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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](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

Robert E. Willett Elementary School is located near the University of California at Davis. Many of our students come from university families whose cultural and linguistic diversity enrich our learning community. Staff, students, and parents have developed a school culture that promotes lifelong learning and cooperation in a focused and respectful environment. Along with respect for all, we maintain high academic expectations for all students.

Parents are an integral and valued part of the school program. They provide classroom assistance and serve on the PTA, the School Site Council (SSC), English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC), and other site and district committees.

Our very successful reading lab continues to support students in several capacities throughout the school. All first, second, and third grade students are served with a reading aide that comes into their classroom four days a week for 30 minutes. During this time the teachers can provide greater flexibility and focus for their reading program. Students who are performing below the proficient level in reading receive intensive reading intervention in an identified area of need. English Language Development (ELD) instruction is provided for students who are beginning language learners. Many students in grades two through six participate in our Reading Counts! program. All students in the fourth and fifth grade receive science instruction four times a week. Sixth grade students receive science instruction five days a week.

Nancy Medbery, PRINCIPAL

### Grade range and calendar

**K-6**

TRADITIONAL

### Academic Performance Index

**938**

County Average: 753  
State Average: 763

### Student enrollment

**515**

County Average: 453  
State Average: 531

### Teachers

**26**

County Average: 23  
State Average: 26

### Students per teacher

**20**

County Average: 20  
State Average: 20

### Students per computer

**2**

County Average: 4  
State Average: 5

### **Major Achievements**

- Willett is a collaborative learning community in which the success and well-being of all children is a high priority. Math and reading/language arts are the focus of our curriculum.
- Our parents are very supportive. Staff members work in grade-level and site-based teams to plan together for student success.
- Seventeen different languages and dialects are spoken at Willett. Students who need extra assistance in reading, language arts, or English language acquisition participate in intensive support programs inside and outside of the classroom.
- Our Academic Performance Index (API) of 938 reflects a seven-point improvement over the preceding year.

### **Focus for Improvement**

- Continue to work on improving students' writing skills, as measured in the fourth grade writing portion of the California Standards Test. All district teachers have attended a series of writing workshops on strategies for improving all our kindergarten through sixth grade students throughout the year.
- Continue to support readers not achieving proficiency on the CST using appropriate classroom and reading lab instruction.
- Continue to support all students with differentiated instruction as needed. Integrate technology into the curriculum, especially in math, language arts, and history/social science, to provide additional learning support and opportunities for students.

**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.

Willett’s API was 938 (out of 1000). This is an increase of 7 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 931. 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 10 out of 10.

**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 4 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.

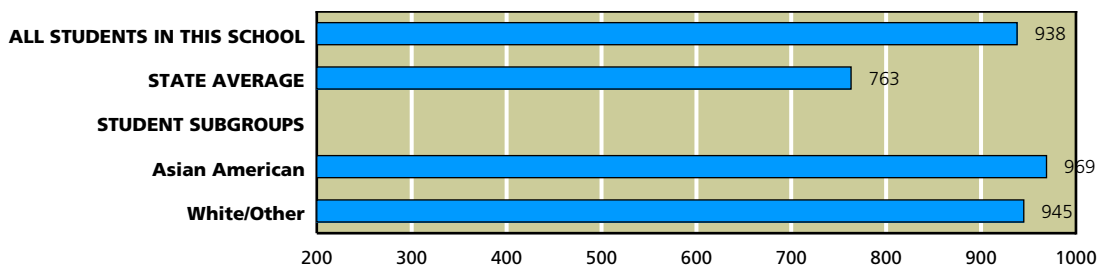
We met our assigned growth targets during the 2006–2007 school year. Just for reference, 51 percent of elementary schools statewide met their growth targets.

| CALIFORNIA<br><b>API</b><br>ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Met schoolwide growth target</b>                    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Met growth target for prior school year</b>         | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>API score</b>                                       | <b>938</b> |
| <b>Growth attained from prior year</b>                 | <b>+7</b>  |
| <b>Met subgroup* growth targets</b>                    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Underperforming school</b>                          | <b>No</b>  |

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.

