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Alum Rock Union Elementary School District



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This School Accountability Report Card (SARC) provides information that can be used to evaluate and compare schools. State and federal laws require all schools to publish a SARC each year.

The information in this report represents the 2010–2011 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 elementary 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.

Please note that words that appear in a smaller, bold typeface are links in the online version of this report to more information. You can find a list of those linked words and their Web page URLs at:

http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links_2011_en.html

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

If you have any questions related to this report, or would like to request a hardcopy version, please contact our school office.

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» Principal's Message

Cassell continues to be successful in all that we do. For two years in a row we have been able to reach and surpass the state's API target of 800. Our staff is dedicated and determined to meet the state and federal government's goal of 100% proficient in reading language arts and math by 2014. We consider our school to be special; the majority of our teaching staff has over 15 years of teaching experience, and they are talented teachers. All teachers work after hours providing additional instruction to students who need support. After school and enrichment programs such as Compass Learning, the YMCA, and Playworks help to make our students well rounded citizens.

Our goals for the school year include:

Increase the percentage of proficient and advanced students in all grade levels.

Build a strong and solid relationship between the school, staff, students, parents and community.

Strongly encourage parent participation in all aspects of the school.

Increase student motivation and dedication to achieving academically.

Teach students to be nonviolent and drug free.

Teach the students and community the benefits of reusing, reducing and recycling.

Our friendly and competent Cassell staff focuses on creating and building a well-rounded multicultural atmosphere that nurtures and develops well prepared citizens for the future. We encourage parent participation and communication. It is truly the best way for children to succeed. Always remember that we have the best interest of the children in mind.

Everything we do is geared towards our student's future. As an instructional leader I encourage you to take an active role in your child's education future.

Carolyn Barnaba, PRINCIPAL

**Grade range
and calendar**

K–5

TRADITIONAL

**Academic
Performance Index**

811

County Average: 852

State Average: 807

Student enrollment

576

County Average: 542

State Average: 534

Teachers

27

Students per teacher

21

School Expenditures

Sylvia Cassell School is a categorically funded school; our school is funded by both the state and federal government. Below is a list of things that are provided through categorical funds:

All students receive free breakfast and lunch.

Economic Impact Aide (EIA), Title I, funds are used to pay the resource teacher position which sustains the focus on supporting low-achieving students.

Title I and EIA funds are used to pay for before/after school intervention instruction for those students who are low-achieving.

Title I funds provide for the school's library assistant.

Title I and Associated Student Body provide funds for field trips.

Title I funds provide professional development for teachers.

EIA funds are used to purchase materials for our English language learners.

Safety

Cassell Elementary School has a very detailed, comprehensive safety plan that outlines protocols, systems, and procedures in the event of any/all emergencies. The plan also contains the yearly safety goals as determined by the students, staff, and parents. The Safety Plan is developed by the Cassell Safety Committee before it is presented to the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees for approval. Cassell's school plan was last updated was in April 2011. 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. The Cassell Safety Plan has a comprehensive, enforceable, and continuous:

Behavior Policy

Rules and Regulations

Dress Code Policy

Protocols for Safety/Emergency Drills

Tardy Policy

Attendance Policy

Referral Policy

Nondiscriminatory Policy on Student Rights and Responsibilities

Campus Security Policy

Harassment Policy

Conflict Management Policy

Internet Safety Policy

Intervention and Referral System Policy

Buildings

Alum Rock Union Elementary School 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.

Cassell School was built in 1963. School facilities are 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 rest room 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.

All visitors are required to check-in at the school office. Fire drills and disaster procedures are specifically outlined and regularly updated and practiced. Safety programs include drug awareness, personal safety, and personal growth. To ensure a safe environment, the district provides extra yard duty supervisors, and all yard duty supervisors and school staff maintain a welcoming but controlled campus environment. The school grounds and playground are safe because they are well-supervised by staff before, during, and after school.

In 2008 the front office and staff room were air conditioned. An electronic marquee was put up displaying the school's California Distinguished School emblem.

There will be renovation of the student restrooms in the coming school year (2011 – 2012).

