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The information in this report represents the 2009–2010 school year, not the current school year. In most cases, this is the most recent data available. We present our school's results next to those of the average middle school in the county and state to provide the most meaningful and fair comparisons. To find additional facts about our school online, please use the [DataQuest](#) tool offered by the California Department of Education.

If you are reading a printed version of this report, note that words that appear in a smaller, bold typeface are links in the online version of this report to even more information. You can find a master list of those linked words, and the Web page addresses they are connected to, at:

http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links_2010_en.html

Reports about other schools are available on the [California Department of Education Web site](#). Internet access is available in local libraries.

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» Principal's Message

Clyde L. Fischer Middle School is a school on the rise. We remain dedicated to our Fischer Mission Statement which is to empower our students to succeed through rigor, relevance and relationships. We are very proud of the growth we have made thus far and remain motivated to surpass even the highest expectations. Our success is due to a strong home-school partnership, a dedicated staff, the integration of cutting-edge technology and most importantly, hard working students dedicated to achieve.

Fischer Saints are resilient youngsters, empowered to succeed. We strongly believe that students learn best in a setting where they are well-known, where expectations are high, support is strong and where their voices are valued. We expect all of our students to become college graduates and return to our community to contribute to its wealth and growth. Our successful examples of community leadership coupled with our commitment to extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom setting have truly created an incomparable atmosphere. At Fischer, we dream, believe and achieve with great courage and integrity.

Fischer Middle School provides an academically challenging curriculum to support the development of student leaders and an atmosphere for students to mature socially and to develop into advocates for justice.

Howard Greenfield, PRINCIPAL

Grade range and calendar

6–8

TRADITIONAL

Academic Performance Index

673

County Average: N/A
State Average: 768

Student enrollment

626

County Average: N/A
State Average: N/A

Teachers

32

County Average: N/A
State Average: N/A

Students per teacher

26

County Average: N/A
State Average: N/A

PLEASE NOTE:

Comparative data (county average and state averages) in some sections of this report are unavailable due to problems the Department of Education had with data collection last year.

School Expenditures

Services provided by the regular program to enable underperforming students to meet standards:

Each teacher identifies students by the results of their California Standards Test scores and other pertinent assessments, and instruction is delivered and monitored according to specific student needs.

A data wall is constructed, which identifies whether or not students achieve at least 80% mastery of a given standard or skill. This wall is an interactive tool which allows teachers to identify the individual needs of students and provide support services.

The school's English Language Development (ELD) program consists of three ELD levels to meet the linguistic needs of English Learners:

ELD I- Newcomers program for recent arrivals and students who remain in need of intense support. Students are immersed in an accelerated English instructional program with a focus on acquiring language both through ELD instruction and in the core content areas with the integration of the California ELD and Reading Language Arts (RLA) content standards. Depending on their English acquisition rate, students may transition to mainstream classes.

ELD II- This strand serves the Beginning–Early Intermediate language acquisition levels. Students are immersed in an accelerated English instructional program with a focus on acquiring academic English both through ELD instruction and in the core content areas with the integration of the California ELD/RLA content standards.

ELD III- Students at this level have some academic English but need further ELD instruction.

All teachers at Fischer Middle School are qualified to teach and support English Learners in their acquisition of the English language and their overall grasp of content level standards. In addition, both the homeroom teacher and the academic counselor monitor these students' progress. The after school program coordinator also works closely with ELD students to support their academic progress.

The school's Special Education Program consists of a Resource Specialist Program (RSP) which has been restructured and renamed to an Integrated Services Program (ISP) and a Special Day Class (SDC) Program. The ISP program exposes the majority of students with special learning needs to the mainstream environment at the appropriate grade level. Students' case manager monitors the progress of the ISP students closely and collaborates frequently with the general education teacher. The Special Day Class program provides an inclusive setting for students to receive intensive support and to mainstream into general education classes as appropriate.

The Fischer Middle School Counseling Department works with every grade level to provide academic counseling support, motivating students to achieve higher standards. Students are aware of the amount of credits and the Grade Point Average needed to achieve the next grade level.

Services provided by categorical funds to enable underperforming students to meet standards:

After/Before School Intervention

Targeted Instruction

Saturday Academy

Computers for Youth

SPED Learning Center/ISP

Comprehensive professional development for all staff in the areas of reading, writing, math, ELD and differentiation

Safety

Fischer Middle School has a very detailed, comprehensive school safety plan that outlines protocols, systems, and procedures in the event of any emergency. The plan also contains the yearly safety goals as determined by the students, staff, and parents. The Safety Plan is developed by the Fischer Safety Committee before it is presented to the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees for approval. The plan was last revised and approved in April 2010. The Safety Plan and drill procedures are reviewed during the year with all staff. Safety alerts are shared with all staff as needed throughout the school year. In addition, all required drills are calendared and completed, and the results are shared with the staff and a Safety Resource Officer is

available for daily support. Furthermore, all school visitors check-in at the front office for permission to be on campus and wear visitor's passes throughout their stay.

The Fischer Safety Plan has a comprehensive, enforceable, and continuous behavior policy, dress code policy, set of protocols for safety/emergency drills, tardy policy, attendance policy, progressive discipline policy, set of rules and regulations and nondiscriminatory policy on students' rights and responsibilities. The Safety Plan is revised annually.

Buildings

The District makes every effort to ensure all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the district uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction. The results of this survey are available at the school office and at the district office.

Fischer Middle School was built in 1962. School facilities are being renovated according to the Field Act requirements of the State Building Code with a focus on earthquake safety. In the event that asbestos and lead containing building materials are found, they are removed according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State, and Local requirements. Deferred maintenance funds have been used to properly maintain and renovate district buildings. Needed repairs and maintenance projects are completed in a timely manner.

Whenever possible, school facilities are upgraded to support and maintain a safe, clean and secure campus. Sufficient classroom, office, library, playground, staff space, and restroom facilities are allocated to support stakeholders' needs and the instructional program. The Alum Rock School District Maintenance and Grounds staff, in conjunction with day and night custodians, ensure the school buildings and grounds are safe, clean, and in good repair. Rigorous daily custodial schedules ensure that classrooms, lavatories, serving kitchens, eating areas, offices, and playgrounds are clean for both student and staff use. Regular oversight by district maintenance and grounds crews ensure that grass and landscaped areas are well maintained, and that the school's buildings, grounds and play areas are safe for use.

