

Amerigo Education sees significant outcomes with high school students using EnGen

Amerigo Education partners with North American high schools to support, board, and educate select international students who want to develop their English language skills and gain acceptance into American or international universities. Through EnGen's pathways, Amerigo supports the growth of its high school English Language Learners (ELLs).

” **“I realized how similar practicing with EnGen is to practicing for TOEFL. I kept encouraging myself [knowing] that it would help with taking the TOEFL.”**

- Amerigo 12th grader

ENGEN'S IMPACT

• 2 PROFICIENCY LEVELS

A large cohort of Amerigo students have grown two proficiency levels, which is beyond the baseline proficiency students need to *survive* in college, implying they can *thrive* in college.

• 1.5 TO 2.4 CEFR LEVELS

Some students grew 1.5 to 2.4 CEFR levels. Two CEFR levels in 2-3 years is a *rapid* rate of growth.

• 870 MEDIAN ASSESSMENT SCORE

The median Amerigo assessment score is 870, or a high B1, just below the B1-B2 cut score of 880. Finding the median score determined if each school was above or below the Amerigo median and where more resources were needed.

THE AMERIGO EDUCATION PROGRAM

Amerigo Education places international high school students into educational paths according to their English proficiency level and provides specific guidance and skills to help them gain acceptance into U.S. and global universities. Each Amerigo high school site provides high school credit ELL courses as well as EnGen courses inside and outside the regular school day.

ASSESSMENT FOR SUCCESS

These talented students are assessed using EnGen's proprietary proficiency assessment, which offers a baseline measurement of their level of English and helps determine the best educational route for them. EnGen's proficiency assessment is an English language test that measures a candidate's English level in four major areas: Listening, Reading, Integrated Skills, and Speaking.

Throughout the school year, the proficiency assessment is administered to Amerigo Education students in August, January, and May. Returning students' August assessment scores are used to measure any significant regression since their May evaluation. The changes in scores observed throughout the school year assist teachers and program administrators in identifying areas of opportunity within the curriculum, and where further support and resources can be deployed.

Amerigo consistently sees students grow from low intermediate to high intermediate, which is the baseline proficiency students need to survive in college; but also, for a large cohort of students, the rate of growth is two proficiency levels, which is beyond the baseline proficiency level needed, implying that this cohort can thrive in college.

CONTENT ALIGNED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' NEEDS

Amerigo students have a wide variety of academic and personal interests, and the EnGen courses are designed to support personalized English development. In the 2020 - 2021 school year, Amerigo students completed 185 unique units, ranging from academic readiness and TOEFL preparation to shopping and socializing. EnGen offers content specific to the needs of Amerigo students, and units such as "living in a dorm," integrate useful content about life in the U.S. with critical English skills. Aligning English coursework with student interests and needs helps drive engagement and the impressive proficiency gains of the Amerigo learners.

” **“The repetition of vocabulary from EnGen's flashcards and unit tests let me review words. That helped me write essays and take vocabulary tests in other classes.”**

- Amerigo 10th grader