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

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This School Accountability Report Card (SARC) provides information that can be used to evaluate and compare schools. State and federal laws require all schools to publish a SARC each year.

The information in this report represents the 2006–2007 school year, not the current school year. In most cases, this is the most recent data available. We present our school's results next to those of the average elementary school in the county and state to provide the most meaningful and fair comparisons. To find additional facts about our school online, please use the [DataQuest](#) tool offered by the California Department of Education.

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

http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links_2007_en.html

Reports about other schools are available on the [California Department of Education Web site](#). Internet access is available in local libraries.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact the school office.

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» Principal's Message

Beyond our positive performance demonstrated by reports and statistics, Birch Lane Elementary School is first and foremost a lively and inviting school. Our students and staff benefit greatly from our university location, the area's keen interest in education, and a wide range of community resources. Parents and community members are an important part of our school's culture. We welcome your family's participation in our many special events and encourage you to join our PTA or serve on the School Site Council (SSC).

Kathleen Tyzzer, PRINCIPAL

Grade range and calendar

K-6

TRADITIONAL

Academic Performance Index

851

County Average: 753
State Average: 763

Student enrollment

586

County Average: 453
State Average: 531

Teachers

30

County Average: 23
State Average: 26

Students per teacher

20

County Average: 20
State Average: 20

Students per computer

3

County Average: 4
State Average: 5

Major Achievements

- Staff teaching styles and classroom environments are diverse and include our seven-year-old Montessori program for all elementary grades.
- We have a variety of successful programs, including visual, musical, and dramatic arts programs; a strong garden program tied to the core curriculum; and outstanding science lab and PE programs.
- Summer and afterschool extra-help programs provide support beyond the regular classroom environment to at-risk students, and our Reading Room continues to work with students to ensure that every child is a reader.

Focus for Improvement

- We will continue to individualize grade-level curriculum for students who need extra help and for those working above grade level. Both on the district and the school level, we have devoted time to broadening our teaching skills to address students most in need of support. Our summer Jumpstart program gives struggling students extra instruction in language arts and mathematics. We provide targeted support for students from low-income families and for those learning English.
- We will continue to provide a variety of staff training opportunities, including technology training, GLAD strategies, book discussion groups, and conferences.

MEASURES OF PROGRESS

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is California’s way of comparing schools based on student test scores. The index was created in 1999 to help parents and educators recognize schools that show progress and identify schools that need help. A school’s API determines whether it receives recognition or sanctions. It is also used to compare schools in a statewide ranking system. The California Department of Education (CDE) calculates our school’s API using student test results from the California Standards Tests, the California Achievement Test, and, for high schools, the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). APIs range from 200 to 1000. The CDE expects all schools to eventually obtain APIs of at least 800. [Additional information on the API](#) can be found on the CDE Web site.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX	
Met schoolwide growth target	Yes
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes
API score	851
Growth attained from prior year	+9
Met subgroup* growth targets	No
Underperforming school	No

Birch Lane’s API was 851 (out of 1000). This is an increase of 9 points compared to last year’s API. All students took the test. You can find three years of detailed API results in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

API RANKINGS: Based on our 2005–2006 test results, we started the 2006–2007 school year with an API base score of 842. The state ranks all schools according to this score on a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being highest). Compared to all elementary schools in California, our school ranked 8 out of 10.

SOURCE: API based on spring 2007 test cycle. Growth scores alone are displayed and are current as of March 2008.

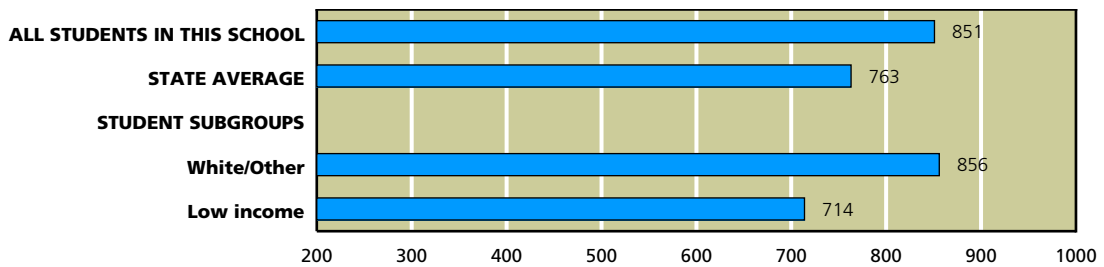
*Ethnic or socioeconomic groups of students that make up 15 percent or more of a school’s student body. These groups must meet AYP and API goals. R/P - Results pending due to challenge by school. N/A - Results not available.

SIMILAR SCHOOL RANKINGS: We also received a second ranking that compared us to the 100 schools with the most similar students, teachers, and class sizes. Compared to these schools, our school ranked 1 out of 10. The CDE recalculates this factor every year. To read more about the specific elements included in this calculation, refer to the [CDE Web site](#).

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

We did not meet some or all of our assigned growth targets during the 2006–2007 school year. Just for reference, 51 percent of elementary schools statewide met their growth targets.

API, Spring 2007



SOURCE: API based on spring 2007 test cycle. State average represents elementary schools only.
NOTE: Only groups of students that represent at least 15 percent of total enrollment are calculated and displayed as student subgroups.

Adequate Yearly Progress

In addition to California’s accountability system, which measures student achievement using the API, schools must also meet requirements set by the federal education law known as **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**. This law requires all schools to meet a different goal: **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)**.

We met all 15 criteria for yearly progress. As a result, we succeeded at making AYP.

To meet AYP, elementary and middle schools must meet three criteria. First, a certain percentage of students must score at or above Proficient levels on the California Standards Tests (CST): 24.4 percent on the English/language arts test and 26.5 percent on the math test. All ethnic and socioeconomic subgroups of students also must meet these goals. Second, the schools must achieve an API of at least 590 or increase the API by one point from the prior year. Third, 95 percent of the student body must take the required standardized tests.

