

School Accountability Report Card 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 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

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page 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. 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 school's contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Polaris Alternative High School	District Name	Anaheim Union High School District
Street	1800 W. Ball Rd.	Phone Number	714-999-3502
City, State, Zip	Anaheim, CA 92804	Web Site	Auhsd.k12.ca.us
Phone Number	714-999-3738	Superintendent	Joseph M. Farley, Ed.D.
Principal	Rick Martens, Ed.D.	E-mail Address	Farley_j@auhsd.us
E-mail Address	Martens_R@auhsd.us	CDS Code	30664313030384

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2008-09)

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 and Home Studies require a minimum of one hour a week on site interaction with a case carrier/supervising teacher to review curriculum assignments, instructional activities, and to assess academic progress. Home Studies require participation by a parent or a responsible adult. Students with grade level academic study skills and possess the ability to work independently are considered for these programs. 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 2008-09)

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities.

Parental involvement is essential in the independent studies model, as students are likely to have limited exposure at the school site. Indeed, in the home studies program parent involvement is mandatory. 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. 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. 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 2008-09)

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	3
Grade 8	2
Grade 9	11
Grade 10	20
Grade 11	47
Grade 12	97
Total Enrollment	180

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	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	3.89	White (not Hispanic)	41.67
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.56	Multiple or No Response	8.33
Asian	2.78	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	24.00
Filipino	1.11	English Learners	5.00
Hispanic or Latino	41.67	Students with Disabilities	0.00
Pacific Islander	0.00		

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2008-09)

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

School Safety Plans are reviewed on an annual basis. Input is gathered from the School Site Council, community resource groups and staff in order to determine any needed changes. The Polaris High School Safety Plan is part of the Trident Education Center plan and was last updated in November, 2009. It was discussed with school staff during November, 2009.

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	20.8	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.6	16.7
Expulsions	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.1

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 based on the most recent data available, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

Polaris High School is located on the Trident Educational Center at 1800 W. Ball Road.

Maintenance and Repair: Site and district maintenance staff ensures 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 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 and deep cleaning, waxing of floors, and painting takes place during times when students are not in class. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to report any objectionable conditions via a uniform complaint procedure.

The most recent site inspection was completed in November, 2009.

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	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[]	[]	[X]	[]	Room 48 has no light diffusers.
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]	[]	[]	
Overall Rating	[X]	[]	[]	[]	

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 at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09
With Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	12	0	0	---

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	1
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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

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

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		
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		---
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		---
Psychologist		---
Social Worker		---
Nurse		---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist		---
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		---
Other		---

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.

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, 2009.

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	English language arts textbooks were adopted in 2002/03. There is one textbook available per student.	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.	0
Science	Science textbooks were adopted in 2006-07. There is one textbook available per student.	0
History-Social Science	History/Social science textbooks were adopted in 2005-06. There is one textbook available per student.	0
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.	0
Visual and Performing Arts		
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 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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$14,285	\$4,228	\$10,057	\$83,156
District	---	---	\$5,575	\$78,758
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	80.4	5.6
State	---	---	\$5,512	\$68,332
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	103.5	21.7

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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

Polaris High School receives limited federal and State categorical funding. The English Learner students are supplemented with Title III, EIA/LEP, and ELAP funding. Each of these funding sources supports the English acquisition of the English Learner. 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 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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$47,665	\$42,810
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$86,735	\$69,375
Highest Teacher Salary	\$99,631	\$89,104
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	N/A	N/A
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$129,393	\$120,314
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$146,174	\$126,901
Superintendent Salary	\$237,300	\$198,563
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	40	37.3
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.2	5.2

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 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 CMA includes ELA for grades three through eight and science in grades five and eight 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 at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2008 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/starpkt5intrpts.pdf>. *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	22	32	37	41	43	44	43	46	50
Mathematics	12	10	11	32	30	28	40	43	46
Science	13	29	20	42	49	51	38	46	50
History-Social Science	6	20	27	36	38	43	33	36	41

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

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	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*			*
Asian	*	*	*	*
Filipino	*	*		*
Hispanic or Latino	34	7	6	28
Pacific Islander	*	*		*
White (not Hispanic)	39	15	35	29
Male	33	16	25	40
Female	40	7	18	17
Economically Disadvantaged	32	10	15	24
English Learners	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities				
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

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 in order to compute Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designations as required by the federal NCLB Act of 2001. Detailed information regarding CAHSEE results can be found at the CDE California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Web site at <http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov/>. *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.*

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

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level in ELA and mathematics.

