

Polaris Alternative High School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2011-12 School Year

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Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

EdData Partnership Web Site

EdData is a partnership of the CDE, EdSource, and the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team (FCMAT) that provides extensive financial, demographic, and performance information about California's public kindergarten through grade twelve school districts and schools.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest webpage at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> 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., state Academic Performance Index [API], federal Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]), test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

Internet Access

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II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2012-13)

School Contact Information	
School Name	Polaris Alternative High School
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District Contact Information	
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

Polaris High School is a voluntary alternative educational placement for students who would benefit from a flexible academic schedule. Independent Study requires a minimum of one hour per week of onsite interaction with a case carrier/supervising teacher to review curriculum assignments, instructional activities, and to assess academic progress. Students with grade-level academic study skills and possess the ability to work independently are considered for this program. Using a standards-based curriculum founded upon research-based strategies, Polaris High School will offer students a unique opportunity to earn their high school diploma in an emerging technologically sophisticated society by enhancing their skills of self-discipline and motivation, integrity, and independent thinking. The mission of Polaris High School is to provide an alternative to traditional or continuation education that offers opportunities for students to achieve academic, career, and personal success by providing a variety of individualized instructional programs.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information on how parents can become involved in school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parent involvement.

Parental involvement is essential in the independent studies model, as students are likely to have limited exposure at the school site. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their students' academic and social/emotional development. In addition, parents have the opportunity, and are expected, to participate in any at-risk counseling for their child beginning with the first required Parent/Student Orientation meeting. Parents are required to meet with their student's case carrier once each semester to review their student's individual learning plan, and sign a master agreement. Parenting classes are available throughout the year through the district Parent Involvement Office. Parents receive home calls periodically to inform them of activities or incidents on campus. Weekly student progress is also communicated through teacher notations in each student's daily planner. All parents have access to school counselors and administrators as needed. There is bilingual support on campus for parents with language needs. Additionally, all parents are invited to attend School Site Council meetings for alternative education to provide input on school policies and procedures under discussion.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2011-12)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	1
Grade 8	3
Grade 9	2
Grade 10	22
Grade 11	51
Grade 12	91
Total Enrollment	170

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2011-12)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.5	White	39.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.2	Two or More Races	2.9
Asian	4.7	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	38.2
Filipino	3.5	English Learners	24.1
Hispanic or Latino	44.1	Students with Disabilities	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.6		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2009-10				2010-11				2011-12			
	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	8.3	24	0	0	320.7	1	0	2				
Mathematics	6.3	28	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Science	9.4	11	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Social Science	7.1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0				

* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan, including the dates on which the safety plan was last reviewed, updated, and discussed with faculty; as well as a brief description of the key elements of the plan.

School Safety Plans are reviewed on an annual basis. A School Safety Plan Committee meets three times each year to update the plan. The completed plan was presented to the School Site Council in March of 2012. The Plan was reviewed with staff on August 2012, prior to the beginning of the school year. The plan is further reviewed once each quarter in connection with regularly scheduled emergency-drill events including post-drill debriefing.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate*	School			District		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Suspensions	0.54	1.81	2.35	12.3	10.01	4.55
Expulsions	0	0	0.00	0.97	0.70	0.52

* The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment (and multiplying by 100).

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2012-13)

This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

- Description of the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of the school facility
- Description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair

Year and month in which data were collected: November 2012

Polaris High School is located on the Trident Educational Center at 1800 W. Ball Road, and shares the campus with Gilbert High School and Community Day School.

Maintenance and Repair: Site and District maintenance staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Cleaning Process and Schedule: The District's Board of Trustees has adopted cleaning standards for all schools. The administration works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school. All classrooms and restrooms are cleaned daily. Deep cleaning, including waxing of floors and painting, takes place during times when students are not in classes. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to report any objectionable conditions via a uniform complaint procedure.

The most recent site inspection was completed on November 28, 2012.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2012-13)

This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The Overall Rating (bottom row)

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[]	[]	[X]	[]	Carpet in Room 48 needs repair.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[]	[]	[X]	[]	Windows in Room 46 need repair.
Overall Rating	[]	[X]	[]	[]	

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12
With Full Credential	8	10	10	1,281
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	1	0	0	---

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2011-12)

The Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), requires that core academic subjects be taught by Highly Qualified Teachers, defined as having at least a bachelor's degree, an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated core academic subject area competence. For more information, see the CDE *Improving Teacher and Principal Quality* webpage at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100	0
All Schools in District	100	0
High-Poverty Schools in District	100	0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	N/A	N/A

* High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2011-12)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1	170
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	---
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	---
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5	---
Psychologist	0	---
Social Worker	0	---
Nurse	0	---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0	---
Resource Specialist	0	---
Other	0	---

* One Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full-time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full-time.