**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 13 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<br><b>AYP</b><br>ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Met AYP</b>                                    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Met schoolwide participation rate</b>          | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Met schoolwide test score goals</b>            | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Met subgroup* participation rate</b>           | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Met subgroup* test score goals</b>             | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Met schoolwide API for AYP</b>                 | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Program Improvement School in 2007</b>         | <b>No</b>  |

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? |
| <b>SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS</b>    | ●                                 | ●  | ●                                 | ●  |
| <b>STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY</b> |                                   |  |                                   |  |
| 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.

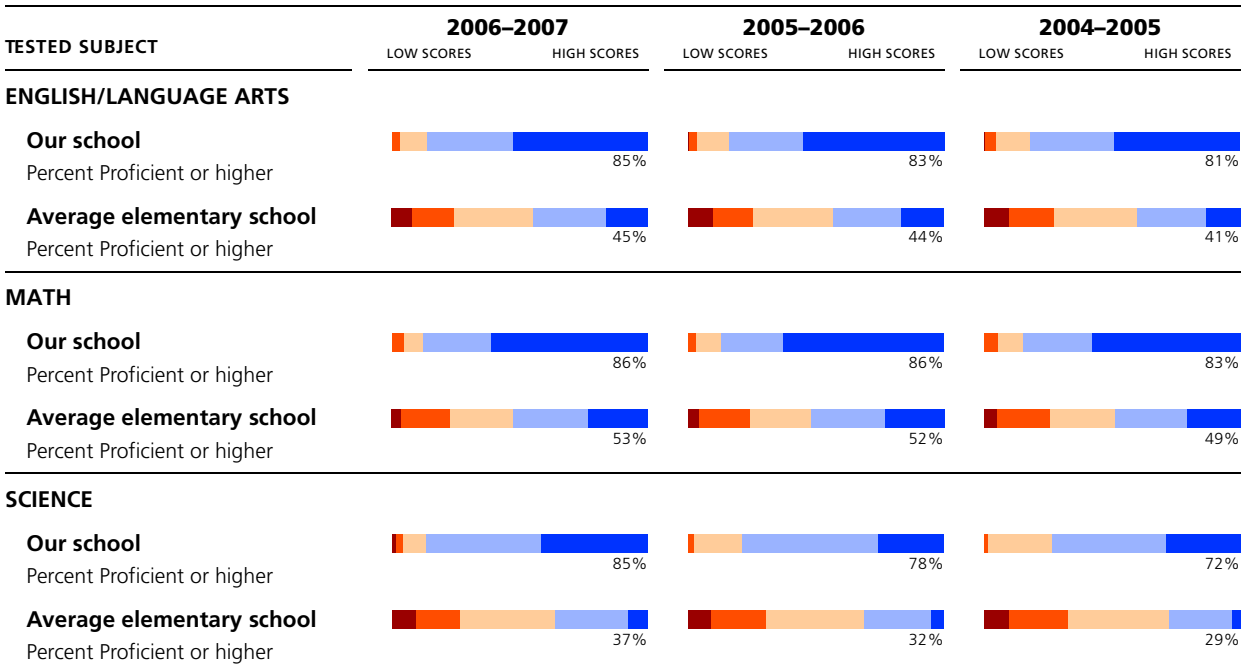
## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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



SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2007 test cycle. State average represents elementary schools only. Whenever a school reports fewer than 11 scores for a particular subgroup at any grade level, the CDE suppresses the scores when it releases the data to the public. Missing data makes it impossible for us to compile complete schoolwide results. Therefore, the results published in this report may vary from other published CDE test scores.