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		45.5	*		52.7	49.4		52.9	52.0
Mathematics		*	*		53.9	53.1		51.3	53.3

California High School Exit Examination Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at each performance level in ELA and mathematics for the most recent testing period.

Group	English-Language Arts			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	*	*	*	*	*	*
African American	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*
Filipino	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Male	*	*	*	*	*	*
Female	*	*	*	*	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged	*	*	*	*	*	*
English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	*	*	*

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 at the CDE Academic Performance Index (API) Web page 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	2006	2007	2008
Statewide	1	1	3*
Similar Schools	1	2	N/A

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	108	111	-46	617 *
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	82			
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	86			
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				

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 at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

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	No	No
Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Percent Proficient: Mathematics	Yes	No
API	No	Yes
Graduation Rate	No	Yes

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 at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2008-2009
Year in Program Improvement		Year 2
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	8
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	36.4

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 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 General Admissions Information Web page at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/general.html>.

California State University

Admission requirements for the California State University (CSU) use three factors to determine eligibility. They are specific high school courses; grades in specified courses and test scores; and 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 utilize 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 general admissions requirements please visit the California State University Web page at <http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/admreq.shtml>.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

This table displays the school's one-year dropout rates and graduation rates for the most recent three-year period for which data are available. For comparison purposes, data are also provided at the district and state levels. Detailed information about dropout rates and graduation rates can be found on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Dropout Rate (1-year)	1.1	11.7	13.4	0.2	1.7	2.1	3.5	4.4	3.9
Graduation Rate	96.7	77.8	81.0	98.9	94.2	90.3	83.4	80.6	80.2

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

Students in California public schools must pass both the ELA and mathematics portions of the CAHSEE to receive a high school diploma. For students who began the 2008-09 school year in grade twelve this table displays by student group the percent who met all state and local graduation requirements for grade twelve completion.

Group	Graduating Class of 2009		
	School	District	State
All Students	45.5%	78.6%	---
African American	57.1%	78.2%	---
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	60%	---
Asian	0%	92.1%	---
Filipino	50%	95.4%	---
Hispanic or Latino	45.5%	72.3%	---
Pacific Islander	0%	85.2%	---
White (not Hispanic)	47.6%	83.2%	---
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	12.5%	84.7%	---
English Learners	37.5%	55.2%	---
Students with Disabilities		43.1%	---

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2008-09)

This section provides information about the Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and lists programs offered at the school.

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 2008-09)

This table displays information about participation in the school's CTE programs.

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	38 students
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	5%
% of CTE courses sequenced/articulated between the school/institutions of postsecondary education	25%

Courses for University of California and/or California State University Admission (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays, for the most recent year, two measures related to the school's courses that are required for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) admission. Detailed information about student enrollment in, and completion of, courses required for UC/CSU admission can be found on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	

Advanced Placement Courses (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays, for the most recent year, the number of Advanced Placement (AP) courses that the school offered by subject and the percent of the school's students enrolled in all AP courses. Detailed information about student enrollment in AP courses can be found on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

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

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.

Teachers participate in a variety of district in-services as well as professional development workshops and conferences to enhance their knowledge and instructional skills. The Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program, district workshops, and professional conferences are opportunities for professional development. The district continues to train teachers in strategies to deliver a differentiated curriculum with depth and complexity. Teachers learn to utilize student assessment results in order to target instruction to better meet the individual needs of students. 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.

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 be considered highly qualified under NCLB.

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 – All Students

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 – All Students

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