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2012-13)

This section describes whether the textbooks and instructional materials used at the school are from the most recent adoption; whether there are sufficient textbooks and instruction materials for each student; and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2009

All content subject areas utilize standards-aligned, State and District adopted textbooks and instructional materials. Teachers have input into the textbook selection process at the district-level through an established curriculum cycle. Teachers are given indepth training on the instructional materials and the ancillary materials that accompany the basic textbook material. Ancillary materials support both the language needs and the learning needs of students. As provided for through the Williams Act, all students have access to all District adopted textbooks, supplemental materials and any other related instructional materials.

This information was collected in September, 2012.

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	English language arts textbooks were adopted in 2002/03. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Mathematics	Mathematics textbooks were adopted in 2007-08. Course appropriate, standards-based textbooks were chosen for each mathematics course. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Science	Science textbooks were adopted in 2006-07. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
History-Social Science	History/Social science textbooks were adopted in 2005-06. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Foreign Language	Foreign Language is currently not offered through independent studies. Polaris students attend other AUHSD campuses or community college to fulfill the foreign language requirements for college entrance.		0
Health	Health textbooks were adopted in 2004-05. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	Polaris students attend other AUHSD campuses or community college to fulfill the lab requirements for college entrance. Currently, there are limited science lab facilities available on the site. There are plans to provide a science lab classroom for the 2009-10 school year.		0

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	\$7,364	\$580	\$7,053	\$94,705
District	---	---	\$5,475	\$81,535
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	28.64%	16.15%
State	---	---	\$5,425	\$67,932
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	30.02%	30.02%

* **Supplemental/Restricted** expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted.

** **Basic/Unrestricted expenditures** are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/>. For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>. To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data Web site at: <http://www.ed-data.org>.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2011-12)

This section provides specific information about the types of programs and services available at the school that support and assist students. For example, this narrative may include information about supplemental educational services related to the school's federal Program Improvement (PI) status.

Polaris High School receives limited federal and State categorical funding. The English Learner students are supplemented with Title III, and EIA-LEP funding. Each of these funding sources supports English Learners in the acquisition of English. Title II funding supports the professional development needs of the Polaris staff, including acquiring instructional strategies that benefit the independent studies student.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$46,634	\$42,660
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$84,860	\$69,198
Highest Teacher Salary	\$97,693	\$88,943
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)		
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$122,243	\$121,140
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$135,376	\$127,707
Superintendent Salary	\$236,654	\$202,123
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	39%	36%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4%	5%

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

IX. Student Performance

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including:

- **California Standards Tests (CSTs)**, which 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 nine through eleven.
- **California Modified Assessment (CMA)**, an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for grades three through eleven; mathematics for grades three through seven, Algebra I, and Geometry; and science in grades five and eight, and Life Science in grade ten. 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.
- **California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA)**, includes ELA and mathematics in grades two through eleven, and 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 assessments under the STAR Program show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels.

For detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, see the CDE STAR Results Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.

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

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced								
	School			District			State		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
English-Language Arts	41	37	30	48	49	54	52	54	56
Mathematics	12	10	9	31	35	37	48	50	51
Science	29	21	24	53	58	64	54	57	60
History-Social Science	34	34	25	46	49	51	44	48	49

* 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.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA	54	37	64	51
All Student at the School	30	9	24	25
Male	27	7	20	36
Female	32	11	26	17
Black or African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	22	7	14	15
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				
White	36	13	21	28
Two or More Races	36			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	21	6	14	17
English Learners	6			
Students with Disabilities				
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

* 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.

California High School Exit Examination

The California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) is primarily used as a graduation requirement. However, the grade ten results of this exam are also used to establish the percentages of students at three proficiency levels (not proficient, proficient, or advanced) in ELA and mathematics to compute AYP designations required by the federal ESEA, also known as NCLB.

For detailed information regarding CAHSEE results, see the CDE CAHSEE Web site at <http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov/>.

California High School Exit Examination Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	School			District			State		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
English-Language Arts	56	34	35	49	58	53	54	59	56
Mathematics	30	30	28	52	55	58	54	56	58

* 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.

California High School Exit Examination Grade Ten Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

Group	English-Language Arts			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students in the LEA	47	24	29	42	34	23
All Students at the School	65	19	16	72	19	8
Male	77	15	8	75	25	0
Female	58	21	21	71	17	13
Black or African American						
American Indian or Alaska Native						
Asian						
Filipino						
Hispanic or Latino	68	21	11	78	22	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander						
White	67	20	13	79	14	7
Two or More Races						
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	76	18	6	88	6	6
English Learners						
Students with Disabilities						
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services						

* 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.

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of state academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. For detailed information about the API, see the CDE API webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

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 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 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 1 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 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2009	2010	2011
Statewide	2	3	1
Similar Schools			

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

Group	Actual API Change		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
All Students at the School	79	-73	25
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White			
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

* "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group - 2012 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2012 Growth API at the school, district, and state level.

