



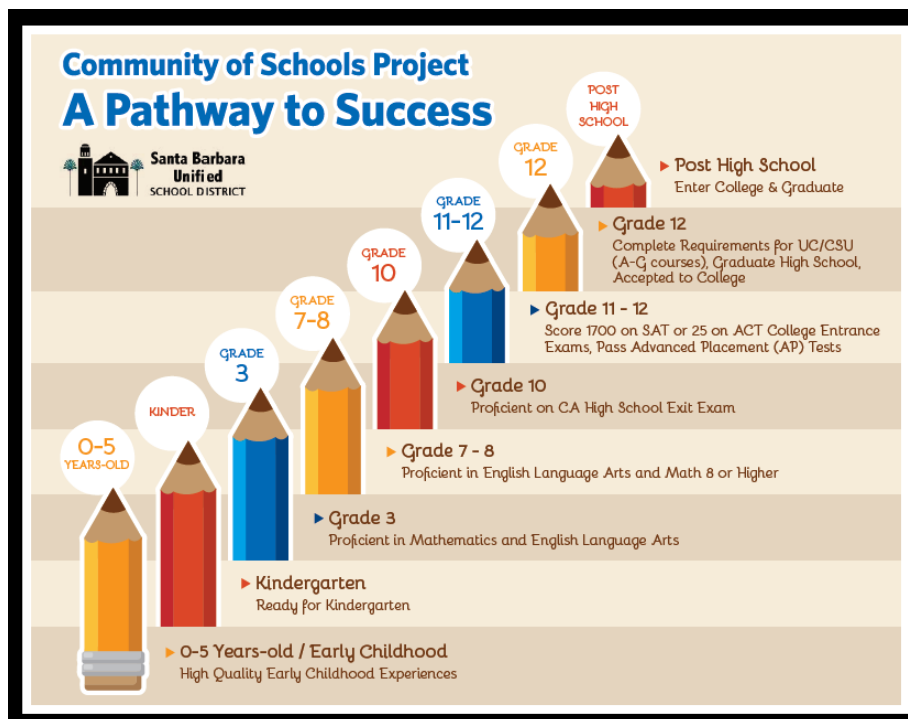
**Santa Barbara Unified**  
Every child, every chance, every day.

## The Community of Schools Project: A Pathway to Success

**Santa Barbara Unified School District** is focused on a vision, mission, and core values to close the achievement gap and do whatever it takes to improve all children's chance at success in school and life from birth to college graduation. Through an intentional partnership between the Westside neighborhood schools: Harding University Partnership School, McKinley Elementary School, La Cumbre Junior High, San Marcos High School and the Eastside neighborhood schools: Cleveland Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Santa Barbara Junior High, and Santa Barbara High, as well as multiple community service providers and stakeholders serving the community—children and their families are being supported.

The aim of the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD)- **Community of Schools** (the Project) is to significantly change the trajectory of children who have not typically been afforded opportunities that result in school readiness, by providing them with a clear pathway and support to achieving their goals. The Community of Schools aligns with the goals of the SBUSD strategic plan with a greater focus on early childhood education, school readiness, family and community engagement, and college readiness. The pathway to student success identifies benchmarks and milestones to guide the Project (refer to Figure A).

**Figure A.** Community of Schools, Student Success Pathway



The Community of Schools aims to change outcomes for children by addressing the five comprehensive components of the Project plan: Early Childhood Education and Kindergarten Readiness; Parent Education, Engagement and Leadership; Community School Model; College Readiness; and Collective Impact. The plan incorporates continuous program improvement through evaluation and metric driven decision-making and is tied to research questions. The Project is supported through blended funding, including school district funds, partnerships with local community agencies and colleges, and private monies to supplement key strategies and programming to meet the goals of the Project.