

# 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	
<b>School Name</b>	Tumbleweed Elementary School	<b>District Name</b>	Palmdale Elementary
<b>Street</b>	1100 East Ave. R-4	<b>Phone Number</b>	(661) 947-7191
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	Palmdale, CA 93550	<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.psd.k12.ca.us/">http://www.psd.k12.ca.us/</a>
<b>Phone Number</b>	(661) 273-4166	<b>Superintendent</b>	Roger Gallizzi
<b>Principal</b>	Debra Hollis	<b>E-mail Address</b>	<a href="mailto:rmaldonado@palmdalesd.org">rmaldonado@palmdalesd.org</a>
<b>E-mail Address</b>	<a href="mailto:dlhollis@palmdalesd.org">dlhollis@palmdalesd.org</a>	<b>CDS Code</b>	19648576021190

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

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

Tumbleweed Elementary School is committed to providing all students with a balanced educational program that gives each child the opportunity to fully achieve his or her academic, behavioral, and emotional potential in an ever-changing, multicultural interdependent world. The staff at Tumbleweed School has adopted 10 core beliefs in order to ensure success for all students. They are:

- Students have the right to learn in a safe and attractive setting that encourages educational and personal growth.
- The school climate should be pleasant and nurturing in order to provide a productive environment for learning and working.
- Effective teaching involves the whole child emotional, academic, and physical elements.
- Each individual is valuable and must have the opportunity to learn in a way that allows for differences, fosters self-esteem, promotes empathy, and instills a respect for diversity.
- Students are lifelong learners and are able to participate in our democratic process.
- Providing students with a rigorous and balanced curriculum that encourages them to work at their highest level will prepare them for a successful future.

- Effective communication between parents, teachers, community members and the school is essential in building an effective program.
- Children learn by example and must be provided with positive role models.
- A well structured environment with consistent expectations and consequences for behavior will impart to students the skills and knowledge to reinforce and reflect the community's core values.
- All staff, administrators, support staff, parents, and students are equal partners in the educational process.

These 10 core beliefs are aligned with the mission of the Palmdale School District which is:

With dignity and respect for all, the Palmdale School District will empower every child with essential skills and knowledge, inspire lifelong learning and develop responsible citizens who are fair, trustworthy, responsible, and respectful. We shall:

- Establish a respectful and responsive district for everyone in our school community
- Provide fair and equitable levels of service through consistent and standardized policies and procedures
- Promote rigorous, standards-based instruction and high expectations for learning
- Hold everyone (parents, students, staff) accountable for their roles in fulfilling the educational mission of the district
- Acknowledge our diverse community and respond appropriately and proactively
- Create and sustain environments that are physically and emotionally safe
- Develop meaningful partnerships with parents, businesses, and agencies

At Tumbleweed Elementary School, highly trained and dedicated staff will offer rigorous curriculum that is research-based and proven to be highly effective. Teaching strategies will capitalize on varied learning styles of students to develop the academic, social, emotional and physical dimensions of every child. Teachers, students, and parents will form a community of learners working together to achieve world-class standards.

Students will acquire the cognitive skills that will enable them to participate successfully in the educational mainstream through extensive emphasis on language development, literacy and critical thinking skills. Students will develop interpersonal skills that will enable them to interact productively with children and adults of varied economic and/or cultural backgrounds through instructional programs that promote multicultural appreciation and cooperative learning. Students will also develop a high self-esteem and personal standards through the character education program.

Teaching and learning will be supported by optimum conditions in school facilities, climate and safety. Facilities are modern and technology will be advanced, incorporating equipment and other teaching tools that prepare students to enter higher education and /or the workplace with levels of competence for immediate success. Classrooms and campus will be clean, attractive and well maintained to provide an environment where students can achieve at the highest levels, and staff can deliver services at their maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

Parents are necessary partners and will be essential in making decisions and providing a high level of support for their student's learning. Students, staff and parents will contribute services and work collaboratively to foster a sense of shared purpose in order to ensure that every child succeeds.

### **Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2008-09)**

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

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Tumbleweed School has an active Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). This association is headed by a President and board Members including parents, staff members and a school administrator which meet monthly. The PTA provides the community the opportunity to support and participate in the operation of Tumbleweed School. Approximately 10% of our school community has joined this association. Parents are actively involved in the decision-making process as a part of the School Site Council (SSC) and the English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC). Our school community is involved by volunteering in the classroom, accompanying students on field trips and assisting teachers. In addition, the ConnectEd phone program is used to keep parents informed of upcoming school and community events. This communication is made in English and Spanish. Tumbleweed School also hosts family nights on high interest topics. Additionally, Tumbleweed parents are kept informed of district parent workshops.

### 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
Kindergarten	133
Grade 1	153
Grade 2	146
Grade 3	175
Grade 4	125
Grade 5	151
Grade 6	121
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>1004</b>

### 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	12.95	White (not Hispanic)	5.48
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.70	Multiple or No Response	5.18
Asian	0.20	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	99.00
Filipino	1.00	English Learners	42.00
Hispanic or Latino	74.50	Students with Disabilities	12.00
Pacific Islander	0.00		

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

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

Grade Level	2006-07				2007-08				2008-09			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	28.5		6		32.2		4	2	26.7		6	
1	30.7		6		27.8		5		30.4		5	
2	29.2		5		28.5		6		29.0		5	
3	30.6		5		25.6		5		29.2		6	
4	29.2		6		30.6		5		31.0		4	
5	28.0		6		27.3		6		27.4		5	
6	28.8		5		35.0			3	27.5		4	
K-3												
3-4												
4-8												
Other												

### III. School Climate

#### School Safety Plan (School Year 2008-09)

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

Tumbleweed School has developed a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan with scheduled disaster / fire drills monthly. The plan was last reviewed and updated in September. All staff members are required to become familiar with the plan and their particular duties in case of emergency. All classrooms are stocked with a disaster bag filled with first aid and emergency supplies. Monthly safety meetings are held to discuss district safety information and to review the site plan and information. This committee is chaired by the school site safety representative and members include an administrator, teachers, the custodian and the school health aide. Each month a safety report is given to the School Site Council for review. Safety issues are included each month at a staff meeting including discussion and handout information.

