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

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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 2008–2009 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.

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

[http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links\\_2009\\_en.html](http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links_2009_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, please contact the school office.

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## » Principal's Message

The year 2007–2008 was a phenomenal year for Wheatland Elementary School. Despite declining enrollment across the district and continued budget reductions, we had an Academic Performance Index (API) of 814. We attribute our academic success to our focus on the California Content Standards, our ongoing staff training in effective instructional strategies, and our numerous programs for students who are struggling academically.

Wheatland Elementary invites parents and community volunteers to join us in the education of our children. It is our goal to partner with families to create the best educational environment possible for our students. Our motto is Wheatland Elementary: Where Children Succeed!

Debra M. Pearson & Angela Gouker, PRINCIPAL

### Grade range and calendar

**K–5**

TRADITIONAL

### Academic Performance Index

**N/A**

County Average: 776

State Average: 792

### Student enrollment

**427**

County Average: 346

State Average: 518

### Teachers

**22**

County Average: 18

State Average: 26

### Students per teacher

**19**

County Average: 19

State Average: 20

## **School Expenditures**

State and federal money is spent on supplemental instructional programs such as Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math, staff development such as Essential Skills of Instruction and Step Up to Writing, and classroom assistant positions in kindergarten and first grade, Life Skills, and the English Learner Program. Last year, approximately \$15,000 was invested in Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading programs with continued support for Math Facts in a Flash and incentives for program participation. Technology plays a vital role on our campus, and funds are continually set aside for technology maintenance.

## **Safety**

All teachers and noon duty supervisors are scheduled so that at least two monitors are on duty during each recess. Fire drills are held once per month and a lockdown drill is held twice during the year. The Safety Committee, which meets monthly, reviews and approves our school safety plan each October. We distribute the plan to each teacher and include it in the student handbook. We work collaboratively with the Wheatland Fire and Police Departments to coordinate emergency plans.

## **Buildings**

Wheatland Elementary School (formerly Bear River Middle School) was built in 1954. Four years ago, Wheatland Elementary School moved to its current location. We ensure that our school is clean, safe, and functional within the available resources. Our site has established cleaning standards, with three full-time custodians. Food service and rest room facilities are given highest priority on a daily basis to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. We resurfaced the blacktop part of our playground last year, and the teaching staff coordinated the design of new lines and boundaries for game activities. Technology continues to be updated, and our second student computer lab is finished. Our maintenance team continues to wire and install LCD projector mounts in each classroom, and we are currently working with the State Department of Forestry to plant 36 new trees to beautify the campus and provide shade.

## **Parent Involvement**

Parents are regular participants in our School Site Council, our English Language Advisory Committee, and our Safety Committee. Through these committees parents have input into instructional and budgeting decisions. Parents have the opportunity to volunteer in classrooms, the school office, our library, and in our WPC parent group. WPC has active volunteers who organize several fund-raisers and other family-oriented activities every year. They also volunteer in campus improvement projects. Classroom and campus volunteers are always needed. To find out how you can volunteer at our school, please contact our principals at (530) 633-3140.

**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. A school’s API determines whether it receives recognition or sanctions. 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.

CALIFORNIA <b>API</b> ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX	
<b>Met schoolwide growth target</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Met growth target for prior school year</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>API score</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Growth attained from prior year</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Met subgroup* growth targets</b>	<b>N/A</b>

An API could not be created for our school because the number of students taking the required tests was too small (fewer than 11) to be statistically reliable. You can find three years of detailed API results in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

SOURCE: API based on spring 2009 test cycle. Growth scores alone are displayed and are current as of December 2009.