Group	2012 Growth API					
	School		District		State	
	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API
All Students at the School	60	643	25,547	779	4,664,264	788
Black or African American	2		771	762	313,201	710
American Indian or Alaska Native	2		88	788	31,606	742
Asian	2		3,228	927	404,670	905
Filipino	3		1,103	889	124,824	869
Hispanic or Latino	23	607	16,793	733	2,425,230	740
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0		223	795	26,563	775
White	28	655	3,296	834	1,221,860	853
Two or More Races	0		4		88,428	849
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	28	594	18,105	742	2,779,680	737
English Learners	13	489	11,909	698	1,530,297	716
Students with Disabilities	1		2,573	555	530,935	607

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal ESEA 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 at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2011-12)

AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall	Yes	No
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	Yes	No
Met API Criteria	Yes	Yes
Met Graduation Rate (if applicable)	Yes	No

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2012-13)

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. For detailed information about PI identification, see the CDE PI Status Determinations webpage: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/tidetermine.asp>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2008-2009
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	12
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	57.1

XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

Admission Requirements for California's Public Universities

University of California

Admission requirements for the University of California (UC) follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state's high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college course work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work.

For general admissions requirements, please visit the UC Admissions Information webpage at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/>. (Outside source)

California State University

Eligibility for admission to the California State University (CSU) is determined by three factors:

- Specific high school courses
- Grades in specified courses and test scores
- Graduation from high school

Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses have local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For admission, application, and fee information see the CSU webpage at <http://www.calstate.edu/admission/admission.shtml>. (Outside source)

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Dropout Rate (1-year)	25.7	39.5	29.5	5.3	10.2	12.3	5.7	16.6	14.4
Graduation Rate	51.22	57.69	48.72	84.57	88.68	82.52	78.59	80.53	76.26

* The National Center for Education Statistics graduation rate as reported in AYP is provided in this table.

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

This table displays, by student group, the percent of students who began the 2011-12 school year in grade twelve and were a part of the school's most recent graduating class, meeting all state and local graduation requirements for grade twelve completion, including having passed both the ELA and mathematics portions of the CAHSEE or received a local waiver or state exemption.

Group	Graduating Class of 2012		
	School	District	State
All Students	46.2%	87.8%	---
Black or African American	75%	85.2%	---
American Indian or Alaska Native	100%	100%	---
Asian	50%	97.2%	---
Filipino	0%	96.8%	---
Hispanic or Latino	39.1%	83.8%	---
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%	90.2%	---
White	63.6%	92.6%	---
Two or More Races	na	na	---
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	30.9%	82.7%	---
English Learners	22.7%	65.9%	---
Students with Disabilities	0%	77.2%	---

* "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report.

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information about Career Technical Education (CTE) programs including:

- Programs and classes offered that are specifically focused on career preparation and or preparation for work
- How these programs and classes are integrated with academic courses and how they support academic achievement
- How the school addresses the needs of all students in career preparation and/or preparation for work, including needs unique to defined special populations of students
- The measurable outcomes of these programs and classes, and how they are evaluated
- State the primary representative of the district's CTE advisory committee and the industries represented on the committee

Polaris Alternative High School is in the process of identifying current industry pathways that best suit the needs and interests of its diverse student body.

Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2011-12)

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	na
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	na
% of CTE courses sequenced/articulated between the school/institutions of postsecondary education	na

Courses for University of California and/or California State University Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2011-12 Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	
2010-11 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	17.5

Advanced Placement Courses (School Year 2011-12)

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science	0	---
English	0	---
Fine and Performing Arts	0	---
Foreign Language	0	---
Mathematics	0	---
Science	0	---
Social Science	0	---
All courses	0	0

* Where there are student course enrollments.

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the number of days provided for professional development and continuous professional growth in the most recent three year period. Questions that may be answered include:

- What are the primary/major areas of focus for staff development and specifically how were they selected? For example, were student achievement data used to determine the need for professional development in reading instruction?
- What are the methods by which professional development is delivered (e.g., after school workshops, conference attendance, individual mentoring, etc.)?
- How are teachers supported during implementation (e.g., through in-class coaching, teacher-principal meetings, student performance, and data reporting, etc.)?

Teachers participate in a variety of District in-services as well as professional development workshops and conferences to enhance their content knowledge and instructional skills. Alternative Education provides site specific staff development through a Lesson Design Specialist who provides monthly trainings in data collection, instructional strategies, and curriculum development and alignment. New teachers are also required to participate in the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program. The District and school continue to train teachers in strategies to deliver a differentiated curriculum with depth and complexity. Teachers learn to utilize students' assessment results in order to target instruction to better meet the individual needs of students. Classified staff members have many opportunities to participate in training designed to enhance their effectiveness with students. All District staff members are supported in their efforts to deliver highly-effective lessons. In addition, Polaris High School teachers are continually updating and revising course learning plans to better meet the needs of students. Site categorical funds are utilized to provide release time for teacher trainings.