Parent Involvement

Fischer values and includes all stakeholders in all facets of the educational process. To encourage parent participation, Fischer maintains a system of open two-way communication and employs a variety of ways to increase stakeholder communication. Not only is the School Accountability Report Card available on the district's website, but pertinent school information, including results of the school evaluation process, school data, and school programs are also available to parents in the weekly newsletter, which is written in Spanish and English. Because a home-school partnership is essential to student achievement, Fischer School provides a number of parent and community involvement opportunities. Parents are welcome and are encouraged to participate in our school. Parents may become members of decision-making and governing bodies such as the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Resource Committee (SPARC), District English Language Advisory Committee, School Site Council, English Language Advisory Committee and Parent Teacher Association. SSC meetings are held once a month where parents are given information regarding school matters and issues. Parents can volunteer for our school dances, field trips, yard supervision and more. English, College Awareness, Parenting and similar classes are also made available to and attended by parents in our school in cooperation with various agencies and organizations of the larger community.

In addition, all students new to Fischer attend a four hour Computers for Youth event in November, where each new family is given a free computer loaded with academic software. Parents are invited to academic exhibitions of student work throughout the school year as well as parent-teacher conferences (student-led conferences). Further, bimonthly parent cafés and monthly parent meetings are held to keep Fischer parents updated and informed. Parents are encouraged to give input on a regular basis and as they so desire.

Parents interested in additional information should contact the Fischer Community Liaison, Mrs. Alvarez at (408)928-7531 or the Fischer Principal, Mr. Greenfield at (408)928-7506.

MEASURES OF PROGRESS

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is California’s way of comparing schools based on student test scores. The index was created in 1999 to help parents and educators recognize schools that show progress and identify schools that need help. It is also used to compare schools in a statewide ranking system. The California Department of Education (CDE) calculates a school’s API using student test results from the California Standards Tests and, for high schools, the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). APIs range from 200 to 1000. The CDE expects all schools to eventually obtain APIs of at least 800. [Additional information on the API](#) can be found on the CDE Web site.

Fischer’s API was 673 (out of 1000). This is a decline of 2 points compared with last year’s API. All students took the test. You can find three years of detailed API results in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

API RANKINGS: Based on our 2008–2009 test results, we started the 2009–2010 school year with a base API of 675. The state ranks all schools according to this score on a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being highest). Compared with all middle schools in California, our school ranked 2 out of 10.

SIMILAR SCHOOL RANKINGS: We also received a second ranking that compared us with the 100 schools with the most similar students, teachers, and class sizes. Compared with these schools, our school ranked 6 out of 10. The CDE recalculates this factor every year. To read more about the specific elements included in this calculation, refer to the [CDE Web site](#).

API GROWTH TARGETS: Each year the CDE sets specific API “growth targets” for every school. It assigns one growth target for the entire school, and it sets additional targets for ethnic groups, English Learners, special education students, or socioeconomic subgroups of students that make up a significant portion of the student body. Schools are required to meet all of their growth targets. If they do, they may be eligible to apply for awards through the California School Recognition Program and the Title I Achieving Schools Program.

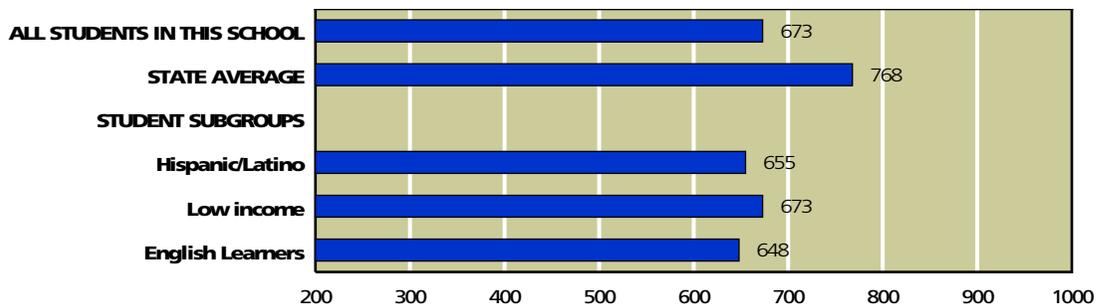
We did not meet some or all of our assigned growth targets during the 2009–2010 school year. Just for reference, 50 percent of middle schools statewide met their growth targets.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX	
Met schoolwide growth target	No
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes
API score	673
Growth attained from prior year	-2
Met subgroup* growth targets	No

SOURCE: API based on spring 2010 test cycle. Growth scores alone are displayed and are current as of December 2010.

*Ethnic groups, English Learners, special ed students, or socioeconomic groups of students that make up 15 percent or more of a school’s student body. These groups must meet AYP and API goals.
R/P - Results pending due to challenge by school.
N/A - Results not available.

API, Spring 2010



SOURCE: API based on spring 2010 test cycle. State average represents middle schools only.

NOTE: Only groups of students that represent at least 15 percent of total enrollment are calculated and displayed as student subgroups.

Adequate Yearly Progress

In addition to California’s accountability system, which measures student achievement using the API, schools must also meet requirements set by the federal education law known as **No Child Left Behind** (NCLB). This law requires all schools to meet a different goal: **Adequate Yearly Progress** (AYP).

We met eight out of 17 criteria for yearly progress. Because we fell short in nine areas, we did not make AYP.

To meet AYP, middle schools must meet three criteria. First, a certain percentage of students must score at or above Proficient levels on the California Standards Tests (CST): 56.8 percent on the English/language arts test and 58 percent on the math test. All ethnic, English Learners, special education, and socioeconomic subgroups of students also must meet these goals. Second, the schools must achieve an API of at least 680 or increase the API by one point from the prior year. Third, 95 percent of the student body must take the required standardized tests.

If even one subgroup of students fails to meet just one of the criteria, the school fails to meet AYP. While all schools must report their progress toward meeting AYP, only schools that receive federal funding to help economically disadvantaged students are actually penalized if they fail to meet AYP goals. Schools that do not make AYP for two or more years in a row in the same subject enter **Program Improvement** (PI). They must offer students transfers to other schools in the district and, in their second year in PI, tutoring services as well.

FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met AYP	No
Met schoolwide participation rate	Yes
Met schoolwide test score goals	No
Met subgroup* participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* test score goals	No
Met schoolwide API for AYP	No
Program Improvement school in 2010	No

SOURCE: AYP is based on the Accountability Progress Report of December 2010. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students’ test results in the 2009–2010 school year or earlier.

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Adequate Yearly Progress, Detail by Subgroup

● MET GOAL ● DID NOT MEET GOAL — NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS

	English/Language Arts		Math	
	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST?	DID 56.8% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST?	DID 58% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?
SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS	●	●	●	●
SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS				
Low income	●	●	●	●
Students learning English	●	●	●	●
STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY				
Hispanic/Latino	●	●	●	●

SOURCE: AYP release of October 2010, CDE.

The table at left shows our success or failure in meeting AYP goals in the 2009–2010 school year. The green dots represent goals we met; red dots indicate goals we missed. Just one red dot means that we failed to meet AYP.

Note: Dashes indicate that too few students were in the category to draw meaningful conclusions. Federal law requires valid test scores from at least 50 students for statistical significance.