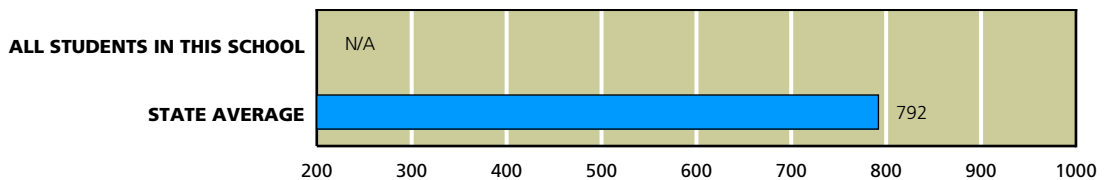
\*Ethnic groups, English Learners, special ed students, or socioeconomic groups of students that make up 15 percent or more of a school’s student body. These groups must meet AYP and API goals.  
R/P - Results pending due to challenge by school.  
N/A - Results not available.

**API RANKINGS:** Based on our 2007–2008 test results, we started the 2008–2009 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 7 out of 10.

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

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

**API, Spring 2009**



SOURCE: API based on spring 2009 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 all nine criteria for yearly progress. As a result, we succeeded at making AYP.

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): 46 percent on the English/language arts test and 47.5 percent on the math test. All ethnic and socioeconomic subgroups of students also must meet these goals. Second, the schools must achieve an API of at least 650 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 <b>AYP</b> ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
<b>Met AYP</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met schoolwide participation rate</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met schoolwide test score goals</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met subgroup* participation rate</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met subgroup* test score goals</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Met schoolwide API for AYP</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Program Improvement school in 2009</b>	<b>No</b>

SOURCE: AYP is based on the Accountability Progress Report of December 2009. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students’ test results in the 2008–2009 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?	DID 46% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST?	DID 47.5% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?
<b>SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY</b>				
Hispanic/Latino	●	—	●	—
White/Other	●	—	●	—

SOURCE: AYP release of September 2009, CDE.

The table at left shows our success or failure in meeting AYP goals in the 2008–2009 school year. The green dots represent goals we met; red dots indicate goals we missed. Just one red dot means that we failed to meet AYP.

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

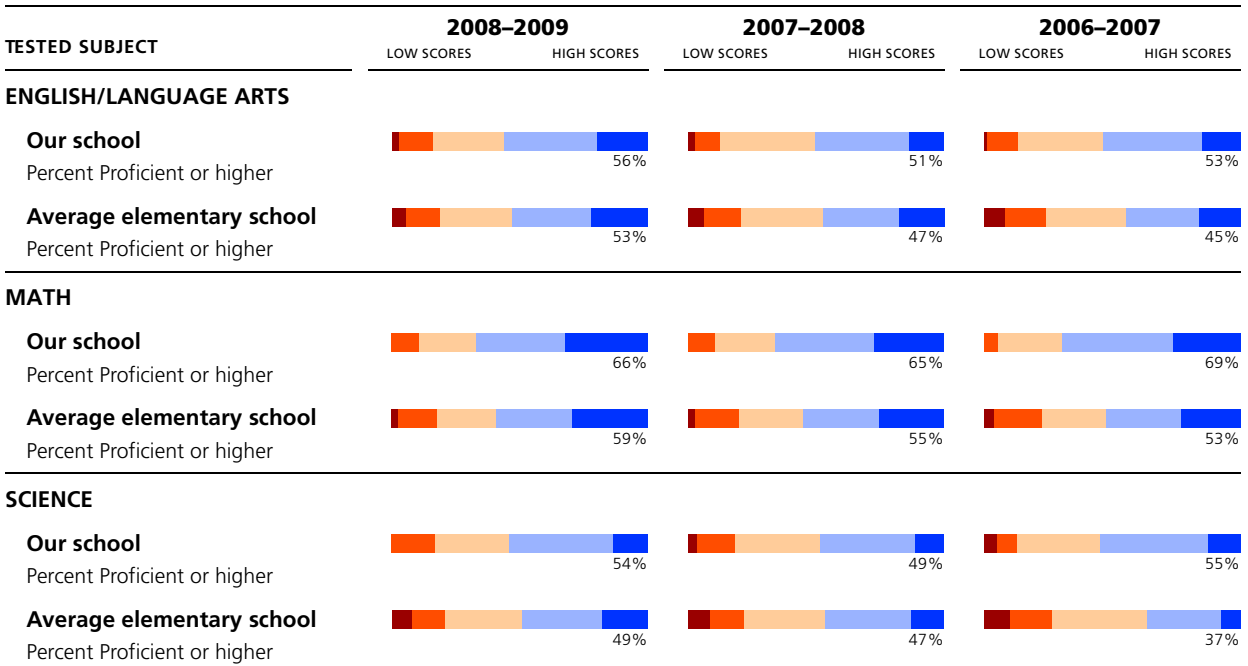
## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Here you'll find a three-year summary of our students' scores on the California Standards Tests (CST) in selected subjects. We compare our students' test scores with the results for students in the average 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 2009 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 53 percent of elementary school students scored Proficient or Advanced on the English/language arts test; 59 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			56%	98%	<b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About three percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			45%	96%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			53%	96%	

