

"I was a student at an inner-city school when I was a young kid and I know how important those early influences and opportunities are...The thing about America SCORES that is so wonderful is that it fosters both a team spirit and an individual voice plus a voice that speaks about the community."
- Amy Tan, author of the Joy Luck Club and many others

OUR VISION FOR SAN FRANCISCO

At America SCORES, we have a vision for a better San Francisco where all children, despite their economic situation, can read and write, play on a sports teams, and contribute to a better quality of life for all. We work toward this vision six days a week in San Francisco's most challenged public schools. We help the poet-athletes of America SCORES stay on the pathway to wellness, academic success, and meaningful work.

This is important In San Francisco because we have an unrelenting achievement gap, a mounting health crisis, and thousands of children who become detached from school and the hope of making a positive contribution to

their community. These *preventable* problems persist disproportionately for children from low-income families. As early as third grade, nearly 2 out of 3 students from economically disadvantaged families are below proficient in reading and writing and an astonishing 2 out of 5 are overweight or obese.

This reality is unacceptable because **we can change it.**

We invite you to be part of the solution and help make San Francisco better for all children -- regardless of income. The pathway to success is paved with support from caring adults and opportunities for personal growth like the ones provided by America SCORES.

America SCORES in San Francisco

Our goal in San Francisco is to integrate ourselves into school communities and establish programs in 100% of schools where 50% or more of students qualify for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL). FRPL is the primary indicator to determine if a child or family is "economically disadvantaged" and is a function of income relative to the poverty level.

2011 School Sites

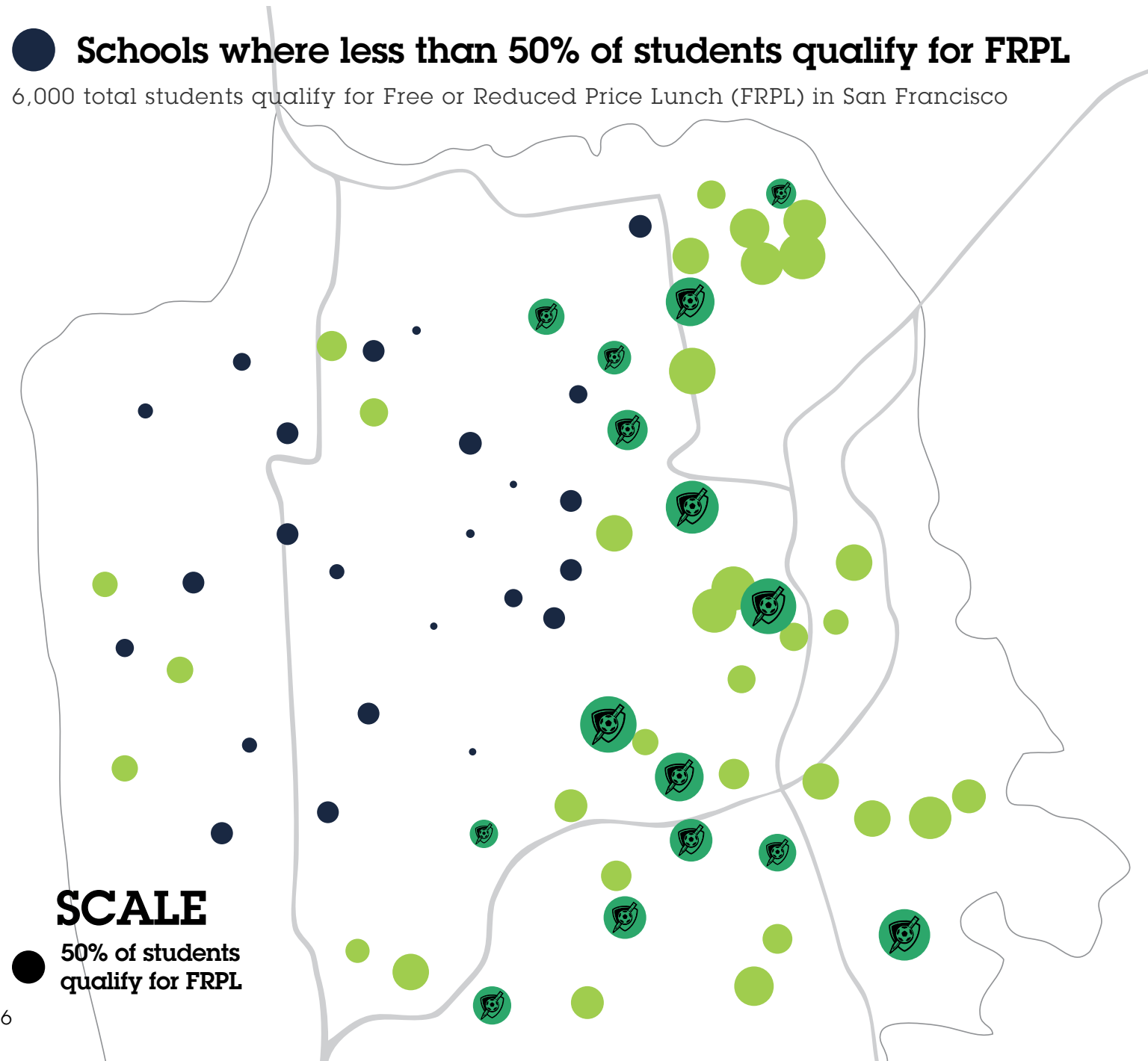
3,000 students qualify for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL)

