

Stand and Deliver

Tough guys don't do math. Tough guys fry chicken for a living!

In 1982, a new troublemaker hit Garfield High... He was tough. He was wild. He was willing to fight. He was the new math teacher.

Jaime Escalante is a mathematics teacher in a school in a hispanic neighbourhood. Convinced that his students have potential, he adopts unconventional teaching methods to try and turn gang members and no-hopers into some of the country's top algebra and calculus students.

Cast	Actor	Character
	Edward James Olmos	— Jaime Escalante
	Estelle Harris	— Secretary
	Mark Phelan	— Cop
	Virginia Paris	— Raquel Ortega
	Mark Eliot	— Tito
	Adelaida Akvarez	— Sexy Girl
	Will Gotay	— Pancho
	Patrick Baca	— Javier
	Ingrid Oliu	— Lupe
	Carmen Argenziano	— Molina
	Richard Martinez	— Heavy Metal Boy
	Mark Everett	— Heavy Metal Boy
	Tyde Kierney	— Joe Goodell
	Rosanna DeSoto	— Fabiola Escalante
	Bodie Olmos	— Fernando Escalante
	Karla Montana	— Claudia
	Vanessa Marquez	— Ana
	Daniel Villarreal	— Chuco
	Lou Diamond Phillips	— Angel

Questions: (answer all questions in sentence form)

1. What is the career path that was available to students like Angel before Mr. Jaime Escalante arrived?
2. What choices did the students have when Mr. Escalante took over the class?
3. What did Mr. Escalante give the students that changed their career path?
4. What choices does Angel have to make with his friend and what expectations does he have with his family?
5. What obstacles stood in the way of the students from each of these areas: school, community, family, themselves? (give a minimum of two)
6. Why did the testing group not believe the first results of the exam written by the students?
7. Why is the movie called *Stand and Deliver*?