

BACKGROUND: Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy*

The Andre Agassi Foundation for Education

The Andre Agassi Foundation for Education transforms public education in two ways. Through our charter school, the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy (“Agassi Prep”), we strive to provide children in Las Vegas with a quality K-12 education to prepare for excellence in college and beyond. Through state and national advocacy, we are also working to increase investment and accountability in public schools.

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Agassi Prep was founded in 2001 and has become the Foundation’s signature project. The school is located in Clark County, Nevada – one of the nation’s largest, yet lowest performing school districts. In 2009, we graduated our first senior class with a 100 percent college acceptance rate. The U.S. Department of Education has called Agassi Prep a “National Model” among charter schools and Agassi Prep has received both “Exemplary” and “High Achieving” designations from the Nevada Department of Education.

Our approach is straightforward:

- We work to close the gap between Nevada’s per-pupil funding for education and the national average;
- Students benefit from smaller classes, where curricula are aligned with state standards and coordinated across grade levels to ensure continuity;
- We focus more time on task, with two extra hours of class work each day and two extra weeks in school each year;
- We offer a full-day kindergarten program to enhance early learning; and
- We emphasize ongoing staff development to ensure that our educators grow alongside our students.

We’re directly impacting the lives of more than 600 students and showing that with the right resources and accountability, all students can succeed. In addition, Agassi Prep has become a community anchor that has helped spur local investment; what was once a desolate street is now a vibrant corridor that’s home to schools, community centers and businesses.