## Frequently Asked Questions About Standardized Tests

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

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

**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)

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

| GROUP                                   | LOW SCORES | HIGH SCORES | PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED | STUDENTS TESTED | COMMENTS   |
|---|------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE                      |            |             | 85%                    | 99%             | <b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About 40 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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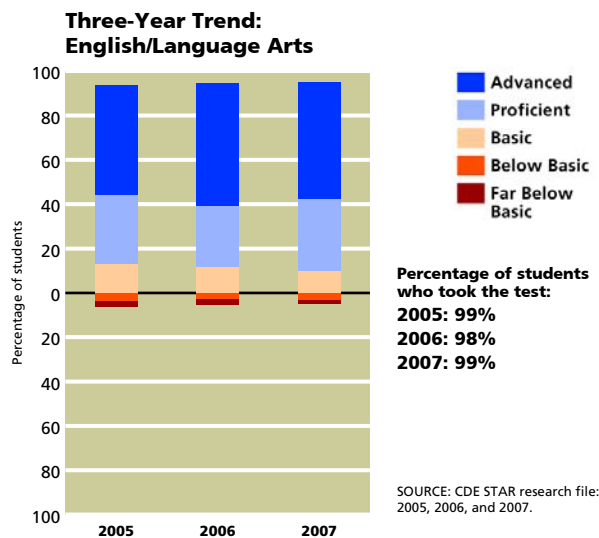
■ FAR BELOW BASIC, BELOW BASIC, AND BASIC ■ PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED

| GROUP                 | LOW SCORES | HIGH SCORES | PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED | STUDENTS TESTED | COMMENTS  |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Boys                  |            |             | 83%                    | 184             | <b>GENDER:</b> About four percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.   |
| Girls                 |            |             | 87%                    | 194             |   |
| English proficient    |            |             | 87%                    | 338             | <b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> 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      |            |             | 42%                    | 38              |   |
| Low income            |            |             | 18%                    | 34              | <b>INCOME:</b> About 71 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.  |
| Not low income        |            |             | 89%                    | 341             |   |
| Learning disabled     |            |             | 71%                    | 44              | <b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> 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 |            |             | 87%                    | 334             |   |
| Asian American        |            |             | 88%                    | 90              | <b>ETHNICITY:</b> Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.             |
| White/Other           |            |             | 89%                    | 245             |   |

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 N/A: Not applicable. Either no students took the test, or to safeguard student privacy the CDE withheld all results because very few students took the test in any grade.  
 NS: Not statistically significant. While we have some data to report, we are suppressing it because the number of valid test scores is not large enough to be meaningful.

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

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



**Math**

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   |
|--|------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE</b>                      |            |             | 86%                    | 99%             | <b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About 33 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California. |
| <b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY</b> |            |             | 57%                    | 97%             |  |
| <b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA</b> |            |             | 53%                    | 96%             |  |

**Subgroup Test Scores**

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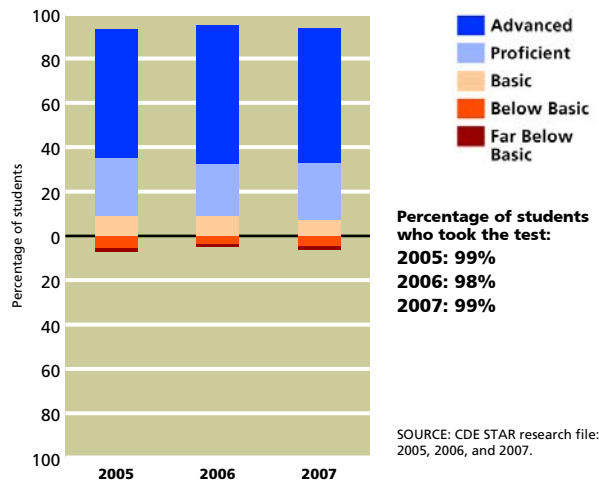
| GROUP                        | LOW SCORES | HIGH SCORES | PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED | STUDENTS TESTED | COMMENTS  |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Boys</b>                  |            |             | 86%                    | 184             | <b>GENDER:</b> About the same percentage of boys and girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.   |
| <b>Girls</b>                 |            |             | 87%                    | 194             |   |
| <b>English proficient</b>    |            |             | 87%                    | 338             | <b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> 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.                                  |
| <b>English learners</b>      |            |             | 67%                    | 38              |   |
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You can read the **math standards** on the CDE's Web site.