Parent Involvement

Cognizant that parent involvement is essential to effective schooling, Cassell aggressively promotes a strong, comprehensive parent involvement policy. Not only does Cassell promote two-way communication about school programs and students' progress, but it also involves parents in instructional and support roles at the school. In addition to preparing parents to actively participate in school decision making and developing their leadership skills in governance and advocacy, Cassell also provides parents with strategies and techniques to assist their children with learning activities at home. Our school has a functioning School Site Council committee, an English Language Advisory committee and a Parent Teacher Association. These three committees work jointly for the good of the school. The Alum Rock Board adopted a new policy this past spring which requires that all parents devote 30 hours during the year to working in the schools. This has opened up a whole new door to parents being involved in their children's success. We have recorded over 100 parents who are actively involved in the school this school year. Parents volunteer in a variety of ways from donating supplies, to tutoring and working with the teacher in the classrooms, covering the playgrounds and monitoring the cafeteria. Finally, to ensure that parents receive the health, social, and other support services that are necessary to live healthy lives and promote student achievement, Cassell provides parents with the skills and resources to access community and support services.

School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee help make major decisions about the school.

Our monthly Principal's Coffee, provides opportunities for parents to come together and discuss important issue concerning the school.

Parent training is provided by Cassell teachers and administration on topics that address academic achievement and accountability.

Parent workshops are provided for targeted students to help parents support learning in the home.

Community agencies such as Eastfield Ming Quong (EMQ) provide counseling support to students and parents.

San Jose Police Department volunteer officers work with parents to resolve issues of attendance and proper supervision, as well as special programs to support students.

Parenting classes are offered to parents.

Contact Person: SSC—Maria Lozano PTA---Estela Requejo ELAC—Lorena Pena

Contact the school at 408-928-7200 if you would like to volunteer your time. Our PTA president, English Learner Advisory Committee representative and School Site Council committee are also available to discuss how you can become involved in our school.

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.

Cassell's API was 811 (out of 1000). This is an increase of 3 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 2009–2010 test results, we started the 2010–2011 school year with a base API of 808. The state ranks all schools according to this score on a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being highest). Compared with all elementary schools in California, our school ranked 6 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 9 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.

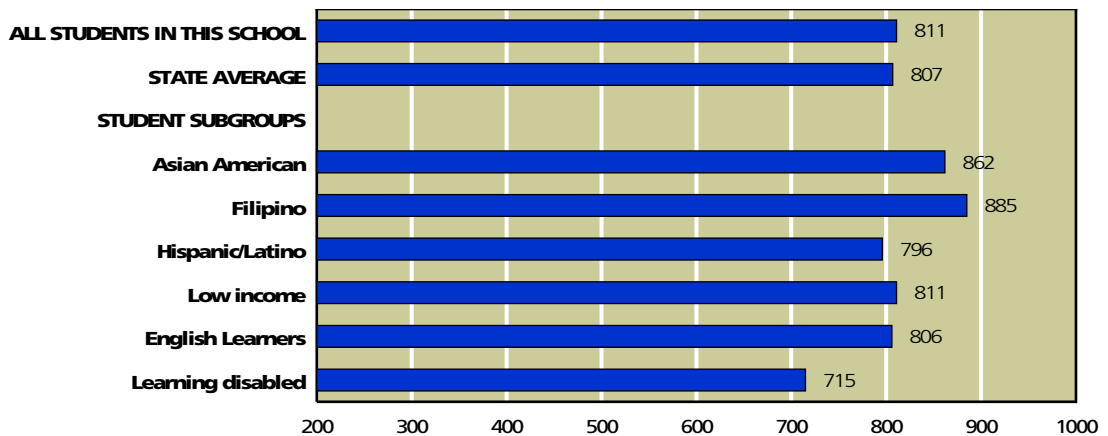
We met our assigned growth targets during the 2010–2011 school year. Just for reference, 64 percent of elementary schools statewide met their growth targets.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX	
Met schoolwide growth target	Yes
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes
API score	811
Growth attained from prior year	+3
Met subgroup* growth targets	Yes

SOURCE: API based on spring 2011 test cycle. Growth scores alone are displayed and are current as of November 2011.

