



School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Reported for School Year 2008-09 Published During 2009-10

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) [SARC](#) Web page. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE [DataQuest](#) Web page that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., Academic Performance Index [API], Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]), test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides the schools contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Hillview Middle	District Name	Menlo Park City Elementary
Street	1100 Elder Ave.	Phone Number	650-321-7140
City, State, Zip	Menlo Park , CA 94025-5503	Web Site	www.mpcsd.org
Phone Number	650-326-4341	Superintendent	Kenneth Ranella
Principal	Michael Melton	E-mail Address	cmetzler@mpcsd.org
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2008-09)

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Hillview Middle School, with a current enrollment of approximately 670 students, is the single middle school for sixth through eighth grade students in the Menlo Park City School District. In 2000 Hillview was recognized by the United

States Department of Education as one of the nation's Blue Ribbon Schools. In 2005 Hillview was named a California Distinguished School for the seventh time, making it the most frequently named school in the history of the California School Recognition Program. The school staff includes 41 full or part-time teachers, 2 part-time counselors, 1 librarian, 3 part-time student activities directors, 5 aides, 8 classified staff, 1 vice principal, and 1 principal. The student body is approximately 70% white and 30% minority, with Asians, African-Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics the largest minority groups.

The Hillview community values education very highly, and this is reflected in daily attendance rates, with over 96% of our students present on an average daily basis.

The goals of middle-level education in Menlo Park are to maintain a strong educational program and to meet the needs of preadolescent students. The Hillview Mission Statement reads as follows:

Hillview Middle School offers a challenging academic program in a safe, caring environment. We encourage students to master basic skills, sample a variety of educational, social, and cultural experiences, and begin assuming more responsibility for their learning and their citizenship. We recognize and address the needs of individual learners, and provide integrated, active, innovative, and exciting learning experiences. Staff, parents, and students work together to create an educational community whose members treat one another with concern and respect. Our goal is to provide students with the skills and opportunities necessary for them to make a direct contribution to their community. Hillview honors educational achievement and excellence at every level.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2008-09)

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Community support for Hillview is demonstrated in many ways. Back-to-School and Open House evenings routinely draw the parents of almost all of our students. The Hillview PTO, with membership of almost 70% of our families and teachers, raises thousands of dollars for school programs, contributes over a thousand hours of volunteer time, runs an extensive after-school sports program, organizes weekly hot food days for students, sets up frequent parent network meetings, and makes many other contributions. The Hillview Site Council is responsible for writing the School Improvement Plan and manages its annual budget for enhancement of the school site and curriculum.

Hillview receives additional program support from the University of San Francisco Psychology Department, the Menlo Park Police, Fire, and Recreation Departments, and from Mid-Peninsula Tennis Patrons. Special mentor relationships between Hillview students and community members are arranged by our counselors.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	223
Grade 7	224
Grade 8	222
Total Enrollment	669

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	1.79 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	%
Asian	6.73 %
Filipino	0.45 %
Hispanic or Latino	6.88 %

Pacific Islander	2.09 %
White (not Hispanic)	66.52 %
Multiple or No Response	15.55 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	5.00 %
English Learners	5.00 %
Students with Disabilities	9.00 %

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

This table displays by subject area the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Subject	2006-07			2007-08			2008-09					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	23.5	4	40		22.8	19	24		24.7		42	
Mathematics	23.8	10	16	1	23.3	16	12		24.1	10	16	1
Science	23.6	8	19		23.4	9	19		24.7	4	23	
Social Science	23.5	3	25		22.9	11	18		24.2	1	27	

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2008-09)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

The Menlo Park City School District incorporates requirements of all legislative mandates into a single Emergency Preparedness plan that is updated annually. The principal manages the Site Emergency Plan that coordinates concerns of parents, students, and staff for the safety and welfare of all. The Site Emergency Plan is reviewed and revised annually and appropriate drills and training are provided to help all persons become familiar with their responsibilities. Emergency preparedness also includes close cooperation and planning with police, fire, civic emergency agencies and school/parent groups.

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Suspensions	2.9	2.6	4.9	0.9	0.8	1.7
Expulsions	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

Hillview Middle School has 39 classrooms, a multipurpose room a library, and an administration building. The main campus is approximately 50 years old. A major renovation of the facility was completed in 2002, and as a result, all

classrooms are wired for internet, phone and cable TV. In 2006, the community approved a \$91.1 million bond measure to improve district facilities. As part of the Bond program, the school District has decided to replace the existing facility with new facilities on the existing field and converting the current building area to a new field. The new campus will be state of the art and handle the increased school enrollment. The project is scheduled to begin in 2009 and be completed by 2011.

The District takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the Director of Maintenance and Operations and the site Principal conduct an annual walk-through to identify and prioritize necessary maintenance projects.