If even one subgroup of students fails to meet just one of the criteria, the school fails to meet AYP. While all schools must report their progress toward meeting AYP, only schools that receive federal funding to help economically disadvantaged students are actually penalized if they fail to meet AYP goals. Schools that do not make AYP for two or more years in a row in the same subject enter **Program Improvement (PI)**. They must offer students transfers to other schools in the district and, in their second year in PI, tutoring services as well.

FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met AYP	Yes
Met schoolwide participation rate	Yes
Met schoolwide test score goals	Yes
Met subgroup* participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* test score goals	Yes
Met schoolwide API for AYP	Yes
Program Improvement School in 2007	No

SOURCE: AYP is based on the Accountability Progress Report of March 2008. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students’ test results in the 2006–2007 school year or earlier.

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Adequate Yearly Progress, Detail by Subgroup

● MET GOAL ● DID NOT MEET GOAL — NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS

	English/Language Arts		Math	
	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST?	DID 24.4% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST?	DID 26.5% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?
SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS	●	●	●	●
SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS				
Low income	●	●	●	●
STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY				
Asian American	●	—	●	—
White/Other	●	●	●	●

SOURCE: AYP release of March 2008, CDE.

The table at left shows our success or failure in meeting AYP goals in the 2006–2007 school year. The green dots represent goals we met; red dots indicate goals we missed. Just one red dot means that we failed to meet Adequate Yearly Progress.

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

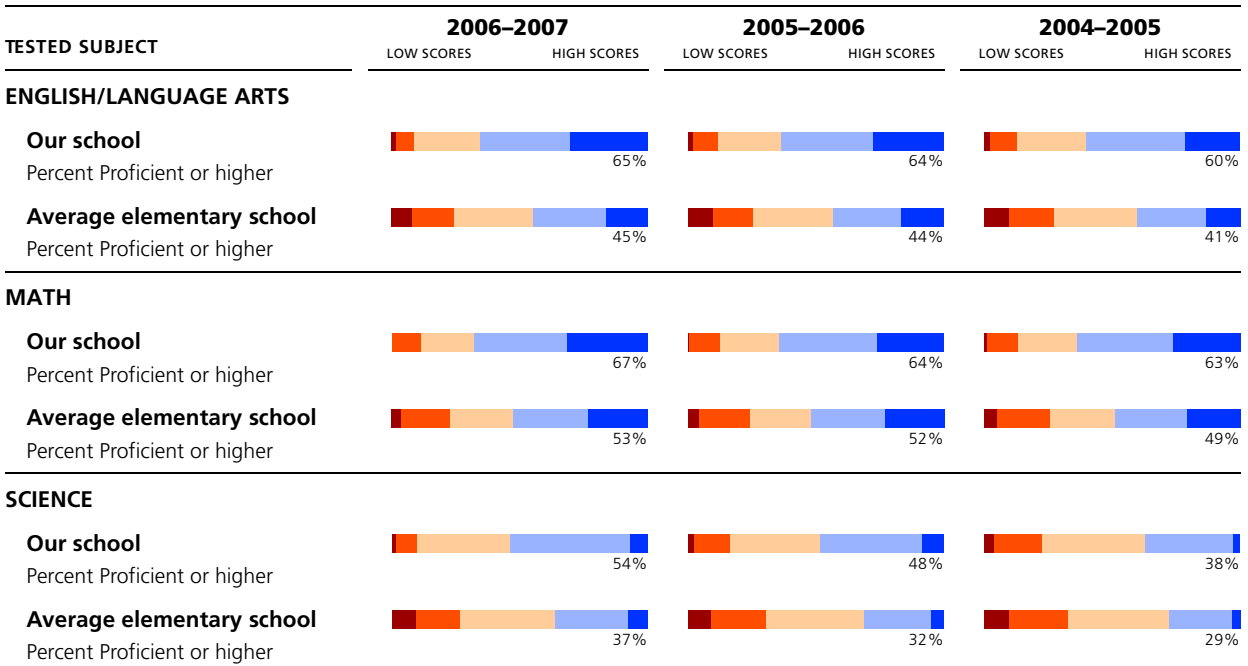
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Here you'll find a three-year summary of our students' scores on the California Standards Tests (CST) in selected subjects. We compare our students' test scores to the results for students in the average elementary school in California. On the following pages we provide more detail for each test, including the scores for different subgroups of students. In addition, we provide links to the California Content Standards on which these tests are based. If you'd like more information about the CST, please contact our principal or our teaching staff. To find [grade-level-specific scores](#), you can refer to the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Web site. Other tests in the [STAR program](#) can be found on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site.

California Standards Tests

BAR GRAPHS BELOW SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

■ FAR BELOW BASIC ■ BELOW BASIC ■ BASIC ■ PROFICIENT ■ ADVANCED



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Frequently Asked Questions About Standardized Tests

WHERE CAN I FIND GRADE-LEVEL REPORTS? Due to space constraints and concern for statistical reliability, we have omitted grade-level detail from these test results. Instead we present results at the schoolwide level. You can view the results of far more students than any one grade level would contain, which also improves their statistical reliability. Grade-level results are online on the [STAR Web site](#). More information about student test scores is available in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

WHAT DO THE FIVE PROFICIENCY BANDS MEAN? Test experts assign students to one of these five proficiency levels, based on the number of questions they answer correctly. Our immediate goal is to help students move up one level. Our eventual goal is to enable all students to reach either of the top two bands, Advanced or Proficient. Those who score in the middle band, Basic, have come close to attaining the required knowledge and skills. Those who score in either of the bottom two bands—Below Basic or Far Below Basic—need more help to reach the Proficient level.

WHY ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS (CST) AND THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST (CAT/6) SCORED DIFFERENTLY? When students take the CST, they can score at any of the proficiency levels: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Below Basic, or Far Below Basic. In theory all students in California could score at the top. The CAT/6 is a nationally normed test, which means that students are scored against each other nationally. This scoring method is similar to grading “on the curve.” CAT/6 scores are expressed as a ranking on a scale from 1 to 99.