### Subgroup Test Scores

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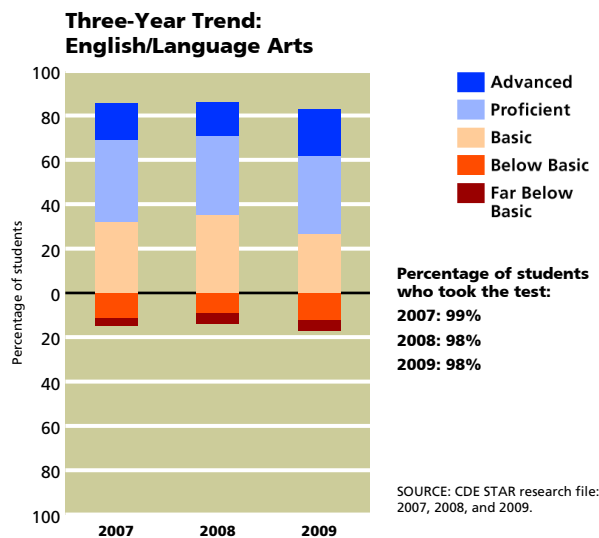
**FAR BELOW BASIC, BELOW BASIC, AND BASIC** **PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			51%	130	<b>GENDER:</b> About nine percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			60%	143	
English proficient			60%	253	<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	20	
Low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	18	<b>INCOME:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income			57%	255	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	<b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> 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			56%	273	
Hispanic/Latino			38%	61	<b>ETHNICITY:</b> 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.
White/Other			63%	176	

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 NS: Not statistically significant. While we have some data to report, we are suppressing it because the number of valid test scores is not large enough to be meaningful.

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

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



**Math**

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
<b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE</b>			66%	97%	<b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About seven percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
<b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY</b>			54%	90%	
<b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA</b>			59%	93%	

**Subgroup Test Scores**

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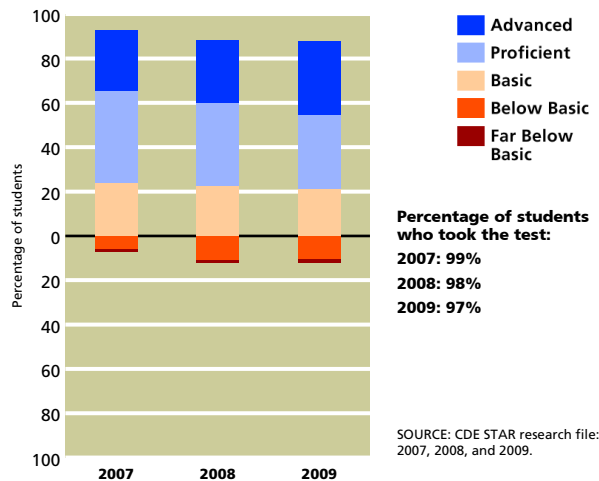
GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
<b>Boys</b>			70%	129	<b>GENDER:</b> About six percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
<b>Girls</b>			64%	143	
<b>English proficient</b>			69%	252	<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
<b>English Learners</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	20	
<b>Low income</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	18	<b>INCOME:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
<b>Not low income</b>			67%	254	
<b>Learning disabled</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	<b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> 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.
<b>Not learning disabled</b>			66%	272	
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>			56%	61	<b>ETHNICITY:</b> 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.
<b>White/Other</b>			71%	175	