*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 2011



SOURCE: API based on spring 2011 test cycle. State average represents elementary 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 13 out of 17 criteria for yearly progress. Because we fell short in four areas, we did not make AYP. Our school is also on the federal watchlist known as Program Improvement (PI). See the next page for background on this matter and an explanation of the consequences.

To meet AYP, elementary schools must meet three criteria. First, a certain percentage of students must score at or above Proficient levels on the California Standards Tests (CST), the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA): 67.6 percent on the English/language arts test and 68.5 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 710 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	Yes
Program Improvement school in 2011	Yes

SOURCE: AYP is based on the Accountability Progress Report of November 2011. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students' test results in the 2010–2011 school year or earlier.

*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.

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, CMA OR CAPA?	DID 67.6% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST, CMA, & CAPA?	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST, CMA OR CAPA?	DID 68.5% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST, CMA, & CAPA?
SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS	●	●	●	●
SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS				
Low income	●	●	●	●
Students learning English	●	●	●	●
STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY				
Hispanic/Latino	●	●	●	●

SOURCE: AYP release of November 2011, CDE.

The table at left shows our success or failure in meeting AYP goals in the 2010–2011 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.

Program Improvement, a Federal Intervention Program

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL'S PLACEMENT IN PROGRAM

IMPROVEMENT: Cassell has been in Program Improvement (PI) since 2009. In 2011, the school moved one stage lower in the program, from stage (year) 1 to 2. There are five stages in total. In California, 425 elementary schools were in stage 2 of PI as of November 2011.

THE STAGES OF PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT: Program Improvement is a five-stage process for monitoring, improving, and, if necessary, reorganizing any school that receives federal money under the Title I section of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Schools in PI get extra attention from their district office to help them improve.

When a school misses even one of its goals for Adequate Yearly Progress, it is at risk of entering PI. If a school misses the same AYP goals two years in a row, it enters stage 1 of PI. Each subsequent year that a school misses any of its AYP goals, it goes one stage deeper into the process. Each stage results in increasingly severe consequences. The first stage gives parents the right to choose another school. In the second stage, students have the right to free tutoring in addition to the option to change schools. The last three stages can result in a change of staff and leadership, the conversion of the school to charter status, transferring the school to another district, or even the school's closure.

FEDERAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM	
PI	
PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT	
In PI since	2009
Stage of PI	2 of 5
Change in 2011	Moved one stage lower (did not make AYP)

SOURCE: PI status is based on the Accountability Progress Report of November 2011. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students' test results in the 2010–2011 school year or earlier.

YEAR	PI STAGE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR	AYP GOALS NOT MET ■ AYP GOALS MET ■
2008	Not in PI	Cassell met 14 of the 17 criteria for Adequate Yearly Progress established by the federal law known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB).	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
2009	1	We met 16 of the 17 criteria for Adequate Yearly Progress, causing the school to enter the first stage of Program Improvement.	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
2010	1	Our school met all of its criteria for progress. This good news enabled the school to reach the halfway mark on the road to exiting Program Improvement. In order to exit PI, a school has to meet its Adequate Yearly Progress targets two years in a row.	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
2011	2	We met 13 of the 17 criteria for Adequate Yearly Progress. As a result, the school moved to stage 2 of Program Improvement.	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

SOURCE: PI status is based on the Accountability Progress Report of November 2011. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students' test results in the 2010–2011 school year or earlier. Some schools were in Program Improvement prior to the passage of No Child Left Behind, when the definition of PI was significantly modified.

CONSEQUENCES

PARENTS: Because Cassell is in stage (year) 2 of PI, parents of students have two options. They can enroll their children in different schools in the district. To see the list of these schools, parents can contact either the principal or the district office staff. Their children are also entitled to free tutoring. Details about the district's list of approved tutoring providers are available from the district office. More information about both options is available on the [US Department of Education Web site](#).

SCHOOL: The school staff is hard at work improving classroom teaching. The school may set aside ten percent of its Title I (federal) funding to help teachers improve.

DISTRICT: The district is helping the school's staff revise its improvement plan.