HOW HARD ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS? Experts consider California’s standards to be among the most clear and rigorous in the country. Just 45 percent of elementary school students scored Proficient or Advanced on the English/language arts test; 53 percent scored Proficient or Advanced in math. You can review the [California Content Standards](#) on the CDE Web site.

ARE ALL STUDENTS’ SCORES INCLUDED? No. Only students in grades two through eleven are required to take the CSTs. When fewer than 11 students in one grade or subgroup take a test, state officials remove their scores from the report. They omit them to protect students’ privacy, as called for by federal law.

CAN I REVIEW SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS? Sample test questions for the CST are on the [CDE’s Web site](#). These are actual questions used in previous years.

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? The CDE has a wealth of resources on its Web site. The STAR Web site publishes detailed reports for schools and districts, and assistance packets for parents and teachers. This site includes explanations of [technical terms](#), scoring methods, and the [subjects](#) covered by the tests for each grade. You’ll also find a [guide](#) to navigating the STAR Web site as well as help understanding how to [compare test scores](#).

English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

BAR GRAPHS BELOW SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

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

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			65%	99%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 20 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			49%	98%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			45%	99%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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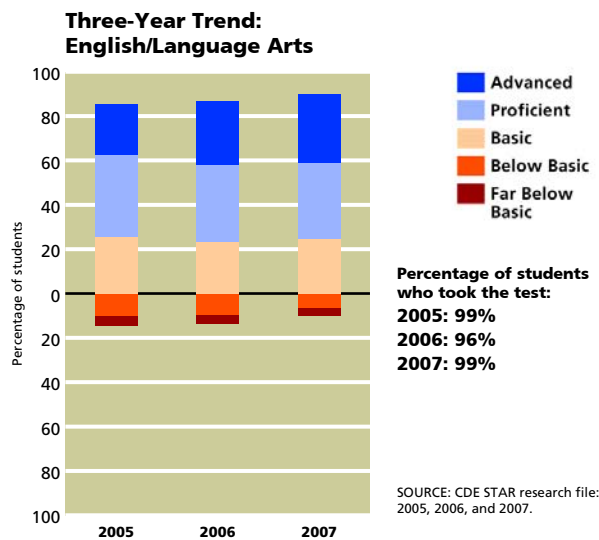
FAR BELOW BASIC, BELOW BASIC, AND BASIC **PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			60%	225	GENDER: About 11 percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			71%	206	
English proficient			66%	376	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: English learners scored lower on the CST than students who are proficient in English. Because we give this test in English, English learners tend to be at a disadvantage.
English learners			55%	46	
Low income			28%	80	INCOME: About 46 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			74%	341	
Learning disabled			33%	50	LEARNING DISABILITIES: Students classified as learning disabled scored lower than students without learning disabilities. The CST is not designed to test the progress of students with moderate to severe learning differences.
Not learning disabled			68%	381	
Asian American			72%	69	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			58%	39	
White/Other			68%	301	

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

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



Math

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			67%	99%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 14 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			57%	97%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			53%	96%	

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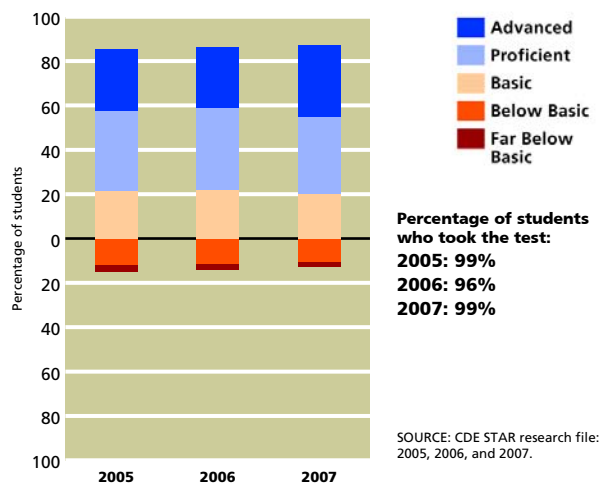
GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			63%	226	GENDER: About nine percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			72%	205	
English proficient			68%	375	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: English learners scored lower on the CST than students who are proficient in English. Because we give this test in English, English learners tend to be at a disadvantage.
English learners			59%	47	
Low income			33%	81	INCOME: About 43 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			76%	340	
Learning disabled			29%	50	LEARNING DISABILITIES: Students classified as learning disabled scored lower than students without learning disabilities. The CST is not designed to test the progress of students with moderate to severe learning differences.
Not learning disabled			72%	381	
Asian American			80%	69	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			67%	39	
White/Other			68%	301	

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You can read the [math standards](#) on the CDE’s Web site.

Three-Year Trend: Math



Science

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			54%	100%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 17 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			40%	98%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			37%	99%	

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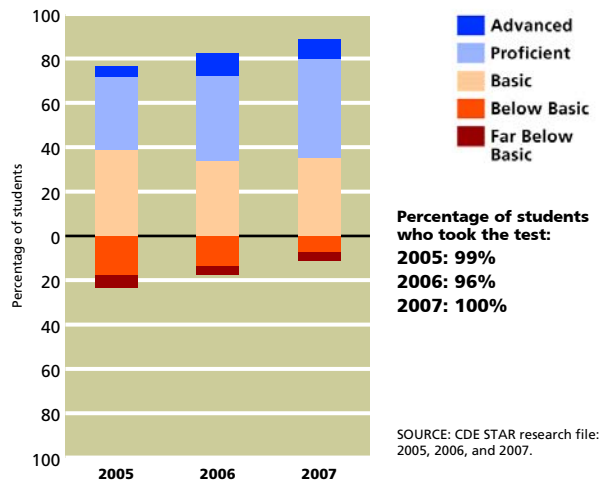
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Boys			57%	49	GENDER: About nine percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			48%	31	
English proficient			56%	72	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	7	
Low income	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	18	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income			61%	61	
Learning disabled	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	11	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			58%	69	
White/Other			53%	60	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.