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You can read the **math standards** on the CDE’s Web site.

**Three-Year Trend: Math**



**Science**

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

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
<b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE</b>			54%	96%	<b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About five percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
<b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY</b>			41%	93%	
<b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA</b>			49%	95%	

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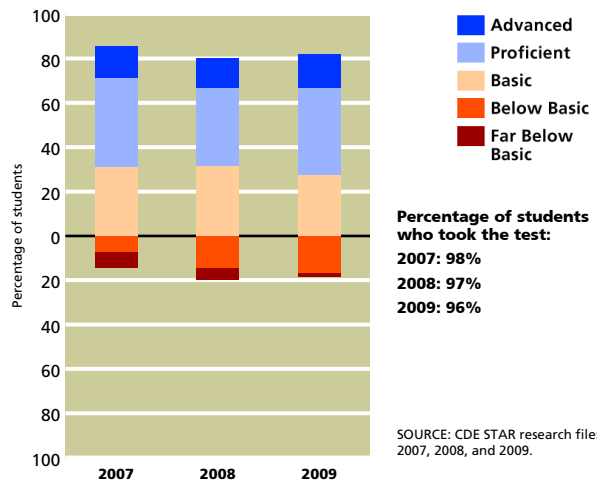
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<b>Boys</b>	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	29	<b>GENDER:</b> The number of boys who took this test is too small to be counted in this analysis.
<b>Girls</b>			48%	44	
<b>English proficient</b>			57%	69	<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
<b>English Learners</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	4	
<b>Low income</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	8	<b>INCOME:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
<b>Not low income</b>			59%	65	
<b>Learning disabled</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	<b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> 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.
<b>Not learning disabled</b>			54%	73	
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	21	<b>ETHNICITY:</b> 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.
<b>White/Other</b>			61%	42	

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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.

**Three-Year Trend: Science**



**STUDENTS**

**Students’ English Language Skills**

At Wheatland, 90 percent of students were considered to be proficient in English, compared with 68 percent of elementary school students in California overall.

LANGUAGE SKILLS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English-proficient students	90%	78%	68%
English Learners	10%	22%	32%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2008–2009. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**Languages Spoken at Home by English Learners**

Please note that this table describes the home languages of just the 43 students classified as English Learners. At Wheatland, 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	67%	73%	84%
Vietnamese	0%	0%	3%
Cantonese	0%	0%	1%
Hmong	14%	20%	1%
Filipino/Tagalog	0%	0%	2%
Korean	0%	0%	1%
Khmer/Cambodian	16%	1%	0%
All other	3%	6%	8%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2008–2009. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**Ethnicity**

Most students at Wheatland identify themselves as White/European American/Other. In fact, there are about 49 times as many White/European American/Other students as Hispanic/Latino students, the second-largest ethnic group at Wheatland. The state of California allows citizens to choose more than one ethnic identity, or to select “multiethnic” or “decline to state.” As a consequence, the sum of all responses rarely equals 100 percent.

ETHNICITY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
African American	0%	4%	7%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0%	8%	11%
Hispanic/Latino	2%	28%	50%
White/European American/Other	97%	60%	32%

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2008. 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 \$39,220 a year (based on a family of four) in the 2008–2009 school year. At Wheatland, 52 percent of the students qualified for this program, compared with 56 percent of students in California.