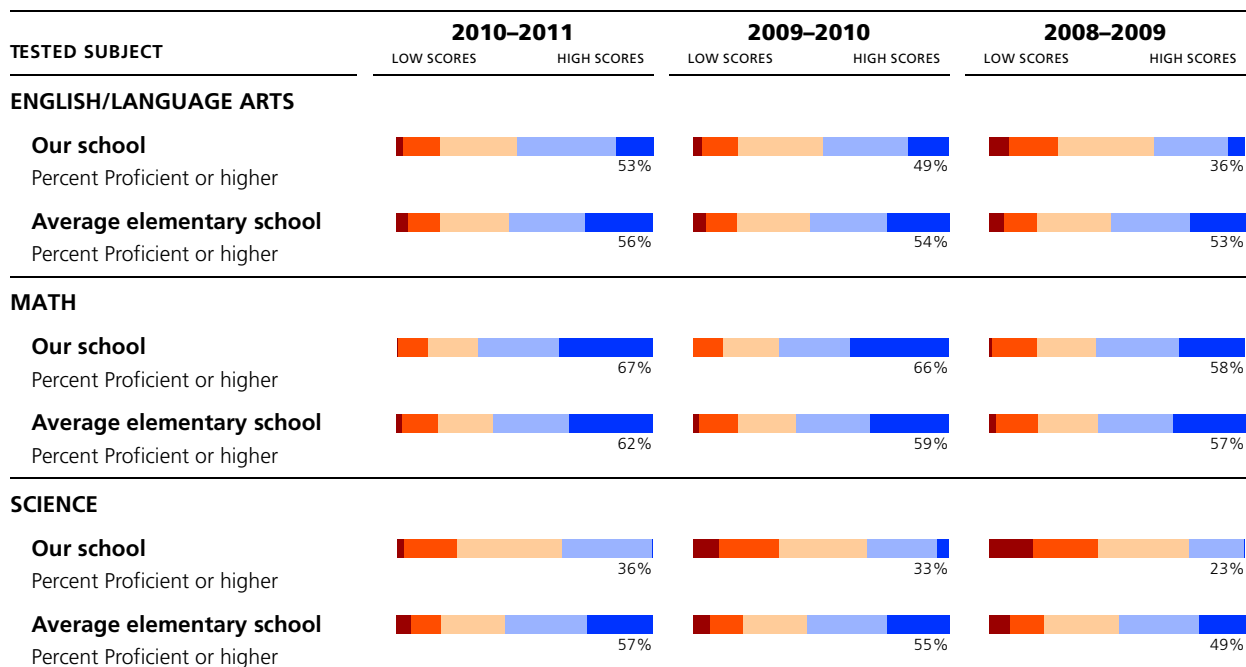
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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 elementary 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



SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2011 test cycle. State average represents elementary 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.

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 56 percent of elementary school students scored Proficient or Advanced on the English/language arts test; 62 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			53%	95%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About three percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			66%	95%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			56%	95%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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

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

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			48%	194	GENDER: About ten percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			58%	184	
English proficient			66%	185	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			40%	193	
Low income			53%	376	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	2	
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			53%	364	
Asian American			64%	30	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.
Filipino			73%	52	
Hispanic/Latino			48%	285	

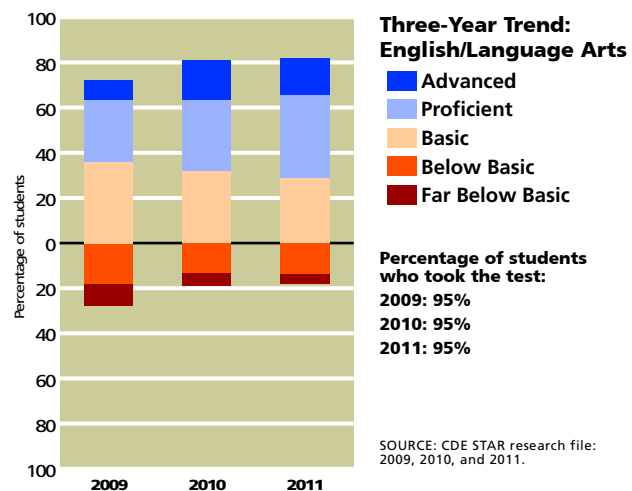
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N/A: Not applicable. Either no students took the test, or to safeguard student privacy the CDE withheld all results because very few students took the test in any grade.