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The science standards test was administered only to fifth graders. Of course, students in all grade levels study science in these areas: physical science, life science, earth science, and investigation and experimentation. For background, you can review the **science standards** by going to the CDE’s Web site.

Three-Year Trend: Science



California Achievement Test (CAT/6)

The CAT/6 differs from the CST in three ways. First, in the spring of 2007, only students in grades three and seven took this test. Second, the CAT/6 is taken by students in other states, which enables us to see how our students are doing compared to other students in the nation. Third, the CAT/6 is scored by comparing students to each other on a scale from 1 to 99, much like being graded “on the curve.” In contrast, the CST scores students against five defined criteria.

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
READING				
High-scoring students	Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)	39%	18%	15%
Students scoring at or above average	Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile)	69%	43%	39%
LANGUAGE				
High-scoring students	Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)	34%	21%	19%
Students scoring at or above average	Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile)	69%	47%	46%
MATH				
High-scoring students	Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)	40%	32%	30%
Students scoring at or above average	Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile)	64%	59%	56%

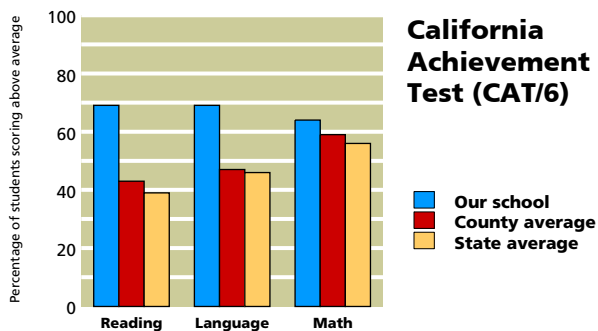
SOURCE: The scores for the CAT/6 are from the spring 2007 test cycle. County and state averages represent elementary schools only. Whenever a school reports fewer than 11 scores for a particular subgroup at any grade level, the CDE suppresses the scores when it releases the data to the public. Therefore, our test score results may vary from other CDE test score reports when missing data makes it impossible for us to compile complete schoolwide results.
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STUDENTS SCORING ABOVE AVERAGE: This view of test scores shows the percentage of our students who scored in the top half of students nationally (at the 50th percentile and higher). At Birch Lane, 69 percent of students scored at or above average in reading (compared to 39 percent statewide); 69 percent scored at or above average in language (compared to 46 percent statewide); and 64 percent scored at or above average in math (compared to 56 percent statewide). The subjects with the most students scoring at or above average were reading and language.

HIGH-SCORING STUDENTS: This view of test scores shows the percentage of our students who scored in the top fourth of students nationally (above the 75th percentile). At Birch Lane, 39 percent of students scored at the top in reading (compared to 15 percent statewide); 34 percent scored at the top in language (compared to 19 percent statewide); and 40 percent scored at the top in math (compared to 30 percent statewide). The subject with the most students scoring at the top was math.

Our CAT/6 Results Compared

Students take this test only in grades three and seven. The values displayed to the right represent the percentage of our students who scored at or above average compared to their peers in the county and state.



SOURCE: Spring 2007 test cycle. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Other Measures of Student Achievement

Primary teachers test each student for literacy skills at least three times a year. We administer a district writing assessment twice each year to every student, and we give a state writing test to fourth graders each spring. Students who are not yet fluent in English take the California English Language Development Test each year until they become fluent. We are on a trimester system, with three report card periods. Birch Lane Elementary School holds parent conferences after the first and second reporting periods.

STUDENTS

Students’ English Language Skills

At Birch Lane, 92 percent of students were considered to be proficient in English, compared to 68 percent of elementary school students in California overall.

LANGUAGE SKILLS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English proficient students	92%	71%	68%
English learners	8%	29%	32%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2006–2007. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Languages Spoken at Home by English Learners

Please note that this table describes the home languages of just the 46 students classified as English learners. At Birch Lane, the language these students most often speak at home is Korean. In California it’s common to find English learners in classes with students who speak English well. When you visit our classrooms, ask our teachers how they work with language differences among their students.

LANGUAGE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Spanish	24%	80%	85%
Vietnamese	0%	0%	2%
Cantonese	2%	0%	1%
Hmong	4%	0%	1%
Filipino/Tagalog	0%	0%	1%
Korean	30%	2%	1%
Khmer/Cambodian	0%	1%	0%
All other	40%	17%	9%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2006–2007. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Ethnicity

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

ETHNICITY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
African American	2%	4%	7%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	14%	10%	11%
Latino/Hispanic	8%	42%	50%
White/European American/Other	75%	45%	32%

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2006. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Family Income and Education

The free or reduced-price meal subsidy goes to students whose families earned less than \$37,000 a year (based on a family of four) in the 2006–2007 school year. At Birch Lane, 20 percent of the students qualified for this program, compared to 56 percent of students in California.

FAMILY FACTORS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Low-income indicator	20%	51%	56%
Parents with some college	94%	63%	54%
Parents with college degree	82%	40%	30%

SOURCE: The free and reduced-price lunch information is gathered by most districts in October. This data is from the 2006–2007 school year. Parents’ education level is collected in the spring at the start of testing. Rarely do all students answer these questions. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

The parents of 94 percent of the students at Birch Lane have attended college, and 82 percent have a college degree. This information can provide some clues to the level of literacy children bring to school. One precaution is that the students themselves provide this data when they take the battery of standardized tests each spring, so it may not be completely accurate. About 70 percent of our students provided this information.

CLIMATE FOR LEARNING

Average Class Sizes

Because funding for class-size reduction was focused on the early grade levels, our school’s class sizes, like those of most elementary schools, differ across grades.

The average class size at Birch Lane varies across grade levels from a low of 19 students to a high of 29. Our average class size schoolwide is 23 students. The average class size for elementary schools in the state is 23 students.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE BY GRADE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Kindergarten	19	19	20
First grade	20	20	19
Second grade	20	19	19
Third grade	20	19	20
Fourth grade	28	28	29
Fifth grade	28	28	29
Sixth grade	29	30	29

SOURCE: CBED5 census, October 2006. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Safety

We place strong emphasis on safety for both students and staff. Last year we implemented a new safety plan, which includes a disaster drill to test our plans. We review our safety plan annually and regularly hold fire and earthquake drills. Practical use of resources ensures that students have access to clean and safe facilities. Facilities staff members employ a scheduled preventive maintenance program to avoid costly repairs.