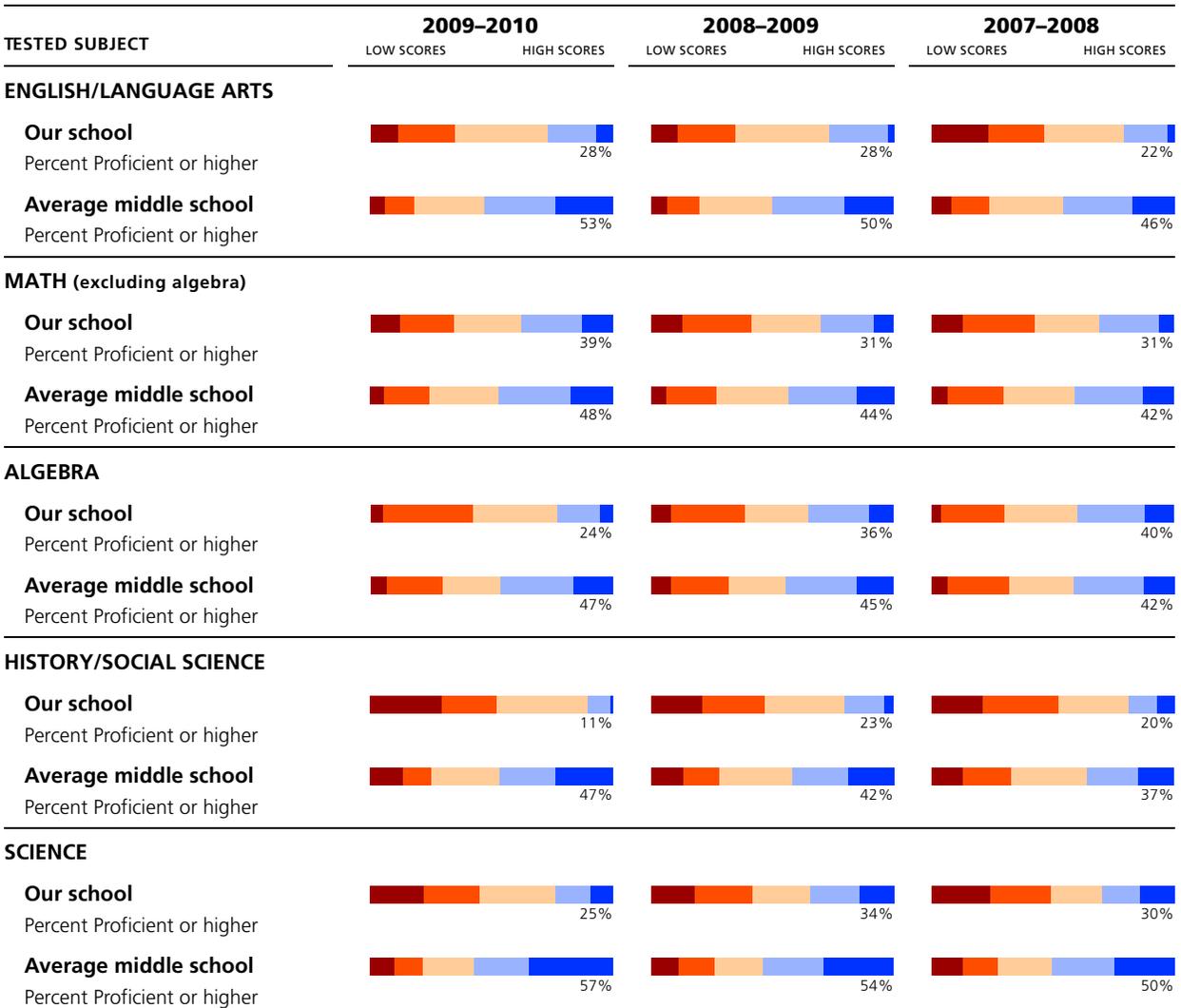
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Here you'll find a three-year summary of our students' scores on the California Standards Tests (CST) in selected subjects. We compare our students' test scores with the results for students in the average middle school in California. On the following pages we provide more detail for each test, including the scores for different subgroups of students. In addition, we provide links to the California Content Standards on which these tests are based. If you'd like more information about the CST, please contact our principal or our teaching staff. To find [grade-level-specific scores](#), you can refer to the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Web site. Other tests in the [STAR program](#) can be found on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site.

California Standards Tests

BAR GRAPHS BELOW SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

■ FAR BELOW BASIC ■ BELOW BASIC ■ BASIC ■ PROFICIENT ■ ADVANCED



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Frequently Asked Questions About Standardized Tests

WHERE CAN I FIND GRADE-LEVEL REPORTS? Due to space constraints and concern for statistical reliability, we have omitted grade-level detail from these test results. Instead we present results at the schoolwide level. You can view the results of far more students than any one grade level would contain, which also improves their statistical reliability. Grade-level results are online on the [STAR Web site](#). More information about student test scores is available in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

WHAT DO THE FIVE PROFICIENCY BANDS MEAN? Test experts assign students to one of these five proficiency levels, based on the number of questions they answer correctly. Our immediate goal is to help students move up one level. Our eventual goal is to enable all students to reach either of the top two bands, Advanced or Proficient. Those who score in the middle band, Basic, have come close to attaining the required knowledge and skills. Those who score in either of the bottom two bands, Below Basic or Far Below Basic, need more help to reach the Proficient level.

HOW HARD ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS? Experts consider California's standards to be among the most clear and rigorous in the country. Just 55 percent of elementary school students scored Proficient or Advanced on the English/language arts test; 61 percent scored Proficient or Advanced in math. You can review the [California Content Standards](#) on the CDE Web site.

ARE ALL STUDENTS' SCORES INCLUDED? No. Only students in grades two through eleven are required to take the CST. When fewer than 11 students in one grade or subgroup take a test, state officials remove their scores from the report. They omit them to protect students' privacy, as called for by federal law.

CAN I REVIEW SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS? Sample test questions for the CST are on the [CDE's Web site](#). These are actual questions used in previous years.

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? The CDE has a wealth of resources on its Web site. The STAR Web site publishes detailed reports for schools and districts, and assistance packets for parents and teachers. This site includes explanations of [technical terms](#), scoring methods, and the [subjects](#) covered by the tests for each grade. You'll also find a [guide](#) to navigating the STAR Web site as well as help for understanding how to [compare test scores](#).

