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## March 2019

## Key Academic Findings

* **ACE scholars graduate from high school at a higher rate –** 97.9 percent of ACE scholars graduated from high school – approximately 17.7 percentage points higher than the rate of all high school students in Denver, and 29 percentage points higher than Colorado FRL-eligible students.
* **A higher rate of ACE scholars are proficient at reading and math –** A higher proportion of ACE students test at or above proficiency in third-grade reading and eighth-grade math than their public-school peers. In eighth-grade math, the percentage of ACE scholars who achieved proficiency is 61.1 points higher than FRL-eligible children attending a public school.
* **Students attain proficiency in two years –** Examining three years’ of data, ACE students start below proficiency and are able to score at or above proficiency after two years in the program.
* **ACE partner schools report higher college matriculation rates than Denver school districts –** Nearly all students at ACE partner schools attend a college or university (95.6 percent) – nearly 40 percentage points (38.3) higher than the college matriculation rate for public school students in the Denver area.

## Key Findings from Parents

* **Academics, faith, and safety drive parental choice** – Most ACE parents choose private schools due to better academics (89.6 percent), safer environments (85.2 percent), and faith-based curriculum (84.6 percent).
* **ACE students come from disadvantaged households** – The average ACE household consists of 4.5 individuals and earns $36,927. By comparison, the average Denver household consists of 3.5 individuals earning $77,130.

## ACE Partner School Findings

* **ACE partner schools have more experienced principals** – On average, a principal at an ACE partner school has nearly 14.2 years of experience as a principal, including eight of years at their current school. These principals’ total experience is approximately 6.2 years longer than the average Denver principal.
* **ACE partner schools are at 83 percent capacity** – ACE partner schools in Denver have 5,433 empty seats.