Discipline

We provide a strong network of support services to meet the needs of our students. The district strictly enforces its antidiscrimination policy, which prohibits harassment of students or staff based on race, gender, disability, religion, or sexual orientation. The district is committed to the prevention of harmful behavior and maintains a discipline policy to address violations of the California Education Code. Each year we provide students and parents with a packet of information that details their rights and the district’s discipline policies.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Suspensions per 100 students			
2006–2007	4	2	5
2005–2006	3	2	5
2004–2005	4	3	5
Expulsions per 100 students			
2006–2007	0	0	2
2005–2006	0	0	0
2004–2005	0	0	0

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

At times we find it necessary to suspend students who break school rules. We report only suspensions in which students are sent home for a day or longer. We do not report in-school suspensions, in which students are removed from one or more classes during a single school day. Expulsion is the most serious consequence we can impose. Expelled students are removed from the school permanently and denied the opportunity to continue learning here.

During the 2006–2007 school year, we had 23 suspension incidents. We had no incidents of expulsion. To make it easy to compare our suspensions and expulsions to those of other schools, we represent these events as a ratio (incidents per 100 students) in this report.

Homework

We believe that students can make educational gains through well-defined homework assignments that are directed by teachers and supported by parents. Our teachers design homework assignments that supplement and complement classroom instruction. Birch Lane Elementary School defines homework as assigned work completed beyond the regular school day.

Schedule

The school year typically begins during the last week in August and ends in mid-June. Primary students normally attend school from 8:30 a.m. until 2:35 p.m. We release intermediate students at 3:05 p.m. Every

Wednesday we dismiss students at 1:30 p.m. to provide time for teachers to plan and collaborate on lesson plans and teaching strategies. Our office hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

Physical Fitness

Students in grades five, seven, and nine take the California Fitness Test each year. This test measures students’ aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility using six different tests. The table at right shows the percentage of students at our school who scored within the “healthy fitness zone” on all six tests. Our results are compared to other students’ results in the county and state. More information about [physical fitness testing and standards](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

CATEGORY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Boys in Fitness Zone	47%	27%	25%
Girls in Fitness Zone	34%	32%	30%
Fifth graders in Fitness Zone	42%	29%	27%
Seventh graders in Fitness Zone	N/A	N/A	29%
Ninth graders in Fitness Zone	N/A	N/A	23%
All students in Fitness Zone	42%	29%	27%

SOURCE: 2006–2007 physical fitness test data is produced annually as schools test their students on the six Fitnessgram Standards. Data is reported by Educational Data Systems. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

LEADERSHIP, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

Leadership

Kathleen Tyzzer, our principal for four years, has eight years of experience as a principal and an additional 15 years of classroom teaching experience.

Shared leadership is evident with the inclusion of staff members and community members on the SSC and in planning and implementing school programs. Birch Lane Elementary School has a wonderful history of excellence and a strong spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Teacher Experience and Education

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Teaching experience	Average years of teaching experience	17	13	13
Newer teachers	Percentage of teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	6%	10%	11%
Teachers holding an MA degree or higher	Percentage of teachers with a master's degree or higher from a graduate school	22%	24%	33%
Teachers holding a BA degree alone	Percentage of teachers whose highest degree is a bachelor's degree from a four-year college	78%	76%	67%

SOURCE: Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF), October 2006, completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

About six percent of our teachers have less than three years of teaching experience, which is below the average for new teachers in other elementary schools in California. Our teachers have, on average, 17 years of experience. About 78 percent of our teachers hold only a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university. About 22 percent have completed a master's degree or higher.

Credentials Held by Our Teachers

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Fully credentialed teachers	Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level	97%	98%	97%
Trainee credential holders	Percentage of staff holding an internship credential	3%	1%	2%
Emergency permit holders	Percentage of staff holding an emergency permit	0%	2%	3%
Teachers with waivers	Lowest level of accreditation, used by districts when they have no other option	0%	0%	0%

SOURCE: PAIF, October 2006. This is completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent elementary schools only. A teacher may have earned more than one credential. For this reason, it is likely that the sum of all credentials will exceed 100 percent.

About 97 percent of the faculty at Birch Lane hold a full credential. This number is close to the average for all elementary schools in the state. About three percent of the faculty at Birch Lane hold a trainee credential, which is reserved for those teachers who are in the process of completing their teacher training. In comparison, two percent of elementary school teachers throughout the state hold trainee credentials. None of our faculty holds an emergency permit. Very few elementary school teachers hold this authorization statewide (just three percent). About 97 percent of the faculty at Birch Lane hold the elementary (multiple-subject) credential. This number is above the average for elementary schools in California, which is 91 percent. You can find three years of data about teachers' credentials in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

Indicators of Teachers Who May Be Underprepared

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Core courses taught by a teacher not meeting NCLB standards	Percentage of core courses not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher according to federal standards in NCLB	0%	N/A	0%
Teachers lacking a full credential	Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential	3%	2%	3%

SOURCE: Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) of October 2006. Data on NCLB standards is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file.

“HIGHLY QUALIFIED” TEACHERS: The federal law known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires districts to report the number of teachers considered to be “highly qualified.” These “highly qualified” teachers must have a full credential, a bachelor’s degree, and, if they are teaching a core subject (such as reading, math, science, or social studies), they must also demonstrate expertise in that field. The table above shows the percentage of core courses taught by teachers who are considered to be less than “highly qualified.” There are exceptions, known as the **High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE)** rules, that allow some veteran teachers to meet the “highly qualified” test who wouldn’t otherwise do so.

