



About FAME Public Charter School

FAME Public Charter School (FAME) was founded in 2005 as the first and only countywide charter serving Alameda County. A high-achieving charter school specializing in getting its students fluent in English and Arabic, FAME currently operates three public charter school campuses, as well as an independent study program. FAME serves Alameda County's diverse immigrant population, with the goal of preparing all its students to graduate and attend college. FAME strives to create an education community where students from all social, academic and economic backgrounds can learn to their highest potential.

Fast Facts:

1. FAME is serving **1500 students**. FAME operates three campuses in Alameda County, as well as an independent study program.
2. FAME enrollment increased **33%** (358 students) from 2006 to 2007, and then grew steadily to 1500 students. Annually, FAME has a waiting list of **several hundred** students.
3. FAME attracts students from **seven counties**, and currently enrolls students from fifteen **school districts within Alameda County**, including Fremont Unified, Oakland Unified, Hayward Unified, San Leandro Unified, New Haven Unified and Newark Unified.
4. FAME serves a traditionally underserved community, with many of its students at its Fremont and San Leandro campuses immigrants from the Middle East and Southeast Asia.
5. FAME serves a high-need community, with **a majority** of its families designated as "socioeconomically disadvantaged," qualifying for free or reduced priced lunches.
6. FAME educates an underserved segment of the Alameda County's English Learner population. FAME's Limited English Proficient (LEP) students constitute **26 percent** of its total enrollment. Of FAME's English Learners, **nearly 70 percent** speak Arabic or Urdu at home.
7. FAME's bilingual staff and teachers speak **11** languages, allowing them to interact comfortably with both students and parents.
8. Through specialized English language intervention, FAME has successfully **re-designated** a significant number of its students as Fluent English Proficient. In 2008-09, **nearly one third** of FAME's English Learners were **re-designated as fluent in English** and **sixty-one percent** of FAME's re-designated students **scored at proficient or advanced** in English on the spring 2009 state tests.