Potential New School Sites

6,000 students qualify for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL)

Schools where less than 50% of students qualify for FRPL

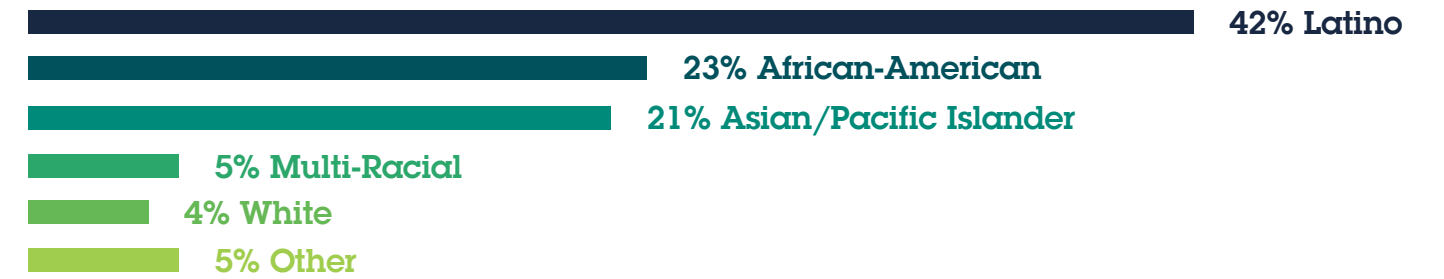
6,000 total students qualify for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) in San Francisco



SCALE

● 50% of students qualify for FRPL

America SCORES Students*



**in school sites where America SCORES is offered*

of America SCORES Participants



COMMITMENT TO IMPACT

America SCORES partners with urban public schools to provide a high-quality, team-based program that integrates soccer, creative expression, and service-learning. Each team has a writing coach and a soccer coach. We use the services of Quality Transformation Team -- an evaluation firm led by Rex Green PhD -- to manage program quality and impact at all school-sites. The reports provide analysis on best practices, cost-effectiveness, and impact of services at all program sites. Findings from Quality Transformation Team Spring 2011 evaluation are below. The evaluation report concluded that for **\$225** per season, **68.5 hours** of service per program participant can be provided that will result in participants **improving on 8 out of 10** targeted changes in their behavior and attitudes.

Academic and Literacy Skill Development

90%

of parents say that because of America SCORES, their child's **confidence** in himself/herself is better.

77%

of parents say that because of America SCORES, their child does his/her homework better.

77%

of children say that America SCORES make them **enjoy reading and writing more.**

64%

of parents say that because of America SCORES, their child enjoys reading and writing more.

Connection to School

76%

of parents say that because of America SCORES, their child enjoys going to school more.

85%

of children say that America SCORES makes them **enjoy going to school more.**

84%

of children say that America SCORES makes them **feel good about themselves.**

93%

of parents say that their child's relationship with his/her coach has been positive.

Emotional and Physical Safety

Health and Physical Activity

96%

of parents say that because of America SCORES, their child **enjoys playing sports more.**

92%

of children say America SCORES helps them enjoy playing sports more.

79%

of parents say that because of America SCORES, **their child's health is better.**

92%

of the students **improved their physical fitness** during the spring season.

Pro-Social Behavior

85%

of parents say that because of America SCORES, their child **gets along better with other children.**

81%

of children say America SCORES makes them **want to help others** more.

84%

of children say that America SCORES helps them **get along better with their family.**

74%

of children say that America SCORES helps them get along better with other kids.