CREDENTIAL STATUS OF TEACHERS: Teachers who lack full credentials are working under the terms of an emergency permit, an internship credential, or a waiver. They should be working toward their credential, and they are allowed to teach in the meantime only if the school board approves. About three percent of our teachers were working without full credentials, compared to three percent of teachers in elementary schools statewide.

More facts about our teachers, called for by the recent Williams legislation of 2004, are available on our Accountability Web page, which is accessible from our district Web site. What you will find are specific facts about **misassigned teachers** and **teacher vacancies** in the 2007–2008 school year.

Districtwide Distribution of Teachers Who Are Not “Highly Qualified”

Here, we report the percentage of core courses in our district whose teachers are considered to be less than “highly qualified” by NCLB’s standard. We show how these teachers are distributed among schools according to the percentage of low-income students enrolled.

The CDE has divided schools in the state into four groups (quartiles), based on the percentage of families who qualify and apply for free or reduced-price

lunches. The one-fourth of schools with the most students receiving subsidized lunches are assigned to the first group. The one-fourth of schools with the fewest students receiving subsidized lunches are assigned to the fourth group. We compare the courses and teachers assigned to each of these groups of schools to see how they differ in “highly qualified” teacher assignments.

The average percentage of courses in our district not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher is two percent, compared to five percent statewide. For schools with the lowest percentage of low-income students, this factor is two percent, compared to three percent statewide.

DISTRICT FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN DISTRICT	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN STATE
Districtwide	Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)	2%	5%
Schools with the most low-income students	First quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	N/A	5%
Schools with the fewest low-income students	Fourth quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	2%	3%

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

Staff Development

We offer a wide variety of staff training opportunities to teachers and administrators. Teachers at each grade level meet to collaborate and set goals for student achievement. Those goals are linked to teacher training opportunities. Each year the district provides three days of paid time for teachers to attend staff training. Staff training focuses on areas targeted in our school plan, including differentiated (individualized) instruction.

YEAR	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
2006–2007	3.0
2005–2006	3.0
2004–2005	3.0

Evaluating and Improving Teachers

At Birch Lane Elementary School, we evaluate permanent teachers at least once every two years and probationary and temporary teachers annually. We base these evaluations on classroom observations, checklists of appropriate teaching expectations, and the achievement of teaching goals. We use the California Standards for the Teaching Profession as our model for planning and evaluating instruction.

Substitute Teachers

Well-qualified and credentialed substitute teachers are plentiful in Davis. Former Birch Lane Elementary School student teachers are often available as substitutes. Good communication between regular classroom teachers and substitutes ensures minimal loss of instructional time. We assign all teachers to teach in their credentialed subject areas.

Specialized Resource Staff

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

STAFF POSITION	STAFF (FTE)
Counselors	0.0
Librarians	0.5
Psychologists	0.4
Social workers	0.0
Nurses	0.1
Speech/language/hearing specialists	1.0
Resource specialists	2.2

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2006.

Specialized Programs and Staff

Birch Lane students enjoy a rich gardening program facilitated by parent and community volunteers and led by our garden coordinator. Students plant and harvest crops regularly, design gardening areas for specific uses, and try new foods and learn to use them in kid-friendly recipes. The gardening lessons bring hands-on science to students at every grade level and enhance a respect for nature and for our place in it.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE): The district provides a regional, self-contained GATE program for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students. We assign GATE students who choose to remain in their neighborhood school program to classroom teachers who provide a more challenging curriculum, such as open-ended and individualized assignments. These assignments provide greater depth and complexity and are more challenging. Birch Lane Elementary School offers instrumental music instruction to intermediate students during the regular school day.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM: Our special education team includes two special education teachers, a speech therapist, and a school psychologist. Together with the classroom teacher, they are responsible for implementing an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for each student who has been diagnosed with special needs. Our inclusion specialist supervises instructional assistants who support students in regular classrooms.

Student Study Teams meet regularly to discuss student needs and concerns. The teams are made up of the principal, parents, classroom teachers, and members of the special education team.

ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM: English learners at Birch Lane Elementary School receive English instruction in a dedicated English learner classroom from teachers with certification in Cross-cultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD). To provide additional support, a part-time English learner aide works with students who are not yet fluent in English. We provide the parents of our English learners an opportunity to improve their own English skills through the community-based English tutorial program, which is offered at a nearby site two evenings a week.

CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS

For more than six years, panels of scholars have decided what California students should learn and be able to do. Their decisions are known as the California Content Standards, and they apply to all public schools in the state. The textbooks we use and the tests we give are based on these content standards, and we expect our teachers to be firmly focused on them. Policy experts, researchers, and educators consider our state's standards to be among the most rigorous and challenging in the nation. You can find the [content standards](#) for each subject at each grade level on the Web site of the California Department of Education (CDE).

Reading and Writing

By third grade, we expect our students to be able to read and write. By fourth grade, we're teaching students to read full-length books and to use a dictionary and encyclopedia when they write. By fifth grade, students should be able to write poems, plays, true-life adventures, and personal journals. You can read the California standards for [English/language arts](#) on the CDE's Web site.

Math

Because the math standards have become more rigorous, our goal now is to prepare our elementary school graduates to start middle school ready to master algebra in the eighth grade. You can read the [math standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.

Science

Students learn the science standards starting in first grade. The curriculum covers physical, earth, and life sciences. The scientific method of experimentation and investigation is woven through all of our science courses. Read more about the [science standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.

Social Science

Students learn about citizenship starting in first grade. In second grade, we explore the lives of people who affect our students' everyday lives and learn about extraordinary people from history. The theme in third grade is continuity and change. California is the subject of our studies in fourth grade, and American history is our focus in fifth grade. Our students also learn about geography. They learn to research topics on their own, develop their own point of view, and interpret history. To read more about the [social studies standards](#), see the CDE's Web site.

Textbooks

We choose our textbooks from lists that have already been approved by state education officials. For a list of some of the textbooks we use at our school, see the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

We have also reported additional facts about our textbooks called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. This online report shows whether we had a textbook for each student in each core course during the 2007–2008 school year, and whether those [textbooks](#) covered the California Content Standards.