English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

BAR GRAPHS BELOW SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

FAR BELOW BASIC **BELOW BASIC** **BASIC** **PROFICIENT** **ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			28%	91%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 25 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average middle school in California.
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			64%	95%	
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			53%	95%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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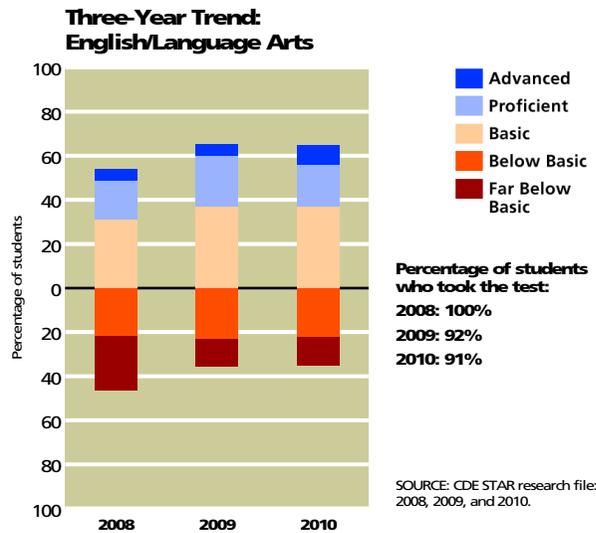
FAR BELOW BASIC, BELOW BASIC, AND BASIC **PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			22%	303	GENDER: About 12 percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			34%	282	
English proficient			45%	328	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: English Learners scored lower on the CST than students who are proficient in English. Because we give this test in English, English Learners tend to be at a disadvantage.
English Learners			6%	257	
Low income			28%	569	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested who were not from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	16	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	13	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			28%	572	
Asian American			56%	48	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			24%	489	

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 N/A: Not applicable. Either no students took the test, or to safeguard student privacy the CDE withheld all results because very few students took the test in any grade.
 NS: Not statistically significant. While we have some data to report, we are suppressing it because the number of valid test scores is not large enough to be meaningful.

The graph to the right shows how our students' scores have changed over the years. We present each year's results in a vertical bar, with students' scores arrayed across five proficiency bands. When viewing schoolwide results over time, remember that **progress** can take many forms. It can be more students scoring in the top proficiency bands (blue); it can also be fewer students scoring in the lower two proficiency bands (brown and red).

You can read the California standards for [English/language arts](#) on the CDE's Web site.



Math (Excluding Algebra)

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			39%	67%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About nine percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average middle school in California.
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			57%	68%	
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			48%	74%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			39%	231	GENDER: About the same percentage of boys and girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			38%	198	
English proficient			59%	225	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: English Learners scored lower on the CST than students who are proficient in English. Because we give this test in English, English Learners tend to be at a disadvantage.
English Learners			17%	204	
Low income			39%	415	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested who were not from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	14	
Learning disabled	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	29	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			41%	400	
Asian American			70%	32	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			35%	362	

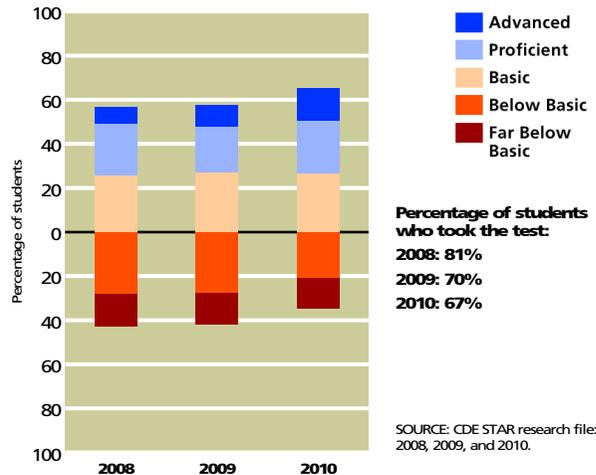
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All sixth and most seventh graders take the same math courses. Starting as early as seventh grade, however, some students take algebra, while others take a general math course. We report algebra results separately. Here we present our students' scores for all math courses except algebra.

The graph to the right shows how our students' scores have changed over the years. We present each year's results in a vertical bar, with students' scores arrayed across five proficiency bands. When viewing schoolwide results over time, remember that **progress** can take many forms. It can be more students scoring in the top proficiency bands (blue); it can also be fewer students scoring in the lower two proficiency bands (brown and red).

You can read the [math standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.

Three-Year Trend: Math



Algebra I

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			24%	41%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 23 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average middle school in California. About nine percent more students took algebra than did students in the average middle school in the state.
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			61%	36%	
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			47%	32%	

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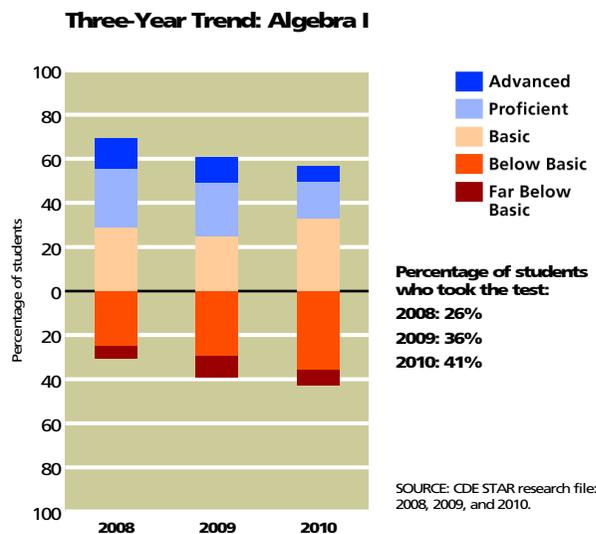
GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			17%	89	GENDER: About 14 percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			31%	87	
English proficient			35%	105	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: English Learners scored lower on the CST than students who are proficient in English. Because we give this test in English, English Learners tend to be at a disadvantage.
English Learners			7%	71	
Low income			24%	173	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested who were not from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	3	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	4	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			24%	172	
Asian American	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	16	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			20%	147	

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We report our students’ algebra results separately because of the central importance of algebra in the California math standards. It is also a gateway course for college-bound students, who should start high school ready for geometry.

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About 41 percent of our seventh and eighth grade students took the algebra CST, compared with 32 percent of all middle school students statewide. You can review the **math** standards on the CDE’s Web site.