#### 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
<b>Suspensions</b>	7.2	4.2	7.3	14.1	11.6	18.9
<b>Expulsions</b>	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3

### 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.

Tumbleweed School strives to provide a safe, secure, comfortable, and clean environment for learning. All entrances to the school remain locked during school hours and visitors must check in with the office prior to entering the campus. Our enhanced voice mail phone system allows all staff to contact to all other rooms on campus as well as immediate access to outside phone lines. Supervisory staff is clearly identified. Students are supervised before and after school and crossing guards are stationed at marked crosswalks. Our custodial staff performs basic cleaning operations throughout the school on a regular basis. We take pride in keeping our school grounds and buildings clean on a regular basis. It is our policy to maintain our classrooms and restrooms in a clean and orderly manner on a daily basis with the support of the day and evening custodial staff. Our staff monitors the campus and restrooms on a regular basis. The district policy is to make necessary repairs as quickly as possible to keep the facilities in a safe and working condition. A work order process is in place to assist in providing these services.

#### 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	
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Overall Rating</b>	[ ]	[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
<b>With Full Credential</b>	44	40	41	877
<b>Without Full Credential</b>	2	2	0	41
<b>Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence</b>	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
<b>Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners</b>	0	0	
<b>Total Teacher Misassignments</b>	0	0	
<b>Vacant Teacher Positions</b>	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
<b>This School</b>	100	0
<b>All Schools in District</b>	98.9	1.1
<b>High-Poverty Schools in District</b>	100	0
<b>Low-Poverty Schools in District</b>		

## 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	1.0	---
Social Worker		---
Nurse		---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0	---
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.

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All students are provided with appropriate textbooks in each curriculum area.

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	Houghton Mifflin Reading California Edition (2003)	
Mathematics	Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley envision Math, California	
Science	Harcourt School Publishers Science 2008	
History-Social Science	MacMillan McGraw-Hill Social Studies – California Vistas	
Foreign Language	K-5 Hampton Brown Avenues 6th-8th -Hampton Brown High Point	

## 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	\$4,708	---	---	\$62,565
District	---	---	---	\$62,672
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	---	0%
State	---	---	\$5,512	\$67,082
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	---	-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.

Tumbleweed School is able to provide all students with a rich and balanced curriculum. The following programs are funded to ensure that all students have full access to the core curriculum: Title 1 (funds for at-risk students), GATE (Gifted And Talented Education), After school enrichment and remediation programs, English Learners Program, Special Education, Resource Specialist Program, Reading First Reading Program, Family Involvement Program, School Improvement Program (school safety).

### 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	\$35,094	\$41,866
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$63,873	\$68,220
Highest Teacher Salary	\$76,393	\$86,536
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$94,424	\$107,858
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$0	\$111,405
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$0	\$112,732
Superintendent Salary	\$181,749	\$178,938
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	31.7	42.1
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.1	5.5

## 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	18	19	24	29	34	38	43	46	50
Mathematics	23	23	27	31	33	39	40	43	46
Science	13	22	19	23	35	39	38	46	50
History-Social Science				16	19	24	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	17	18	15	
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*		
Asian				
Filipino	*	*	*	
Hispanic or Latino	24	26	19	
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)	36	58		
Male	17	24	18	
Female	30	30	20	
Economically Disadvantaged	25	27	19	
English Learners	12	18	5	
Students with Disabilities	10	21	17	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*		

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

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the CDE Physical Fitness Testing Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. *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.*

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	26.2	27.6	7.6

## 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	1
Similar Schools	4	4	3

### 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	-7	10	6	667
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	-1	7	11	672
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	-7	10	6	667
English Learners	-6	8	16	657
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	No	No
Percent Proficient: Mathematics	No	No
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

### 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	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2003-2004	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement	Year 5	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	21
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	75.0

## XI. 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 meet frequently within and across grade levels to plan and discuss what they are doing and how to coordinate instruction. A teacher survey is taken at the end of the school year that guides professional development and in-service selection decisions. Sites design specific professional development based on academic content standards, the California Standards for the Teaching Profession, and research-based practices.

Educational Services, Special Education, Biliteracy, Student Assessment and Accountability, Personnel, and Professional Development departments participate in the planning and implementation of District staff development activities. Courses are offered throughout the year on week nights and Saturdays.

Trainings are also offered during the summer months on content specific areas such as AB466 in mathematics and language arts, science curriculum workshops, mathematics workshops based on the California Mathematics Framework, Culture of Poverty, Guided Language Acquisition Development, and Gifted and Talented Education. Administration training focuses on team building and resource management.

Conference and convention attendance, in-service meetings and staff collaboration offers additional opportunities for professional growth. Teachers observe other professionals, engage in peer coaching and work with mentors and grade level or departmental colleagues.

## XII. 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