RESOURCES

Buildings

Birch Lane Elementary School was built in 1963, and we renovated its classrooms in 2000. The campus is beautiful and includes many gardens that have been improved through student and parent projects. The school has a fully equipped science lab, an art room with a kiln and a loom, a large multipurpose room, a library, and a computer lab. The playground is expansive and includes several play structures and fields as well as a separate kindergarten playground.

More facts about the [condition of our school buildings](#) are available in an online supplement to this report called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. What you will find is an assessment of more than a dozen aspects of our buildings: their structural integrity, electrical systems, heating and ventilation systems, and more. The important purpose of this assessment is to determine if our buildings and grounds are safe and in good repair. If anything needs to be repaired, this assessment identifies it and targets a date by which we commit to make those repairs. The guidelines for this assessment were written by the [Office of Public School Construction \(OPSC\)](#), and were brought about by the legislation known as Williams. If you'd like to see the six-page [survey form](#) used for the assessment, you will find it on the Web site of the OPSC.

Library

Our school library has a collection of 15,000 books and audiovisual materials and uses the Athena automation system. A part-time clerk and a part-time credentialed library media teacher staff the library. Students visit the library weekly with their classes for instruction in information literacy. They may also visit individually before or after school.

Computers

We have 222 computers available for student use, which means that, on average, there is one computer for every three students. There are 28 classrooms connected to the Internet.

RESOURCES	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Students per computer	3	4	5
Internet-connected classrooms	28	57	30

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2006. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

All our classrooms have at least one networked computer and printer. Classrooms for older students have additional computers. Students receive weekly instruction in the computer lab from a computer technician. A new computer lab funded by the PTA was in place for the 2006–2007 school year. Each staff member has a laptop computer and access to email and the Internet. The school maintains a Web page at www.birchlane.davis.ca.us.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is key to the academic success of students at Birch Lane Elementary School. Parents support the school through the PTA, SSC, Bilingual Advisory Committee, School Climate Committee, Superintendent's Advisory Committee, GATE Committee, and Montessori Advisory Committee. Parent volunteers regularly work at the school in the Reading Room as part of our visual and performing arts program, including the BRAVO music program. Classroom volunteers provide another set of hands for the teacher and help with a variety of activities. Parents also assemble and distribute our weekly newsletter, provide car service for field trips, and coordinate the school's gardening program. To become involved in the school, contact Nancy Loeb Williams at (530) 756-8935.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	OUR DISTRICT	SIMILAR DISTRICTS	ALL DISTRICTS
FISCAL YEAR 2005–2006			
Total expenses	\$60,683,622	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$7,300	\$7,583	\$7,521
FISCAL YEAR 2004–2005			
Total expenses	\$57,855,933	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$6,888	\$7,172	\$7,127

SOURCE: Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education.

Our district spent an average of \$7,300 per student in the 2005–2006 school year, compared to an average of \$7,583 per student spent by similar (unified school district) districts in the state. Our total operating expenses for the 2005–2006 year were \$60,683,622. Facts about the 2006–2007 fiscal year were not available at the time we published this report. Additional details about our expenditures can be found on the [Ed-Data Partnership’s Web site](#).

Total expenses include only the costs related to direct educational services to students. This figure does not include food services, land acquisition, new construction, and other expenditures unrelated to core educational purposes. The expenses-per-student figure is calculated by dividing total expenses by the district’s average daily attendance (ADA). More information is available on the [CDE’s Web site](#).

District Salaries, 2005–2006

This table reports the salaries of teachers and administrators in our district for the 2005–2006 school year. More current information was not available at the time we published this annual report. This table compares our average salaries to those in districts like ours, based on both enrollment and the grade level of our students. In addition, we report the percentage of our district’s total budget dedicated to teachers’ and administrators’ salaries. The costs of health insurance, pensions, and other indirect compensation are not included.

SALARY INFORMATION	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Beginning teacher’s salary	\$32,614	\$38,479
Midrange teacher’s salary	\$51,956	\$60,306
Highest-paid teacher’s salary	\$72,482	\$74,193
Average principal’s salary (elementary school)	\$83,562	\$92,985
Superintendent’s salary	\$150,762	\$155,314
Percentage of budget for teachers’ salaries	44%	41%
Percentage of budget for administrators’ salaries	6%	6%

SOURCE: This financial data is from the Statewide Average Salaries and Expenditure Percentages report, 2005–2006, the Fiscal Services Division, CDE.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Local parcel tax funding pays for our reading teacher and supports intermediate science and PE teachers. State funding provides for our certificated teachers and most other staff positions. Some site funds are used to provide for additional reading and kindergarten classroom aide support. State intervention funds support our summer Jumpstart and afterschool intervention programs. Our PTA pays for an intermediate chorus instructor.

A new law passed in 2005 required schools to report school-specific expenditures for the first time. In prior years, schools reported only the districtwide average for these expenditures. This year we have provided a comparative analysis of our [school's expenditures](#), along with the [average salaries of our teachers](#). You can view this information from the preceding links or on our Accountability Web page, which is accessible through our district's Web site.

TECHNICAL NOTE ON DATA RECENCY: All data is the most current available as of March 2008. The CDE may release additional or revised data for the 2006–2007 school year after the publication date of this report. We rely on the following sources of information from the California Department of Education: California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) (October 2006 census); Language Census (March 2007); California Achievement Test and California Standards Tests (spring 2007 test cycle); Academic Performance Index (October 2007 growth score release); Adequate Yearly Progress (October 2007).

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» Data Almanac

This Data Almanac provides more detailed information than the School Accountability Report Card or data that covers a period of more than one year. It presents the facts and statistics in tables without narrative text. We hope it provides information that will be useful to your school community.



STUDENT AND TEACHERS

Student Enrollment by Ethnicity and Other Characteristics

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

GROUP	ENROLLMENT
Number of students	586
African American	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Asian	14%
Filipino	0%
Hispanic or Latino	8%
Pacific Islander	0%
White (not Hispanic)	74%
Multiple or no response	1%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	19%
English learners	11%
Students with disabilities	12%

SOURCE: All but the last three lines are from the annual census, CBEDS, October 2006. Data about students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, English learners, and learning disabled come from the School Accountability Report Card unit of the California Department of Education.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Number of students enrolled in each grade level at our school.