The District maintenance staff keeps the school in good repair and working order by completing necessary tasks in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Cleaning standards for all schools in the district have been established. The principal and Director of Maintenance and Operations work closely with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

The District participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components. Typically, this includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior or exterior painting, and floor systems. The District budgets and transfers 0.5% of the general fund budget to the deferred maintenance program annually. The district's complete deferred maintenance plan is available at the district office.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	N/A	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	N/A	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	N/A	X			
Electrical: Electrical	N/A	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	N/A	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	N/A	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	N/A	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	N/A	X			
Overall Rating	GOOD - As a result of the most recent inspection, no outstanding deficiencies were reported. (Submitted quarterly to the Board of Education.)				N/A

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the CDE [DataQuest](#) Web page.

Teachers	School			District
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09
With Full Credential	39	41	40	146

Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	N/A

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Indicator	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers in the school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. High poverty schools are defined as those schools with student participation of approximately 75 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low poverty schools are those with student participation of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found on the CDE [Improving Teacher and Principal Quality](#) Web page.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	100.0	0.0
High-Poverty Schools in District	N/A	N/A
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100.0	0.0

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1.60	352
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	1.0	N/A
Psychologist	0.5	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0.25	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.2	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.2	N/A
Other	0.0	N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school, and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Prentice Hall Literature ('02) State approved, Board adopted 2003	0
Mathematics	Grade 6: California Math, Course 1, McDougal Littell ('08) Board Adopted 2008 Grade 7: Prentice Hall Mathematics, Pre-Algebra, Pearson ('09) Board Adopted 2008 Algebra: Grade 8: California Math, Algebra 1, McDougal Littell ('08) Board Adopted 2008 Grades 7/8: Structure and Method, Book 1, 'McDougal Littell ('00) Board adopted 2008 Geometry: Grade 8: Discovering Geometry, Key Curriculum Press ('97) Board adopted 2008	0
Science	Grades 6-7: Science Explorer, Pearson Prentice Hall ('07) State approved, Board adopted 2007 Grade 8: Glencoe Science Focus on Physical Science, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill ('07) State approved, Board adopted 2007	0
History-Social Science	History Alive!, Teachers Curriculum Institute ('05) State approved, Board adopted 2006 Oxford University Press ('05) Various Supplementary Titles State approved, Board adopted 2006	0
Foreign Language	Discovering French: Nouveau!, McDougal Littell ('04) State approved, Board adopted 2004 En Espanol!, McDougal Littell ('04) State approved, Board adopted 2004	0

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found on the CDE [Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending](#) Web page and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE [Certificated Salaries & Benefits](#) Web page.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental / Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic / Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$6,710	\$1,113	\$5,597	\$89,061
District	N/A	N/A	\$7,343	\$84,415

Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-24%	6%
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,512	\$63,421
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	2%	40%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services that are available at the school and funded through either categorical or other sources.

Instructional and curriculum needs are met through various funding sources. District funds support, in addition to core academic programs, additional personnel for student support and instructional leadership. The PTO, the Student Council, the Site Council, and the Education Foundation have all supplied grants to provide for major core events such as Greek Week for 6th graders, the 7th grade Renaissance Faire, and the Decades Project that is part of the 8th grade U.S. History curriculum. The Education Foundation's Jeanie Ritchie grants to teachers have recently funded projects such as rocketry, fetal pig dissection, and writing workshops with professional authors. The school's computer lab was equipped with district, PTO, and SIP funds. Other computers and equipment have been obtained through donations and district, SIP, and PTO funding. A state technology grant funded the acquisition of a variety of video equipment. The library/media center, known as the Barbara Miller Library and Technology Center, is fully automated.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

This table displays district salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the CDE [Certificated Salaries & Benefits](#) Web page.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$50,942	\$41,031
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$82,475	\$63,366
Highest Teacher Salary	\$101,029	\$80,596
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$143,471	\$100,937
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$152,841	\$105,066
Superintendent Salary	\$225,458	\$147,438
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	47.50 %	40.60 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	7.20 %	6.10 %

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs); the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and ten through eleven. The CAPA includes ELA, mathematics, and science in grades two through eleven, and for science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations. The CMA includes ELA and mathematics for grades three through eight and science in grade five and is an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE [Standardized Testing and Reporting \(STAR\) Results](#) Web site. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the [Explaining 2008 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide](#). Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical

accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
English-Language Arts	85	85	87	81	82	85	43	46	50
Mathematics	77	81	82	78	82	84	40	43	46
Science	80	84	88	81	85	88	38	46	50
History-Social Science	78	81	83	78	81	83	33	36	41

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	44	53	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	89	91	93	77
Filipino	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	55	42	53	65
Pacific Islander	47	27	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	93	89	94	88
Male	84	82	89	85
Female	91	83	87	82
Economically Disadvantaged	55	26	58	50
English Learners	31	28	*	*
Students with Disabilities	43	36	41	38
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2008-09)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the CDE [Physical Fitness Testing \(PFT\)](#) Web page. Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zones		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards

7	11.8	35.4	45.4
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X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found on the CDE [Academic Performance Index \(API\) Web page](#).

Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from one to ten. A statewide rank of one means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of ten means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of one means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of ten means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2006	2007	2008
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	8	9	8

"N/A" means a number is not applicable or not available due to missing data.

"B" means this is either an LEA or an Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) school. Schools participating in the ASAM do not currently receive growth, target information, or statewide or similar schools rankings on this report in recognition of their markedly different educational missions and populations served. ASAM schools are covered under the Alternative Accountability system as required by Education Code Section 52052 and not the API accountability system. However, API information is needed to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Growth, target and rank information are not applicable to LEAs.

"C" means this is a special education school. Statewide and similar schools ranks are not applicable to special education schools.

" * " means this API is calculated for a small school or a small LEA, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid STAR Program test scores included in the API. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted. Similar schools ranks are not calculated for small schools.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

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

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009
All Students at the School	4	5	17	940
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino				
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)	4	3	15	964
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				

"N/A" means a number is not applicable or not available due to missing data.

*** means this API is calculated for a small school, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program test scores included in the API. The API is asterisked if the school was small either in 2008 or 2009. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted.

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal NCLB Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found on the CDE [Adequate Yearly Progress \(AYP\) Web page](#).

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

"Yes" Met 2009 AYP Criteria

"No" Did not Meet 2009 AYP Criteria

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2009-10)

Schools and 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 (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found on the CDE [Adequate Yearly Progress \(AYP\) Web page](#).

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	

XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

Not applicable

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

The District values professional development of teachers and administrators as an ongoing process of personal growth and learning for the individual, and as a source and stimulus for increased students growth and achievement. Professional development opportunities provided by the District include Staff Development Days, attendance at workshops, courses and conferences by individual teachers, opportunities for collaborative planning and curriculum development, and systematic programs of observation and analysis of teaching. The Site Council also supports staff development programs with SIP funds.

All first and second year teachers throughout the district participate in the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program, a state-funded, standards-based program that provides support through mentoring, training, and evaluation. A veteran teacher Advisor provides coaching for all new teachers in the district.

The District continues to support hands-on, inquiry-based science instruction. After six years focused at the K-5 level, the project has expanded to include resources and support for professional development at the middle school level.

XIII. National Assessment of Educational Progress

National Assessment of Educational Progress

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a nationally representative assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. Student scores for reading and mathematics are reported as performance levels (i.e., basic, proficient, and advanced) and the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners is reported based on three levels (identified, excluded, and assessed). Detailed information regarding the NAEP results for each grade, performance level, and participation rate can be found on the [National Assessment of Educational Progress](#) Web page (Outside Source).

Note: Only a sample group of California's schools and districts participate in the NAEP testing cycle. Therefore, students in any particular school or district may not be included in these results. The NAEP reflects state test results and is not reflective of either the LEA or the individual school. Comparisons of student performance on the NAEP and student performance on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program assessments cannot be made without an understanding of the key differences between the two assessment programs. For example, the NAEP only assesses grades four, eight and twelve and for long-term trends assesses grades nine, thirteen, and seventeen. Additionally, the NAEP only provides state test results for grades four and eight. The California Standards Tests (CSTs) are based on a different set of standards than the NAEP assessments. For example, the NAEP is not aligned with California academic content and achievement standards and, therefore, does not necessarily reflect the curriculum and instruction to which students are exposed in the classroom. The NAEP assesses reading and writing separately, while the CSTs assess English-language arts (ELA), encompassing reading as well as writing conventions, spelling, and grammar. Scores on the CSTs and other assessments are not directly comparable to those on NAEP. The averages and percentages presented are estimates based on samples of students rather than on entire populations. Finally, the questions students respond to are only a sample of the knowledge and skills covered by the NAEP frameworks. Information on the differences between NAEP and CST can be found on the CDE [National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\)](#) Web page.

National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading and Mathematics Results by Grade Level – Aggregated

This table displays the scale scores and achievement levels on the National Assessment of Educational Progress Results for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) for grades four and eight

Subject and Grade Level	Average Scale Score		State Percent at Achievement Level		
	State	National	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Reading 2007, Grade 4	209	220	30	18	5
Reading 2007, Grade 8	251	261	41	20	2
Mathematics 2009, Grade 4	232	239	41	25	5
Mathematics 2009, Grade 8	270	282	36	18	5

National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading and Mathematics Results for Students with Disabilities and/or English Language Learners by Grade Level – Aggregated

This table displays the state and national participation rates on the National Assessment of Educational Progress for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) for students with disabilities and/or English language learners for grades four and eight.

Subject and Grade Level	State Participation Rate		National Participation Rate	
	Students With Disabilities	English Language Learners	Students With Disabilities	English Language Learners
Reading 2007, Grade 4	74	93	65	80
Reading 2007, Grade 8	78	92	66	77
Mathematics 2009, Grade 4	79	96	84	94
Mathematics 2009, Grade 8	85	96	78	92