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 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

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

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			67%	97%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About five percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			72%	92%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			62%	90%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			70%	198	GENDER: About five percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			65%	186	
English proficient			75%	186	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			60%	198	
Low income			67%	382	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	2	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	19	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			69%	364	
Asian American			91%	30	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.
Filipino			87%	52	
Hispanic/Latino			64%	291	

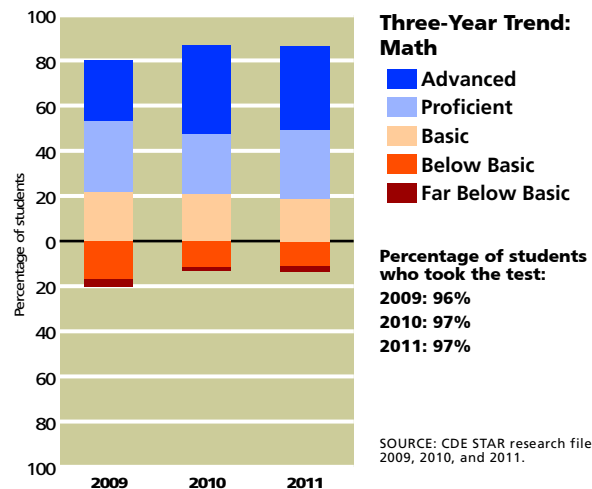
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You can read the [math standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.



Science

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			36%	91%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 21 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			69%	94%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			57%	94%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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

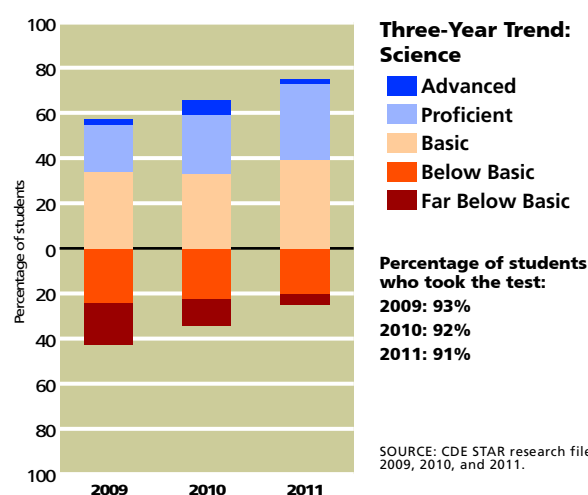
FAR BELOW BASIC, BELOW BASIC, AND BASIC **PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			40%	42	GENDER: About eight percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			32%	47	
English proficient			47%	64	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	25	
Low income			36%	89	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	N/A	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	1	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			37%	87	
Filipino	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	14	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			30%	66	

SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2011 test cycle. County and state averages represent elementary 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 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).

The science standards test was administered only to fifth graders. Of course, students in all grade levels study science in these areas: physical science, life science, earth science, and investigation and experimentation. For background, you can review the [science standards](#) by going to the CDE's Web site.



STUDENTS

Students' English Language Skills

At Cassell, 37 percent of students were considered to be proficient in English, compared with 77 percent of elementary school students in California overall.

LANGUAGE SKILLS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English-proficient students	37%	68%	77%
English Learners	63%	32%	23%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2010–2011. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Languages Spoken at Home by English Learners, 2010–2011

Please note that this table describes the home languages of just the 361 students classified as English Learners. At Cassell, the language these students most often speak at home is Spanish. In California it's common to find English Learners in classes with students who speak English well. When you visit our classrooms, ask our teachers how they work with language differences among their students.