FAMILY FACTORS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Low-income indicator	52%	62%	56%
Parents with some college	62%	55%	55%
Parents with college degree	28%	19%	31%

SOURCE: The free and reduced-price lunch information is gathered by most districts in October. This data is from the 2008–2009 school year. Parents’ education level is collected in the spring at the start of testing. Rarely do all students answer these questions. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

The parents of 62 percent of the students at Wheatland have attended college and 28 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 59 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 Wheatland varies across grade levels from a low of 19 students to a high of 29. Our average class size schoolwide is 21 students. The average class size for elementary schools in the state is 22 students.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE BY GRADE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Kindergarten</b>	19	19	20
<b>First grade</b>	19	19	19
<b>Second grade</b>	20	19	19
<b>Third grade</b>	20	19	20
<b>Fourth grade</b>	25	28	28
<b>Fifth grade</b>	29	28	29

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2008. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**Discipline**

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.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Suspensions per 100 students</b>			
<b>2008–2009</b>	1	2	5
<b>2007–2008</b>	12	7	6
<b>2006–2007</b>	0	0	5
<b>Expulsions per 100 students</b>			
<b>2008–2009</b>	0	0	0
<b>2007–2008</b>	0	0	0
<b>2006–2007</b>	0	0	0

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

During the 2008–2009 school year, we had five 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.

**LEADERSHIP, TEACHERS, AND STAFF**

**Teacher Experience and Education**

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Teaching experience</b>	Average years of teaching experience	18	12	13
<b>Newer teachers</b>	Percentage of teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	0%	15%	9%
<b>Teachers holding an MA degree or higher</b>	Percentage of teachers with an MA or higher from a graduate school	4%	13%	36%
<b>Teachers holding a BA degree alone</b>	Percentage of teachers whose highest degree is a BA degree from a four-year college	96%	87%	64%

SOURCE: Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF), October 2008, completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

None of our teachers has fewer than three years of teaching experience, which is below the average for new teachers in other elementary schools in California. Our teachers have, on average, 18 years of experience. About 96 percent of our teachers hold only a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college or university. About four percent have completed a master’s degree or higher.

**Credentials Held by Our Teachers**

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Fully credentialed teachers</b>	Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level	100%	95%	98%
<b>Trainee credential holders</b>	Percentage of staff holding an internship credential	0%	4%	2%
<b>Emergency permit holders</b>	Percentage of staff holding an emergency permit	0%	2%	1%
<b>Teachers with waivers</b>	Lowest level of accreditation, used by districts when they have no other option	0%	1%	1%

SOURCE: PAIF, October 2008. This is completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent elementary schools only. A teacher may have earned more than one credential. For this reason, it is likely that the sum of all credentials will exceed 100 percent.

All of the faculty at Wheatland hold a full credential. This number is close to the average for all elementary schools in the state. None of the faculty at Wheatland holds a trainee credential, which is reserved for those teachers who are in the process of completing their teacher training. In comparison, two percent of elementary school teachers throughout the state hold trainee credentials. None of our faculty holds an emergency permit. Very few elementary school teachers hold this authorization statewide (just one percent). All of the faculty at Wheatland hold the elementary (multiple-subject) credential. This number is above the average for elementary schools in California, which is 90 percent. You can find three years of data about teachers’ credentials in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

### Indicators of Teachers Who May Be Underprepared

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Core courses taught by a teacher not meeting NCLB standards</b>	Percentage of core courses not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher according to federal standards in NCLB	0%	N/A	0%
<b>Teachers lacking a full credential</b>	Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential	0%	5%	2%

SOURCE: Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) of October 2008. Data on NCLB standards is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file.

**“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. None of our teachers was working without full credentials, compared with two percent of teachers in elementary schools statewide.