History/Social Science

BAR GRAPHS BELOW SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

FAR BELOW BASIC **BELOW BASIC** **BASIC** **PROFICIENT** **ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			11%	100%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 36 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average middle school in California.
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			57%	99%	
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			47%	98%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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FAR BELOW BASIC, BELOW BASIC, AND BASIC **PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED**

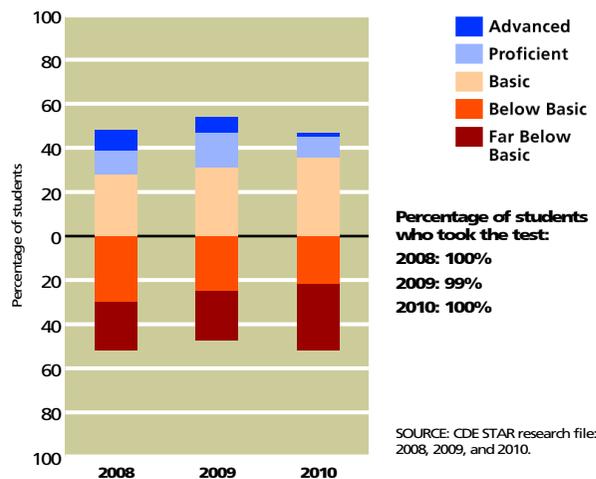
GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			10%	123	GENDER: About three percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			13%	101	
English proficient			18%	114	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: English Learners scored lower on the CST than students who are proficient in English. Because we give this test in English, English Learners tend to be at a disadvantage.
English Learners			4%	110	
Low income			11%	219	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested who were not from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	5	
Learning disabled	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	21	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			12%	203	
Asian American	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	18	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			10%	190	

SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2010 test cycle. County and state averages represent middle schools only. Whenever a school reports fewer than 11 scores for a particular subgroup at any grade level, the CDE suppresses the scores when it releases the data to the public. Missing data makes it impossible for us to compile complete schoolwide results. Therefore, the results published in this report may vary from other published CDE test scores.
 N/A: Not applicable. Either no students took the test, or to safeguard student privacy the CDE withheld all results because very few students took the test in any grade.
 N/S: Not statistically significant. While we have some data to report, we are suppressing it because the number of valid test scores is not large enough to be meaningful.

The graph to the right shows how our eighth grade students' scores have changed over the years. We present each year's results in a vertical bar, with students' scores arrayed across five proficiency bands. When viewing schoolwide results over time, remember that **progress** can take many forms. It can be more students scoring in the top proficiency bands (blue); it can also be fewer students scoring in the lower two proficiency bands (brown and red).

You can read the [history/social science standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.

Three-Year Trend: History/Social Science



Science

BAR GRAPHS BELOW SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

FAR BELOW BASIC **BELOW BASIC** **BASIC** **PROFICIENT** **ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			25%	97%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 32 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average middle school in California.
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			67%	95%	
AVERAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			57%	94%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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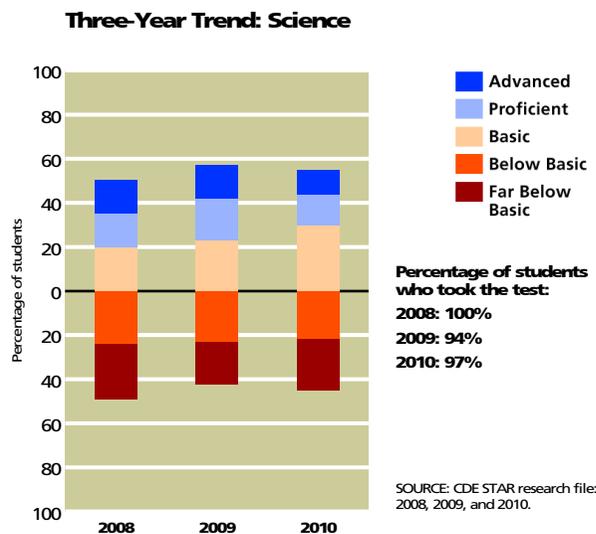
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			23%	117	GENDER: About four percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			27%	100	
English proficient			41%	113	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: English Learners scored lower on the CST than students who are proficient in English. Because we give this test in English, English Learners tend to be at a disadvantage.
English Learners			8%	104	
Low income			25%	213	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested who were not from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	4	
Learning disabled	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	14	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			27%	203	
Asian American	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	18	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			21%	183	

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Although we teach science at all grade levels, only our eighth graders took the California Standards Test in this subject. You can read the **science standards** on the CDE's Web site.



STUDENTS

Ethnicity

Most students at Fischer identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino. In fact, there are about seven times as many Hispanic/Latino students as Asian/Pacific Islander students, the second-largest ethnic group at Fischer. The state of California allows citizens to choose more than one ethnic identity, or to select “multiethnic” or “decline to state.” As a consequence, the sum of all responses rarely equals 100 percent.

ETHNICITY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
African American	2%	3%	7%
Asian American/ Pacific Islander	12%	32%	11%
Hispanic/Latino	86%	37%	49%
White/European American/ Other	1%	29%	33%

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2009. County and state averages represent middle schools only.

Family Income and Education

The **free or reduced-price meal** subsidy goes to students whose families earned less than \$40,793 a year (based on a family of four) in the 2009–2010 school year. At Fischer, 82 percent of the students qualified for this program, compared with 56 percent of students in California.

FAMILY FACTORS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Low-income indicator	82%	N/A	56%
Parents with some college	20%	N/A	56%
Parents with college degree	9%	N/A	32%

SOURCE: The free and reduced-price lunch information is gathered by most districts in October. This data is from the 2009–2010 school year. Parents’ education level is collected in the spring at the start of testing. Rarely do all students answer these questions.

The parents of 20 percent of the students at Fischer have attended college and nine percent have a college degree. This information can provide some clues to the level of literacy children bring to school. One precaution is that the students themselves provide this data when they take the battery of standardized tests each spring, so it may not be completely accurate. About 97 percent of our students provided this information.

CLIMATE FOR LEARNING**Average Class Sizes**

The table at the right shows average class sizes for core courses. Our average class size schoolwide is 21 students.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZES OF CORE COURSES	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English	25	N/A	N/A
History	28	N/A	N/A
Math	27	N/A	N/A
Science	27	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: This information provided by the school district.

LEADERSHIP, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

Indicators of Teachers Who May Be Underprepared

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Core courses taught by a teacher not meeting NCLB standards	Percentage of core courses not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher according to federal standards in NCLB	0%	N/A	0%
Out-of-field teaching	Percentage of algebra and science courses taught by a teacher who lacks the appropriate credential for the course	0%	N/A	N/A
Fully credentialed teachers	Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level	78%	N/A	N/A
Teachers lacking a full credential	Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential	22%	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: Data on NCLB standards is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file. Information on teachers lacking a full credential provided by the school district.

PLEASE NOTE: Comparative data (county average and state averages) from some of the data reported in the SARC is unavailable due to problems the California Department of Education had with data collection last year.

“HIGHLY QUALIFIED” TEACHERS: The federal law known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires districts to report the number of teachers considered to be “highly qualified.” These “highly qualified” teachers must have a full credential, a bachelor’s degree, and, if they are teaching a core subject (such as reading, math, science, or social studies), they must also demonstrate expertise in that field. The table above shows the percentage of core courses taught by teachers who are considered to be less than “highly qualified.” There are exceptions, known as the **High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE)** rules, that allow some veteran teachers to meet the “highly qualified” test who wouldn’t otherwise do so.