LANGUAGE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Spanish	88%	64%	82%
Vietnamese	4%	12%	3%
Cantonese	0%	2%	2%
Hmong	0%	0%	1%
Filipino/Tagalog	4%	3%	2%
Korean	0%	2%	1%
Khmer/Cambodian	1%	0%	0%
All other	3%	17%	9%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2010–2011. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Ethnicity

Most students at Cassell identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino. In fact, there are about four times as many Hispanic/Latino students as Asian/Pacific Islander students, the second-largest ethnic group at Cassell. The state of California allows citizens to choose more than one ethnic identity, or to select “two or more races” 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	1%	2%	6%
Asian American/ Pacific Islander	19%	32%	11%
Hispanic/Latino	80%	40%	53%
White	1%	21%	26%

SOURCE: California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), October 2010. County and state averages represent elementary 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 2010–2011 school year. At Cassell, 79 percent of the students qualified for this program, compared with 60 percent of students in California.

FAMILY FACTORS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Low-income indicator	79%	42%	60%
Parents with some college	33%	66%	56%
Parents with college degree	20%	48%	32%

SOURCE: The free and reduced-price lunch information is gathered by most districts in October. This data is from the 2010–2011 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 33 percent of the students at Cassell have attended college and 20 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 62 percent of our students provided this information.

CLIMATE FOR LEARNING**Average Class Sizes**

Because funding for class-size reduction was focused on the early grade levels, our school's class sizes, like those of most elementary schools, differ across grade levels.

The average class size at Cassell varies across grade levels from a low of 18 students to a high of 32. Our average class size schoolwide is 22 students.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE BY GRADE	OUR SCHOOL
Kindergarten	20
First grade	20
Second grade	18
Third grade	19
Fourth grade	32
Fifth grade	32

SOURCE: California Department of Education, SARC Research File.
State and county averages represent elementary schools only.

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%
Fully credentialed teachers	Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level	97%	N/A	N/A
Teachers lacking a full credential	Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential	3%	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) for some of the data reported in the SARC is unavailable.

“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.

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. About three percent of our teachers were working without full credentials.

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 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.

		CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN DISTRICT
DISTRICT FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	
Districtwide	Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)	0%
Schools with more than 40% of students from lower-income homes	Schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	0%
Schools with less than 25% of students from lower-income homes	Schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	0%

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

Specialized Resource Staff

The table to the right lists the number of full-time equivalent qualified support personnel who provide counseling and other pupil support services in our school. These specialists often work part time at our school and some may work at more than one school in our district. 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.

STAFF POSITION	STAFF (FTE)
Academic counselors	0.0
Behavioral/career counselors	0.0
Librarians and media staff	0.25
Psychologists	0.33
Social workers	0.0
Nurses	0.0
Speech/language/hearing specialists	0.5
Resource specialists	1.0

SOURCE: Data provided by the school district.

TECHNICAL NOTE ON DATA REGENCY: All data is the most current available as of November 2011. The CDE may release additional or revised data for the 2010–2011 school year after the publication date of this report. We rely on the following sources of information from the California Department of Education: California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) (October 2010); Language Census (March 2011); California Standards Tests (spring 2011 test cycle); Academic Performance Index (November 2011 growth score release); Adequate Yearly Progress (November 2011).

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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, 2011–2012. Please note that these facts are based on evaluations our staff conducted in accordance with the Williams legislation.

This section also contains information about 2010–2011 staff development days, and, for high schools, percentages of seniors who met our district's graduation requirements.



TEACHERS

Teacher Vacancies

KEY FACTOR	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012
TEACHER VACANCIES OCCURRING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR			
Total number of classes at the start of the year	28	26	27
Number of classes that lacked a permanently assigned teacher within the first 20 days of school	0	0	1
TEACHER VACANCIES OCCURRING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR			
Number of classes where the permanently assigned teacher left during the year	0	0	0
Number of those classes where you replaced the absent teacher with a single new teacher	0	0	0

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	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012
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 we set aside for the past three years for their continuing education and professional development.

YEAR	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
2010–2011	0.00
2009–2010	0.00
2008–2009	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.

All of our textbooks except for those in the following subject areas are the most recently approved by the State Board of Education or our Local Governing Agency:

This information was collected on 09/10/2010.

