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Alum Rock Union Elementary School District



» An annual report to the community about teaching, learning, test results, resources, and measures of progress in our school.



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School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) are intended to provide information that can be used to evaluate and compare schools. State and federal laws require all schools to publish a SARC, describing our school's vital signs during the 2011–2012 school year.

Because we just opened our school in the fall of 2012, almost all of the information included in a SARC report (API, AYP, test scores and expenditures) is not available. This report, therefore, only includes limited information from the current 2012–2013 school year.

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_2012_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

Renaissance is a small middle school of choice serving approximately 105 sixth grade students. All Renaissance students, parents, and educators have chosen to come to Renaissance to participate, work hard, and focus on preparing students to be successful in high school, college and beyond. At Renaissance there is a strong emphasis on building the student, parent, teacher relationship. The community believes that when all stakeholders know one another's hearts and minds well, the students will be best supported and able to achieve their full potential. The parents' active support and cooperation, combined with the staff's best professional efforts, will continue to make Renaissance a place for students to learn and grow. Renaissance provides a safe, equitable, rigorous and relationship-centered learning environment for all students.

Doug Kleinhenz, PRINCIPAL

Grade range and calendar

6-8

TRADITIONAL

Student enrollment

N/A

County Average: 716

State Average: 634

School Expenditures

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

- Staff development is provided in differentiated instructional practices in the areas of language arts and math.
- Teachers identify at-risk or low-performing students and provide in-class intervention.
- The after school intervention program provides additional instruction to students falling below standards-based benchmark proficiency in the areas of reading, writing and math.
- Additional services to enable underperforming students to meet standards:
- Teachers and principal meet to analyze and assess student data to determine if English language learners are meeting standards.
- Staff development is provided to improve instruction in language arts and writing.
- Intervention programs for at-risk students are in place.
- Students below CST proficiency are provided with homework assistance and small group tutoring during our afterschool program.

Safety

The Renaissance community works hard to ensure all students are safe. Renaissance 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 Renaissance Safety Committee, presented to the School Site Council and then sent to the Alum Rock School District Board of Trustees for approval. Because this is Renaissance's first year, we are in the process of having our safety plan approved by the School Board. 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. When guests are visiting Renaissance, they first check in at the office and are required to wear a visitor pass while spending time on campus. The Renaissance staff follows a yard-duty schedule to ensure that students are well supervised before school, during brunch, during lunch, and at dismissal. The Renaissance safety plan has a comprehensive, enforceable, continuous behavior policy, rules and regulations, dress code policy, protocols for safety/emergency drills, tardy policy, attendance policy, referral policy, and nondiscriminatory policy on student 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.

The building in which Renaissance resides was built in 1959. 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 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 crews ensures that grass and landscaped areas are well maintained, and that the school's buildings, grounds and play areas are safe for use.

Parent Involvement

Renaissance values and includes all stakeholders in all facets of the educational process. To facilitate parent involvement in the students' academic success, each student is assigned to an advisory teacher. Advisory teachers closely monitor and support student performance and learning plans and maintain close communication with parents. One example includes Learner-led Conferences. Each student facilitates three Learner-led Conferences a school year with his/her parent(s) and advisory teacher. At these conferences the student presents what he/she has learned, a portfolio of their work, their goals, and challenges. 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 Renaissance Register (newsletter), which is written in English and Spanish.

Parent and community participation are essential to student achievement. When enrolling their child at Renaissance, the parents sign a Compact for Education. This compact indicates each parent's commitment to remain actively involved in their child's education and to participate in a minimum of 30 hours of school events over the course of the school year. Renaissance provides a number of parent and community involvement opportunities which include but are not limited to parent-child lunches, monthly community meetings, attending student exhibition events, and community service events. Renaissance has an active Parent, Teacher, and Student Association (PTSA) which coordinates many fundraisers and community and social events. In addition Renaissance has a parent advocacy group, the Parent Leadership Group (PLG) that meets monthly to strengthen the Renaissance community by increasing parent involvement and coordinating efforts to advocate for the students at Renaissance and throughout Alum Rock. Please contact the Renaissance principal at (408)928-8500 if you have any questions regarding parent involvement at Renaissance.

» Adequacy of Key Resources 2012–2013

Here you'll find key facts about our teachers, textbooks, and facilities during the school year in progress, 2012–2013. Please note that these facts are based on evaluations our staff conducted in accordance with the Williams legislation.

This section also contains information about 2011–2012 staff development days, and, for high schools, percentages of seniors who met our district's graduation requirements.



TEACHERS

Teacher Vacancies

KEY FACTOR	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013
TEACHER VACANCIES OCCURRING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR			
Total number of classes at the start of the year	N/A	N/A	20
Number of classes that lacked a permanently assigned teacher within the first 20 days of school	N/A	N/A	0
TEACHER VACANCIES OCCURRING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR			
Number of classes where the permanently assigned teacher left during the year	N/A	N/A	0
Number of those classes where you replaced the absent teacher with a single new teacher	N/A	N/A	0

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	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013
Teacher Misassignments	Total number of classes taught by teachers without a legally recognized certificate or credential	N/A	N/A	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	N/A	N/A	0
Other Employee Misassignments	Total number of service area placements of employees without the required credentials	N/A	N/A	0

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
2011–2012	N/A
2010–2011	N/A
2009–2010	N/A

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 10/11/2012.

NOTES: Annual inspection confirms sufficient California standards-based textbooks for all students.

TAUGHT AT OUR SCHOOL?	SUBJECT	ARE THERE TEXTBOOKS OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN USE?		ARE THERE ENOUGH BOOKS FOR EACH STUDENT?	
		STANDARDS ALIGNED?	FROM THE MOST RECENT OFFICIAL ADOPTION?	FOR USE IN CLASS?	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS HAVING BOOKS TO TAKE HOME?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Math	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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
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 09/20/2012 by Al Sanchez. The most recent facilities inspection occurred on 09/20/2012.

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	Good	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	Good	
1. Interior Surfaces		No apparent problems
C. Cleanliness	Good	
1. Overall cleanliness		No apparent problems
2. Pest/Vermin		No apparent problems
D. Electrical Components	Good	
1. Electrical Components		Light switch, Rm C4, F4, Boys' PE; Ballast, Staff RR
E. Rest Rooms/Fountains	Fair	
1. Rest Rooms		Leaky toilet, Mens' RR
2. Drinking Fountains		Loose Faucets, A1, A2, B4, B5, C2, C4, F3, F7
F. Safety	Good	
1. Fire Safety		No apparent problems
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	Door Lock stuck in locked position, Exterior staff RR; Side door broken, Cafeteria
2. Playgrounds/School Grounds	No apparent problems

SCHOOL FINANCES, 2010–2011

We are required by the California Dept. of Education to report financial data from the 2010–2011 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)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,513	N/A
Restricted funds (\$/student)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2,939	N/A
Total (\$/student)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$8,452	N/A

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)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$71,246	N/A
Benefits (\$/certificated staff)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$16,062	N/A
Total (\$/certificated staff)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$87,308	N/A

* 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.