



## **Soledad Enrichment Action vs. Other Schools**

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SEA is not like other schools: We are the only school in Los Angeles to devote all of our resources to helping some of the city's most at-risk youth turn their lives around.

And it's working. A study\* found that a year after leaving SEA, 82% of students had graduated from high school, passed their GED exam or were successfully attending home school or another charter school. Here are some reasons why:

<b>Key Educational Factors</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>L.A. Public Schools</b>
Students per class	18-25	30-40
Required hours of class instruction	6	4
Required hours of after school services	2	0
Mental health services	Yes	N/A
Drug and alcohol counseling	Yes	N/A
Mandated weekly parenting education classes	Yes	N/A
Year-round services	Yes	No

### **What it means to be a Charter School**

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Soledad Enrichment Action is a nonprofit organization for economically disadvantaged students in Los Angeles and operates the first county-sponsored public school in California. SEA must adhere to state-approved curriculum standards and framework. But as a charter school, SEA is free from some of the rules, regulations and statutes that govern other public schools. This freedom allows the charter school to focus on the students who are most in need of individual academic attention and other support services. Unlike most other charter schools, SEA's Charter High School also provides support programs for students' families that create a stable and nurturing environment.

\*Independent research conducted by Lodestar Management/Research, Inc.,