### 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.

The CDE has divided schools in the state into four groups (quartiles), based on the percentage of families who qualify and apply for free or reduced-price lunches. The one-fourth of schools with the most students receiving subsidized lunches are assigned to the first group. The one-fourth of schools with the fewest students receiving subsidized lunches are assigned to the fourth group. We compare the courses and teachers assigned to each of these groups of schools to see how they differ in “highly qualified” teacher assignments.

DISTRICT FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN DISTRICT
<b>Districtwide</b>	Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)	0%
<b>Schools with the most low-income students</b>	First quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	N/A
<b>Schools with the fewest low-income students</b>	Fourth quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	N/A

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

The average percentage of courses in our district not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher is zero percent, compared with one percent statewide.

### Specialized Resource Staff

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

STAFF POSITION	STAFF (FTE)
Counselors	0.0
Librarians	0.0
Psychologists	0.0
Social workers	0.0
Nurses	0.0
Speech/language/hearing specialists	0.0
Resource specialists	0.0

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2008.

**TECHNICAL NOTE ON DATA RECENCY:** All data is the most current available as of December 2009. The CDE may release additional or revised data for the 2008–2009 school year after the publication date of this report. We rely on the following sources of information from the California Department of Education: California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) (October 2008 census); Language Census (March 2009); California Achievement Test and California Standards Tests (spring 2009 test cycle); Academic Performance Index (September 2009 growth score release); Adequate Yearly Progress (September 2009).

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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, 2009–2010. Please note that these facts are based on evaluations our staff conducted in accordance with the Williams legislation.

This section also contains information about 2008–2009 staff development days, and, for high schools, percentages of seniors who met our district's graduation requirements.





## » Data Almanac

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



**STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

**Student Enrollment by Ethnicity and Other Characteristics**

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

GROUP	ENROLLMENT
Number of students	427
African American	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2%
Asian	0%
Filipino	0%
Hispanic or Latino	2%
Pacific Islander	0%
White (not Hispanic)	68%
Multiple or no response	28%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	3%
English Learners	8%
Students with disabilities	2%

SOURCE: All but the last three lines are from the annual census, CBEDS, October 2008. 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	77
Grade 1	75
Grade 2	69
Grade 3	70
Grade 4	63
Grade 5	73
Grade 6	0
Grade 7	0
Grade 8	0
Grade 9	0
Grade 10	0
Grade 11	0
Grade 12	0

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2008.

**Average Class Size by Grade Level**

GRADE LEVEL	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009
Kindergarten	18	19	19
Grade 1	18	19	19
Grade 2	20	19	20
Grade 3	17	18	20
Grade 4	27	31	25
Grade 5	30	32	29
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	20	20
Combined 3–4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 4–8	N/A	25	25
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2008.

**Average Class Size by Grade Level, Detail**

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

GRADE LEVEL	2006–2007			2007–2008			2008–2009		
	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+
Kindergarten	5	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0
Grade 1	5	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0
Grade 2	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	1	0
Grade 3	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
Grade 4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Grade 5	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Grade 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combined K–3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Combined 3–4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combined 4–8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2008.

### 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
	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009	2008–2009
<b>With Full Credential</b>	23	23	24	74
<b>Without Full Credential</b>	1	0	0	0

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2008, Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) section.

### 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 below 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
<b>Grade 5</b>	21%	22%	33%
<b>Grade 7</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Grade 9</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: Physical fitness test data is produced annually as schools test their students on the six Fitnessgram Standards. Data is reported by Educational Data Systems.

