of years. I am also proud to say that I was part of the first class of Ben Holt graduates in 2007 and it is so great to be back here and see how much the school has grown in the last 10 years. It is also amazing to be here supporting the students in their education, as some of the same teachers here today supported me years ago. Some of these staff members made such a difference in my life and I can only hope to have the same influence on the students here now. Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy is a College for Certain charter school proud to be a part of the Aspire Public Schools family. We serve students grades 9-12 and boast an academic resume unrivaled by local non-selective schools. Our motto is One Team. One Vision. Our team is excellent, and our vision is lofty but attainable: Every student is prepared to earn a college degree. Thank you for choosing Ben Holt! Parent Square - Sign In PowerSchool - Sign In Academic Calendar Title IX Information - Aspire Public Schools Accountability Parent/ Student Handbook Submit an Announcement - Access Form Submit Info for BHA NEWS Segments Visit www.aspirepublicschools.org Welcome! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your student to the 2023-24 school year and introduce myself. Born in Montana, raised in California, I come to Aspire with a simple personal goal in mind. I want to spend the next several decades of my life working in a school and a school system that really matters, and I want to reside in a place in the country that I could feel excited about. I want to live my professional life in congruence with how I live my personal life, and I want to find a community of people searching for the same thing. The College for Certain fit perfectly with both my values as a dad and husband, as well as how I believe we should approach student learning. My adventures to becoming an educator, and ultimately a school leader, was not a straight line. I came from a school system that behaves like many school systems in the US: good and decent humans teaching in a system that did little to lift up under-represented communities. Since I grew up in significant poverty, I was never, in the eyes of the system, a serious contender for college. Many years and many struggles later I proved that to be untrue, and dedicated the rest of my career toward affecting school change. Before Aspire, I honed my practice in K-5 schools in the Sylvan School District of Modesto as a classroom teacher and as a school leader. While working for Aspire Schools during my first six years of administrative experience, I led a school that helped to prove that college goers could be found in all students, regardless of background; most of my students were the first in their families to receive college acceptance letters and our school was the highest performing secondary school in the county. During the 2016-2018 school years, I was the principal of k-8 turnaround school, and successfully helped to remind a depressed school community of their own value and being back here at Aspire makes me feel alive and proud and excited. It's energizing to know that we are engaging the national conversation about what it really means to be an educated student, and we are doing so in compelling and sophisticated ways right here in our classrooms! Come by and ask me about my personal education story, and I'll ask you about yours. There's much work still to be done; together, we can continue to impact education for our children here and for educators everywhere. Join the Aspire BHA Team! Welcome to the Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy landing page!Grades: 9-12 Sponsoring District: Lodi CDS/Charter Numbers: CDS: #50-71043-0112292 Charter: #812 Afterschool Program: N First Day of School: July 31, 2024 Labor Day: September 2, 2024 Student Led Conferences (Fall): September 9 - 13, 2024 Fall Break: September 30 - October 4, 2024 Indigenous People's Day: October 14, 2024 Veterans Day: November 11, 2024 Thanksgiving Holiday: November 25 - 29, 2024 Winter Break: December 20, 2024 - January 6, 2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 20, 2025 Student Led Conferences (Spring): January 27 - 31, 2025 Presidents' Day: February 17, 2025 Spring Break: March 10 - 18, 2025 Cesar Chavez Day: March 31, 2025 Memorial Day: May 26, 2025 Last Day of School: June 5, 2025 Juneteenth: June 19, 2025 For information and resources on bullying and harassment prevention, please contact your school administrator or the Regional Director of Student Services at 209-647-3047 for support. Aspire Ben Holt Academy Stockton, CAAspire Public Schools The Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy offers its Stockton community an institution for quality education. K2A completed the first phase of the new 6-12 grade campus in 2005. K2A employed a central courtyard design for the campus, combining modular classrooms with conventional construction. Thoughtful usage of graphic colors fuses the units into a cohesive structure. The growing popularity of the preparatory school prompted Aspire to expand the campus. K2A has recently completed the school's next phase which includes modular classrooms, gymnasium, and soccer field, as well as Aspire Central Valley offices. The addition transitions the school into a 9-12 campus. Aspire Public Schools serves over 15,000 students in California and Memphis, Tennessee. Benjamin Holt College Prepary Academy opened in 2003. Today the school is split into two campuses: Middle and High school. There are six Aspire schools in the Stockton region offering grades K-12. The Stockton Aspire schools serve a diverse poulation that is representative of the region. High School Address: 3201 East Morada Lane, Stockton, CA Middle School Address: 3293 East Morada Lane, Stockton, CAAspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy is a College for Certain charter school proud to be a part of the Aspire family of schools. We serve students grades 6-12 and boast an academic resume unrivaled by local non-selective schools. Our motto is One Team. One Vision. One Community. Our team is excellent, and our vision is lofty but attainable: Every student is prepared to earn a college degree. Thank you for choosing Ben Holt! This is an overview of the student demographic at Benjamin Holt as of the 2015-2016 school year. Total number of students: 83539% Hispanic5% African-American1% Pacific Islander24% Asian-American28% Caucasian3% Miscellaneous 26% Free and Reduced Lunch