NOTES:

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?
☒	English	☒	☒	☒	100%
☒	Math	☒	☒	☒	100%
☒	Science	☒	☒	☒	100%
☒	Social Science	☒	☒	☒	100%
☐	Foreign Languages	☐	☐	☐	
☐	Health	☐	☐	☐	
☐	Visual/Performing Arts	☐	☐	☐	

Textbooks in Use

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

SUBJECT AND TITLE	PUBLISHER	YEAR ADOPTED
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS		
Imagine It!	SRA	2008
Language! 3 rd Edition	Sopris West	2006
MATH		
California Math	Houghton Mifflin	2008
California Math Triumphs	Glencoe	2009
SCIENCE		
California Science	Pearson-Scott Foresman	2007
SOCIAL SCIENCE		
History-Social Science for California	Pearson-Scott Foresman	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 10/10/2011 by Mario Gudiel. The most recent facilities inspection occurred on 10/10/2011.

ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS: Vince Quiroz

AREA	RATING	REPAIR NEEDED AND ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED
Overall Rating	Fair	
A. Systems	Good	
1. Gas		No apparent problems
2. Mechanical/HVAC		No apparent problems
3. Sewer		P trap leaking (D5)
B. Interior Surfaces	Fair	
1. Interior Surfaces		Loose/missing floor tile (C5, D3, D70); Baseboard piece needs replacing (K2); Missing/stained ceiling tiles (K1, E1, E6)
C. Cleanliness	Fair	
1. Overall cleanliness		Floor/carpet dirty (C3, D2, D8)
2. Pest/Vermin		Cockroaches (Cust Rm); Spiders (E1)
D. Electrical Components	Poor	
1. Electrical Components		Several lights out throughout site; Missing light covers (C4)
E. Rest Rooms/Fountains	Fair	
1. Rest Rooms		Heavily stained floors (Boys' RR-C wing); Used as storage (Girls' RR- D wing)
2. Drinking Fountains		Loose leaking faucets (C5, D8, E3)
F. Safety	Good	
1. Fire Safety		Fire extinguisher signs missing

AREA	RATING	REPAIR NEEDED AND ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED
2. Hazardous Materials		
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, 2009–2010

We are required by the California Dept. of Education to report financial data from the 2009–2010 school year. 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).

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)	\$5,784	\$5,488	5%	\$5,513	5%
Restricted funds (\$/student)	\$2,106	\$2,230	-6%	\$2,939	-28%
Total (\$/student)	\$7,890	\$7,718	2%	\$8,452	-7%

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)	\$68,672	\$65,984	4%	\$71,246	-4%
Benefits (\$/certificated staff)	\$16,713	\$15,871	5%	\$16,062	4%
Total (\$/certificated staff)	\$85,385	\$81,855	4%	\$87,308	-2%

* 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 additional information about students, teachers, student performance, accountability, and district expenditures.



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	576
Black/African American	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	7%
Filipino	11%
Hispanic or Latino	80%
Pacific Islander	1%
White (not Hispanic)	1%
Two or more races	0%
Ethnicity not reported	0%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	100%
English Learners	69%
Students with disabilities	6%

SOURCE: All but the last three lines are from the annual census, CALPADS, October 2010. 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	100
Grade 1	99
Grade 2	90
Grade 3	93
Grade 4	97
Grade 5	97
Grade 6	0
Grade 7	0
Grade 8	0
Grade 9	0
Grade 10	0
Grade 11	0
Grade 12	0

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2010.

Average Class Size by Grade Level

GRADE LEVEL	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011
Kindergarten	19	21	20
Grade 1	19	22	20
Grade 2	20	19	18
Grade 3	19	19	19
Grade 4	32	25	32
Grade 5	28	31	32
Grade 6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined K–3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 3–4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 4–8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2010. Information for 2009–2010 provided by the school district.

Average Class Size by Grade Level, Detail

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

GRADE LEVEL	2008–2009			2009–2010			2010–2011		
	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+
Kindergarten	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
Grade 1	6	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
Grade 2	5	1	0	6	0	0	5	0	0
Grade 3	5	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0
Grade 4	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	2	1
Grade 5	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	1
Grade 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined K–3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 3–4	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 4–8	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2010. Information for 2009–2010 provided by the school district.

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.

TEACHERS	SCHOOL			DISTRICT
	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011	2010–2011
With Full Credential	31	30	29	605
Without Full Credential	0	2	1	45

SOURCE: Information provided by 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	24%	18%	16%
Grade 7	N/A	N/A	N/A
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 is from the 2010–2011 school year.