**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		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
English/ language arts	53%	51%	55%	53%	54%	58%	43%	46%	50%
Mathematics	69%	65%	66%	56%	56%	59%	40%	43%	46%
Science	55%	49%	53%	55%	57%	57%	38%	46%	50%

SOURCE: California Standards Tests (CST) results, spring 2009 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

**STAR Test Results by 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	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SCORING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	ENGLISH/ LANGUAGE ARTS 2008–2009	MATHEMATICS 2008–2009	SCIENCE 2008–2009
African American	45%	45%	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	31%	54%	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	40%	60%	36%
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	62%	70%	60%
Boys	50%	68%	62%
Girls	59%	63%	47%
Economically disadvantaged	33%	61%	N/A
English Learners	5%	36%	N/A
Students with disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students receiving migrant education services	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: California Standards Tests (CST) results, spring 2009 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

### NAEP: California’s 4th and 8th Graders Compared to Students Nationally

Federal education officials want parents to understand how their state’s students compare to students nationally. For this purpose, they created the test called the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). It is sometimes called the Nation’s Report Card. Students in grades four, eight, and twelve take this test in nine subject areas. The NAEP test results are not valid for schools or districts. For that reason, you only see results below for students statewide.

#### Reading and Math Results

This table shows the average NAEP score (scores range from zero to 500) for the state and the nation, and the percentage of California students grouped into each of three achievement levels (Basic, Proficient, and Advanced). We compare our state’s fourth and eighth graders with their peers in the U.S. in reading and math.

SUBJECT AND GRADE LEVEL	AVERAGE SCALE SCORE		PERCENTAGE OF CA STUDENTS AT EACH 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 2007, Grade 4	232	239	41%	25%	5%
Mathematics 2007, Grade 8	270	282	36%	18%	5%

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

#### Participation Rates for Students with Disabilities and English Learners

This table shows the percentage of the nation’s and California’s students with disabilities and English Learners who took the test called the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

SUBJECT AND GRADE LEVEL	STATE PARTICIPATION RATE		NATIONAL PARTICIPATION RATE	
	STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	ENGLISH LEARNERS	STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	ENGLISH LEARNERS
Reading 2007, Grade 4	74%	93%	65%	80%
Reading 2007, Grade 8	78%	92%	66%	77%
Mathematics 2007, Grade 4	79%	96%	84%	94%
Mathematics 2007, Grade 8	85%	96%	78%	92%

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

For further information, you can read what the California Department of Education says about the [differences between the California Standards Tests and the National Assessment of Educational Progress](#). The NAEP Web site includes background information for parents about the [Nation’s Report Card](#). Educators can learn more by going to the [NAEP Web site](#).



**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	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009
Statewide rank	7	8	7
Similar-schools rank	6	7	6

SOURCE: The API Base Report from August 2009.

**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
	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009	2008–2009
All students at the school	+16	-8	N/A	N/A
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	+8	-2	N/A	N/A
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (non Hispanic)	+30	-4	N/A	N/A
Economically disadvantaged	+21	-8	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in October 2009.

**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 590 or growth of at least one point

**AYP for the District**

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

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

SOURCE: The AYP Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in September 2009.

**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	1 of 3
The year the district entered PI	2009
Number of schools currently in PI	0
Percentage of schools currently in PI	0%

SOURCE: The Program Improvement Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in September 2009.

**DISTRICT EXPENDITURES**

According to the CDE’s SARC Data Definitions, “State certification/release dates for fiscal data occur in middle to late spring, precluding the inclusion of 2008–09 data in most cases. Therefore, 2007–08 data are used for report cards prepared during 2009–10.”

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
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2007–2008</b>			
Total expenses	\$14,274,363	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$11,577	\$8,267	\$8,594
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2006–2007</b>			
Total expenses	\$13,843,423	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$10,511	\$7,789	\$8,117

SOURCE: Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education.

**District Salaries, 2007–2008**

This table reports the salaries of teachers and administrators in our district for the 2007–2008 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	\$37,565	\$41,031
Midrange teacher’s salary	\$72,422	\$63,366
Highest-paid teacher’s salary	\$80,284	\$80,596
Average principal’s salary (elementary school)	\$114,956	\$100,937
Superintendent’s salary	\$141,402	\$147,438
Percentage of budget for teachers’ salaries	37%	41%
Percentage of budget for administrators’ salaries	8%	6%

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