TEACHING OUT OF FIELD: When a teacher lacks a subject area authorization for a course she is teaching, that course is counted as **out-of-field**. The students who take that course are also counted. For example, if an unexpected vacancy in a biology class occurs, and a teacher who normally teaches English literature (and who lacks a subject area authorization in science) fills in to teach for the rest of the year, that teacher would be teaching out of field.

CREDENTIAL STATUS OF TEACHERS: Teachers who lack full credentials are working under the terms of an emergency permit, an internship credential, or a waiver. They should be working toward their credential, and they are allowed to teach in the meantime only if the school board approves.

Districtwide Distribution of Teachers Who Are Not “Highly Qualified”

Here, we report the percentage of core courses in our district whose teachers are considered to be less than “highly qualified” by NCLB’s standards. We show how these teachers are distributed among schools according to the percentage of low-income students enrolled.

When more than 40 percent of the students in a school are receiving subsidized lunches, that school is considered by the California Department of Education to be a school with higher concentrations of low-income students. About 70 percent of the state’s schools are in this category. When less than 25 percent of the students in a school are receiving subsidized lunches, that school is

DISTRICT FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN DISTRICT
Districtwide	Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)	1%
Schools with more than 40% of students from lower-income homes	Schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	1%
Schools with less than 25% of students from lower-income homes	Schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	N/A

SOURCE: Data is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file.

considered by the CDE to be a school with lower concentrations of low-income students. About 19 percent of the state's schools are in this category.

The average percentage of courses in our district not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher is one percent, compared with one percent statewide. For schools with the highest percentage of low-income students, this factor is one percent, compared with zero percent statewide.

Specialized Resource Staff

Our school may employ social workers, speech and hearing specialists, school psychologists, nurses, and technology specialists. These specialists often work part time at our school and some may work at more than one school in our district. Their schedules will change as our students’ needs change. For these reasons, the staffing counts you see here may differ from the staffing provided today in this school. For more details on [statewide ratios of counselors, psychologists, or other pupil services](#) staff to students, see the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site. [Library facts](#) and frequently asked questions are also available there.

ACADEMIC GUIDANCE COUNSELORS: More information about [counseling and student support](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

STAFF POSITION	STAFF (FTE)
Counselors	0.75
Librarians and media staff	0.25
Psychologists	0.25
Social workers	0.00
Nurses	0.00
Speech/language/hearing specialists	0.25
Resource specialists	1.00

SOURCE: Data provided by the school district.

TECHNICAL NOTE ON DATA RECENCY: All data is the most current available as of December 2010. The CDE may release additional or revised data for the 2009–2010 school year after the publication date of this report. We rely on the following sources of information from the California Department of Education: California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) (October 2009 census); Language Census (March 2010); California Standards Tests (spring 2010 test cycle); Academic Performance Index (November 2010 growth score release); Adequate Yearly Progress (October 2010).

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» Adequacy of Key Resources

Here you'll find key facts about our teachers, textbooks, and facilities during the school year in progress, 2010–2011. Please note that these facts are based on evaluations our staff conducted in accordance with the Williams legislation.

This section also contains information about 2009–2010 staff development days, and, for high schools, percentages of seniors who met our district's graduation requirements.



TEACHERS

Teacher Vacancies

KEY FACTOR	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011
TEACHER VACANCIES OCCURRING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR			
Total number of classes at the start of the year	26	27	27
Number of classes which lacked a permanently assigned teacher within the first 20 days of school	0	0	0
TEACHER VACANCIES OCCURRING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR			
Number of classes where the permanently assigned teacher left during the year	0	0	1
Number of those classes where you replaced the absent teacher with a single new teacher	0	0	1

NOTES:

There are two general circumstances that can lead to the unfortunate case of a classroom without a full-time, permanently assigned teacher. Within the first 20 days of the start of school, we can be surprised by too many students showing up for school, or too few teachers showing up to teach. After school starts, however, teachers can also be surprised by sudden changes: family emergencies, injuries, accidents, etc. When that occurs, it is our school's and our district's responsibility to fill that teacher's vacancy with a qualified, full-time, and permanently assigned replacement. For that reason, we report teacher vacancies in two parts: at the start of school, and after the start of school.

Teacher Misassignments

A “misassigned” teacher is one who lacks the appropriate subject-area authorization for a class she is teaching. Under the terms of the Williams settlement, schools must inform the public of the number of their teachers who are misassigned. It is possible for a teacher who lacks the authorization for a subject to get special permission—in the form of an emergency permit, waiver, or internship authorization—from the school board or county office of education to teach the subject anyway. This permission prevents the teacher from being counted as misassigned.

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011
Teacher Misassignments	Total number of classes taught by teachers without a legally recognized certificate or credential	0	0	0
Teacher Misassignments in Classes that Include English Learners	Total number of classes that include English learners and are taught by teachers without CLAD/BCLAD authorization, ELD or SDAIE training, or equivalent authorization from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing	0	0	0
Other Employee Misassignments	Total number of service area placements of employees without the required credentials	0	0	0

NOTES:

Staff Development

Teachers take some time each year to improve their teaching skills and to extend their knowledge of the subjects they teach. Here you’ll see the amount of time each year we set aside for their continuing education and professional development.

YEAR	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
2009–2010	0.00
2008–2009	0.00
2007–2008	0.00

TEXTBOOKS

The main fact about textbooks that the Williams legislation calls for described whether schools have enough books in core classes for all students. The law also asks districts to reveal whether those books are presenting what the California Content Standards call for.

This information was collected on 09/10/2009.

NOTES: All of our textbooks are the most recently approved by the State Board of Ed or our Local Governing Agency.

TAUGHT AT OUR SCHOOL?	SUBJECT	ARE THERE TEXTBOOKS OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN USE?		ARE THERE ENOUGH BOOKS FOR EACH STUDENT?	
		STANDARDS ALIGNED?	OFFICIALLY ADOPTED?	FOR USE IN CLASS?	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS HAVING BOOKS TO TAKE HOME?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Math	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign Languages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual/Performing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Textbooks in Use

Here are some of the textbooks we use for our core courses.

SUBJECT AND TITLE	PUBLISHER	YEAR ADOPTED
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS		
California Literature	Pearson	2010
Language! 4 th Edition	Sopris West	2009
MATH		
Prentice Hall California Math	Pearson	2008
California Math Triumphs	Glencoe	2009
SCIENCE		
Focus on Science	Glencoe/McGraw Hill	2007
SOCIAL SCIENCE		
History Alive!	Teacher's Curriculum Institute	2006

FACILITIES

To determine the condition of our facilities, our district sent experts from our facilities team to perform an inspection using a survey called the Facilities Inspection Tool, which is issued by the Office of Public School Construction.

Based on that survey, we've answered the questions you see on this report. Please note that the information reflects the condition of our buildings as of the date of the report. Since that time, those conditions may have changed.