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 2010–2011 school year, we had six 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			
2010–2011	1	5	N/A
2009–2010	1	3	6
2008–2009	2	2	6
Expulsions per 100 students			
2010–2011	0	0	N/A
2009–2010	0	0	0
2008–2009	0	0	0

SOURCE: Data is from the Consolidated Application published by the California Department of Education. The numbers above are a ratio of suspension or expulsion events, per 100 students enrolled. District and state averages represent elementary schools only.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

California Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are learning what the state content standards require. The CST include English/language arts and mathematics in grades two through five and science in grade five. 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		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
English/ language arts	36%	48%	52%	38%	42%	48%	49%	52%	54%
Mathematics	57%	67%	68%	47%	51%	57%	46%	48%	50%
Science	23%	33%	36%	40%	44%	53%	50%	54%	57%

SOURCE: STAR results, spring 2011 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 GROUP	STUDENTS SCORING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	ENGLISH/ LANGUAGE ARTS 2010–2011	MATHEMATICS 2010–2011	SCIENCE 2010–2011
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	63%	77%	N/A
Filipino	73%	87%	57%
Hispanic or Latino	48%	64%	30%
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or more Races	N/A	N/A	N/A
Boys	48%	70%	40%
Girls	57%	65%	32%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	52%	67%	36%
English Learners	40%	61%	8%
Students with disabilities	44%	56%	0%
Receives migrant education services	50%	58%	0%

SOURCE: STAR results, spring 2011 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 elementary schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API in the highest 10 percent of all elementary 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	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011
Statewide rank	3	4	6
Similar-schools rank	6	6	9

SOURCE: The API Base Report from December 2011.

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
	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011	2010–2011
All students at the school	+19	+56	+3	811
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	-53	862
Filipino	N/A	N/A	-9	885
Hispanic or Latino	+24	+58	+5	796
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	+19	+56	+3	811
English Learners	+13	+64	+4	806
Students with disabilities	N/A	N/A	-37	715

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in December 2011.

API Scores by Subgroup

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

SUBGROUP	SCHOOL		DISTRICT		STATE	
	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	API	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	API	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	API
All students	347	811	9,184	770	4,683,676	778
Black/African American	4	N/A	169	733	317,856	696
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	N/A	24	818	33,774	733
Asian	27	862	1,033	879	398,869	898
Filipino	45	885	532	856	123,245	859
Hispanic or Latino	266	796	7,109	746	2,406,749	729
Pacific Islander	1	N/A	77	791	26,953	764
White (non Hispanic)	3	N/A	225	847	1,258,831	845
Two or more races	0	N/A	11	728	76,766	836
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	347	811	9,132	770	2,731,843	726
English Learners	227	806	6,090	744	1,521,844	707
Students with disabilities	29	715	1,205	610	521,815	595

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in December 2011.

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 710 or growth of at least one point
- (d) the graduation rate for the graduating class must be higher than 90 percent (or satisfy alternate improvement criteria).

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 2011.

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	5
Percentage of schools currently in PI	19%

SOURCE: The Program Improvement Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in December 2011.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

According to the CDE, "State certification/release dates for fiscal data occur in middle to late spring, precluding the inclusion of 2010–11 data in most cases. Therefore, 2009–10 data are used for report cards prepared during 2011–12."

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 2009–2010			
Total expenses	\$108,252,851	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$8,736	\$7,973	\$8,452
FISCAL YEAR 2008–2009			
Total expenses	\$117,076,622	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$9,128	\$8,275	\$8,736

SOURCE: Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education.

District Salaries, 2009–2010

This table reports the salaries of teachers and administrators in our district for the 2009–2010 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	\$41,692
Midrange teacher's salary	\$72,497	\$68,251
Highest-paid teacher's salary	\$84,619	\$86,582
Average principal's salary (elementary school)	\$97,379	\$108,334
Superintendent's salary	\$198,000	\$180,492
Percentage of budget for teachers' salaries	44%	42%
Percentage of budget for administrators' salaries	7%	6%

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