GRADE LEVEL	STUDENTS
Kindergarten	61
Grade 1	94
Grade 2	84
Grade 3	82
Grade 4	88
Grade 5	78
Grade 6	99
Grade 7	0
Grade 8	0
Grade 9	0
Grade 10	0
Grade 11	0
Grade 12	0

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006.

Average Class Size by Grade Level

GRADE LEVEL	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007
Kindergarten	17	20	19
Grade 1	20	19	20
Grade 2	19	20	20
Grade 3	20	20	20
Grade 4	28	29	28
Grade 5	27	30	28
Grade 6	28	30	29
Grade 7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined K–3	20	20	20
Combined 3–4	24	20	20
Combined 4–8	N/A	28	28
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006.

Average Class Size by Grade Level, Detail

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

GRADE LEVEL	2004–2005			2005–2006			2006–2007		
	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+
Kindergarten	4	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0
Grade 1	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0
Grade 2	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Grade 3	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0
Grade 4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Grade 5	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Grade 6	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
Combined K–3	5	1	0	5	0	0	8	1	0
Combined 3–4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006.

Teacher Credentials

The number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential and without a full credential, for both our school and the district.

TEACHERS	SCHOOL			DISTRICT
	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2006–2007
With Full Credential	35	34	31	458
Without Full Credential	0	0	1	8

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006, Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) section.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

California Standards Tests (CST)

The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are learning what the state content standards require. The CST include English/language arts and mathematics in grades two through five and science in grade five.

CST Results for All Students: Three-Year Comparison

The percentage of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most current three-year period.

SUBJECT	SCHOOL PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			DISTRICT PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			STATE PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
English/ Language Arts	60%	63%	65%	71%	72%	73%	40%	42%	43%
Mathematics	63%	64%	67%	65%	66%	66%	38%	40%	40%
Science	38%	48%	54%	61%	69%	73%	27%	35%	38%

SOURCE: California Standards Tests (CST) results, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

CST Results by Student Group: Most Recent Year

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

STUDENT GROUP	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SCORING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	ENGLISH/ LANGUAGE ARTS 2006–2007	MATHEMATICS 2006–2007	SCIENCE 2006–2007
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	71%	78%	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	44%	54%	N/A
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	68%	68%	53%
Boys	60%	63%	57%
Girls	71%	72%	48%
Economically disadvantaged	28%	33%	28%
English Learners	54%	66%	N/A
Students with disabilities	42%	34%	27%
Students receiving migrant education services	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: California Standards Tests (CST) results, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6)

The California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6), a national, norm-referenced test, shows how well students are doing compared to students nationally in reading, language, spelling, and mathematics. It is taken only by third and seventh graders. We report only reading and math below. The results are reported as the percentage of students scoring at or above the national average (the 50th percentile).

CAT/6 Test Results for Third Grade Students: Three-Year Comparison

The percentage of students scoring at or above the national average in reading and mathematics for the most current three-year period.

SUBJECT	SCHOOL PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			DISTRICT PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			STATE PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Reading	64%	62%	69%	72%	73%	74%	41%	42%	42%
Mathematics	61%	69%	64%	77%	79%	77%	52%	53%	53%

SOURCE: The California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

CAT/6 Test Results for Third Grade Students by Group: Most Recent Year

The percentage of students, by group, scoring at or above the national average (the 50th percentile) in reading and mathematics for the most recent testing period.

STUDENT GROUP	PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	
	READING 2006–2007	MATHEMATICS 2006–2007
African American	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	75%	83%
Filipino	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	75%	67%
Boys	51%	58%
Girls	83%	69%
Economically disadvantaged	29%	33%
English learners	64%	75%
Students with disabilities	46%	38%
Students receiving migrant education services	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: The California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

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California Academic Performance Index (API)

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 1000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found on the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

API Ranks: Three-Year Comparison

The state assigns statewide and similar-schools API ranks for all schools. The API ranks range from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest 10 percent of all elementary schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest 10 percent of all elementary schools in the state. The similar-schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched schools with similar teachers and students.

API RANK	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007
Statewide rank	8	8	8
Similar-schools rank	1	1	1

SOURCE: The API Base Report from July 2007.

API Changes by Student Group: Three-Year Comparison

API changes for all students and student groups: 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.

STUDENT GROUP	ACTUAL API CHANGE			API SCORE
	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2006–2007
All students at the school	+17	+16	+9	851
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (non Hispanic)	+15	+9	+6	856
Economically disadvantaged	-30	+18	+1	714
English learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in March 2008.

Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Intervention Programs

The federal law known as No Child Left Behind requires that all schools and districts meet all three of the following criteria in order to attain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): (a) a 95-percent participation rate on the state’s tests; (b) a CDE-mandated percentage of students scoring Proficient or higher on the state’s English/language arts and mathematics tests; and (c) an API of at least 590 or growth of at least one point.

AYP for the District

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

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

SOURCE: The AYP Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in March 2008.

Intervention Program: District Program Improvement (PI)

Districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (English/language arts or mathematics) and for each grade span or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP.

INDICATOR	DISTRICT
PI stage	Not in PI
The year the district entered PI	N/A
Number of schools currently in PI	0
Percentage of schools currently in PI	0%

SOURCE: The Program Improvement Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in March 2008.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbook Adoption List (TABLE 0)

TITLE	SUBJECT	DATE OF PUBLICATION	ADOPTION DATE
HM Reading: A Legacy of Literature	Language Arts	2003	2003
Houghton Mifflin Lectura: Herencia y futuro	Language Arts	2003	2003
Mathematics by Houghton Mifflin	Math	2002	2002
McGraw-Hill Science	Science	2001	2002
Harcourt: Reflections: California Series	Social Studies	2006	2007

SOURCE: Textbook data is supplied by the district.