INSPECTORS AND ADVISORS: This report was completed on 09/29/2010 by John Colendich. The most recent facilities inspection occurred on 09/29/2010.

ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS: There were no other inspectors used in the completion of this form.

AREA	RATING	REPAIR NEEDED AND ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED
Overall Rating	Fair	No apparent problems
A. Systems	Good	
1. Gas		No apparent problems
2. Mechanical/HVAC		No apparent problems
3. Sewer		No apparent problems
B. Interior Surfaces	Fair	
1. Interior Surfaces		Kitchen floor damaged; damaged carpet (Rooms 51 and 53); Damaged concrete floor (Girl's RR); Missing/broken cabinets (Rooms 34, 53, 63, and 84)
C. Cleanliness	Good	
1. Overall cleanliness		No apparent problems
2. Pest/Vermin		No apparent problems
D. Electrical Components	Good	
1. Electrical Components		No apparent problems
E. Restrooms/Fountains	Fair	
1. Restrooms		50's wing RR closed (storage)
2. Drinking Fountains		Leaking fountain (Room 31)
F. Safety	Good	
1. Fire Safety		No apparent problems

AREA	RATING	REPAIR NEEDED AND ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED
2. Hazardous Materials		No apparent problems
G. Structural	Good	
1. Structural Damage		No apparent problems
2. Roofs/Gutters		No apparent problems
H. External	Good	
1. Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences		No apparent problems
2. Playgrounds/School Grounds		No apparent problems

SCHOOL FINANCES, 2008–2009

We are required to report financial data from the 2008–2009 school year by the California Dept. of Education. More recent financial data is available on request from the district office.

Spending per Student

To make comparisons possible across schools and districts of varying sizes, we first report our overall spending per student. We base our calculations on our average daily attendance (ADA) for the 2008–2009 school year.

We've broken down expenditures by the type of funds used to pay for them. Unrestricted funds can be used for any lawful purpose. Restricted funds, however, must be spent for specific purposes set out by legal requirements or the donor. Examples include funding for instructional materials, economic impact aid, and teacher and principal training funds.

Next to the figures for the district and state averages, we show the percentage by which the school's spending varies from the district and state averages. For example, we calculate the school's variance from the district average using this formula:

$$\frac{(\text{SCHOOL AMOUNT} - \text{DISTRICT AVERAGE})}{\text{DISTRICT AVERAGE}}$$

TYPE OF FUNDS	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	SCHOOL-TO-DISTRICT VARIANCE	STATE AVERAGE	SCHOOL-TO-STATE VARIANCE
Unrestricted funds (\$/student)	\$5,434	\$5,726	-5.10%	\$5,653	-3.87%
Restricted funds (\$/student)	\$4,000	\$3,096	29.20%	\$3,083	29.74%
Total (\$/student)	\$9,434	\$8,822	6.94%	\$8,736	7.99%

Compensation for Staff with Teaching Credentials

To make comparisons possible across schools and districts of varying sizes, we report our compensation per full-time equivalent (FTE) certificated staff.* A teacher/administrator/pupil services person who works full-time counts as 1.0 FTE. Those who work only half-time count as 0.5 FTE.

CERTIFICATED STAFF*	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	SCHOOL-TO-DISTRICT VARIANCE	STATE AVERAGE	SCHOOL-TO-STATE VARIANCE
Salary (\$/certificated staff)	\$51,012	\$65,097	-21.64%	\$72,020	-29.17%
Benefits (\$/certificated staff)	\$13,713	\$15,179	-9.66%	\$15,548	-11.80%
Total (\$/certificated staff)	\$64,725	\$80,276	-19.37%	\$87,568	-26.09%

* A certificated staff person is a school employee who is required by the state to hold teaching credentials, including full-time, part-time, substitute, or temporary teachers and most administrators.

» Data Almanac

This Data Almanac provides more-detailed information than the School Accountability Report Card as well as data that covers a period of more than one year. It presents the facts and statistics in tables without narrative text.



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Student Enrollment by Ethnicity and Other Characteristics

The ethnicity of our students, estimates of their family income and education level, their English fluency, and their learning-related disabilities.

GROUP	ENROLLMENT
Number of students	626
Black/African American	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Filipino	2%
Hispanic or Latino	86%
Pacific Islander	2%
White (not Hispanic)	1%
Two or more races	0%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	95%
English Learners	47%
Students with disabilities	11%

SOURCE: All but the last three lines are from the annual census, CBEDS, October 2009. Data about students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, English Learners, or learning disabled come from the School Accountability Report Card unit of the California Department of Education.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Number of students enrolled in each grade level at our school.

GRADE LEVEL	STUDENTS
Kindergarten	0
Grade 1	0
Grade 2	0
Grade 3	0
Grade 4	0
Grade 5	0
Grade 6	201
Grade 7	211
Grade 8	214
Grade 9	0
Grade 10	0
Grade 11	0
Grade 12	0

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2009.

Average Class Size by Core Course

The average class size by core courses.

SUBJECT	2007–2008	2008–2009	2009–2010
English	26	26	21
History	28	28	21
Math	24	27	21
Science	31	27	21

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2009. Data for 2009–2010 provided by the school district.

Average Class Size by Core Course, Detail

The number of classrooms that fall into each range of class sizes.

SUBJECT	2007–2008			2008–2009			2009–2010		
	1–22	23–32	33+	1–22	23–32	33+	1–22	23–32	33+
English	17	22	3	6	28	2	0	30	0
History	4	14	1	1	12	2	0	30	0
Math	9	22	0	1	18	2	0	30	0
Science	0	13	0	1	16	2	0	30	0

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2009. Data for 2009–2010 provided by the school district.

Physical Fitness

Students in grades five, seven, and nine take the California Fitness Test each year. This test measures students’ aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility using six different tests. The table shows the percentage of students at our school who scored within the “healthy fitness zone” on four, five, and all six tests. More information about [physical fitness testing and standards](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

GRADE LEVEL	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING HEALTHY FITNESS ZONES		
	FOUR OF SIX STANDARDS	FIVE OF SIX STANDARDS	SIX OF SIX STANDARDS
Grade 5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7	25%	36%	30%
Grade 9	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: Physical fitness test data is produced annually as schools test their students on the six Fitnessgram Standards. This information was the most recent available, for the 2008–2009 school year. Data is reported by Educational Data Systems.

Suspensions and Expulsions

At times we find it necessary to suspend students who break school rules. We report only suspensions in which students are sent home for a day or longer. We do not report in-school suspensions, in which students are removed from one or more classes during a single school day. Expulsion is the most serious consequence we can impose. Expelled students are removed from the school permanently and denied the opportunity to continue learning here.

During the 2009–2010 school year, we had 217 suspension incidents. We had no incidents of expulsion. To make it easy to compare our suspensions and expulsions to those of other schools, we represent these events as a ratio (incidents per 100 students) in this report. Please note that multiple incidents may involve the same student.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Suspensions per 100 students			
2009–2010	35	24	20
2008–2009	33	24	19
2007–2008	31	26	20
Expulsions per 100 students			
2009–2010	0	0	0
2008–2009	0	0	0
2007–2008	0	0	0

SOURCE: Data is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file. Data represents the number of incidents reported, not the number of students involved. District and state averages represent middle schools only.

Teacher Credentials

The number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential and without a full credential, for both our school and the district. We also present three years' of data about the number of teachers who lacked the appropriate subject-area authorization for one or more classes they taught.

TEACHERS	SCHOOL			DISTRICT
	2007–2008	2008–2009	2009–2010	2009–2010
With Full Credential	28	26	28	550
Without Full Credential	7	7	7	68
Teaching out of field	4	8	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: Information provided by the school district.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

California Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are doing in learning what the state content standards require. The CST include English/language arts and mathematics in grades six through eight; science in grade eight; and history/social science in grade eight. Student scores are reported as performance levels. We also include results from the California Modified Assessment and California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA).

STAR Test Results for All Students: Three-Year Comparison

The percentage of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most current three-year period.

SUBJECT	SCHOOL PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			DISTRICT PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			STATE PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
English/ language arts	23%	26%	27%	35%	38%	42%	46%	50%	52%
History/social science	20%	22%	11%	29%	33%	36%	36%	41%	44%
Mathematics	33%	31%	33%	43%	47%	51%	43%	46%	48%
Science	31%	33%	25%	37%	38%	44%	46%	50%	54%

SOURCE: STAR results, spring 2010 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

STAR Test Results by Student Subgroup: Most Recent Year

The percentage of students, by subgroup, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

STUDENT SUBGROUP	STUDENTS SCORING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			
	ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS 2009–2010	HISTORY/ SOCIAL SCIENCE 2009–2010	MATHEMATICS 2009–2010	SCIENCE 2009–2010
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	57%	22%	65%	61%
Filipino	33%	N/A	33%	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	23%	10%	30%	21%
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian	61%	N/A	61%	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or more races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Boys	21%	10%	32%	23%
Girls	33%	13%	35%	27%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	27%	11%	34%	25%
English Learners	7%	4%	15%	8%
Students with disabilities	12%	0%	13%	0%
Receives migrant education services	19%	N/A	29%	N/A

SOURCE: STAR results, spring 2010 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

ACCOUNTABILITY

California Academic Performance Index (API)

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. APIs range from 200 to 1000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found on the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

API Ranks: Three-Year Comparison

The state assigns statewide and similar-schools API ranks for all schools. The API ranks range from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API in the lowest 10 percent of all middle schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API in the highest 10 percent of all middle schools in the state. The similar-schools API rank reflects how a school compares with 100 statistically matched schools that have similar teachers and students.

API RANK	2007–2008	2008–2009	2009–2010
Statewide rank	1	2	2
Similar-schools rank	6	8	6

SOURCE: The API Base Report from December 2010.

API Changes by Subgroup: Three-Year Comparison

API changes for all students and student subgroups: the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years, and the most recent API. Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.

SUBGROUP	ACTUAL API CHANGE			API
	2007–2008	2008–2009	2009–2010	2009–2010
All students at the school	+22	+29	-2	673
Black/African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	+25	+28	-8	655
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (non Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or more races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	+22	+29	-2	673
English Learners	+10	+23	+6	648
Students with disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in December 2010.

API Scores by Subgroup

This table includes Academic Performance Index results for our school, our district, and the state.

SUBGROUP	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE
All students	673	746	767
Black/African American	N/A	710	686
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	728
Asian	N/A	861	890
Filipino	N/A	836	851
Hispanic or Latino	655	721	715
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	753
White (non Hispanic)	N/A	803	838
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	673	738	712
English Learners	648	725	692
Students with disabilities	N/A	591	580
Two or more races	N/A	N/A	807

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in December 2010.

Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Intervention Programs

The federal law known as No Child Left Behind requires that all schools and districts meet all three of the following criteria in order to attain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):

- (a) a 95-percent participation rate on the state’s tests
- (b) a CDE-mandated percentage of students scoring Proficient or higher on the state’s English/language arts and mathematics tests
- (c) an API of at least 680 or growth of at least one point

AYP for the District

Whether the district met the federal requirement for AYP overall, and whether the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP CRITERIA	DISTRICT
Overall	No
Graduation rate	N/A
Participation rate in English/language arts	Yes
Participation rate in mathematics	Yes
Percent Proficient in English/language arts	No
Percent Proficient in mathematics	No
Met Academic Performance Index (API)	Yes

SOURCE: The AYP Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in December 2010.

Intervention Program: District Program Improvement (PI)

Districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (English/language arts or mathematics) and for each grade span or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP.

INDICATOR	DISTRICT
PI stage	3 of 3
The year the district entered PI	2004
Number of schools currently in PI	6
Percentage of schools currently in PI	21 %

SOURCE: The Program Improvement Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in December 2010.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

According to the CDE’s SARC Data Definitions, “State certification/release dates for fiscal data occur in middle to late spring, precluding the inclusion of 2009–10 data in most cases. Therefore, 2008–09 data are used for report cards prepared during 2010–11.”

Total expenses include only the costs related to direct educational services to students. This figure does not include food services, land acquisition, new construction, and other expenditures unrelated to core educational purposes. The expenses-per-student figure is calculated by dividing total expenses by the district’s average daily attendance (ADA). More information is available on the [CDE’s Web site](#).

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	OUR DISTRICT	SIMILAR DISTRICTS	ALL DISTRICTS
FISCAL YEAR 2008–2009			
Total expenses	\$117,076,622	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$9,128	\$8,275	\$8,736
FISCAL YEAR 2007–2008			
Total expenses	\$124,016,638	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$9,148	\$8,267	\$8,594

SOURCE: Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education.

District Salaries, 2008–2009

This table reports the salaries of teachers and administrators in our district for the 2008–2009 school year. This table compares our average salaries with those in districts like ours, based on both enrollment and the grade level of our students. In addition, we report the percentage of our district’s total budget dedicated to teachers’ and administrators’ salaries. The costs of health insurance, pensions, and other indirect compensation are not included.

SALARY INFORMATION	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Beginning teacher’s salary	\$46,567	\$41,988
Midrange teacher’s salary	\$72,492	\$68,649
Highest-paid teacher’s salary	\$84,619	\$87,156
Average principal’s salary (middle school)	\$107,361	\$112,489
Superintendent’s salary	\$198,739	\$181,890
Percentage of budget for teachers’ salaries	43%	43%
Percentage of budget for administrators’ salaries	7%	6%

SOURCE: School Accountability Report Card unit of the California Department of Education.