**Three-Year Trend: Math**



**Science**

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

| GROUP  | LOW SCORES | HIGH SCORES | PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED | STUDENTS TESTED | COMMENTS   |
|--|------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE</b>                      |            |             | 85%                    | 99%             | <b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About 48 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California. |
| <b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY</b> |            |             | 40%                    | 98%             |  |
| <b>AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA</b> |            |             | 37%                    | 99%             |  |

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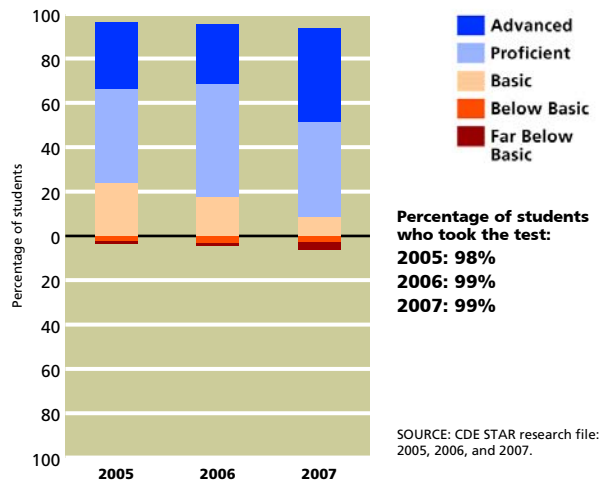
| GROUP                        | LOW SCORES                    | HIGH SCORES | PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED | STUDENTS TESTED | COMMENTS  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Boys</b>                  |                               |             | 97%                    | 33              | <b>GENDER:</b> About 20 percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.   |
| <b>Girls</b>                 |                               |             | 77%                    | 48              |   |
| <b>English proficient</b>    |                               |             | 89%                    | 75              | <b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.                                    |
| <b>English learners</b>      | NO DATA AVAILABLE             |             | N/A                    | 5               |   |
| <b>Low income</b>            | NO DATA AVAILABLE             |             | N/A                    | 4               | <b>INCOME:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.                                |
| <b>Not low income</b>        |                               |             | 88%                    | 74              |   |
| <b>Learning disabled</b>     | DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE |             | N/S                    | 12              | <b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.                              |
| <b>Not learning disabled</b> |                               |             | 87%                    | 69              |   |
| <b>Asian American</b>        | DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE |             | N/S                    | 20              | <b>ETHNICITY:</b> Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report. |
| <b>White/Other</b>           |                               |             | 84%                    | 57              |   |

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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 |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>READING</b>                       |   |            |                |               |
| High-scoring students                | Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)    | 42%        | 18%            | 15%           |
| Students scoring at or above average | Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile) | 73%        | 43%            | 39%           |
| <b>LANGUAGE</b>                      |   |            |                |               |
| High-scoring students                | Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)    | 45%        | 21%            | 19%           |
| Students scoring at or above average | Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile) | 76%        | 47%            | 46%           |
| <b>MATH</b>                          |   |            |                |               |
| High-scoring students                | Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)    | 56%        | 32%            | 30%           |
| Students scoring at or above average | Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile) | 76%        | 59%            | 56%           |

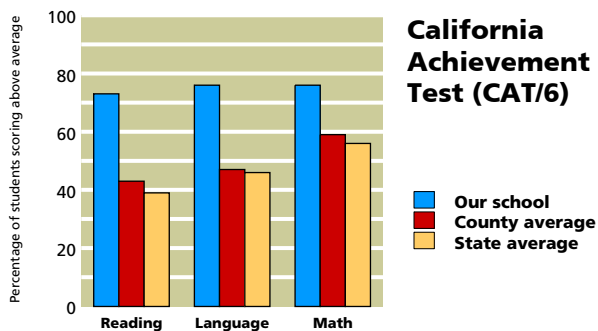
SOURCE: The scores for the CAT/6 are from the spring 2007 test cycle. County and state averages represent elementary schools only. Whenever a school reports fewer than 11 scores for a particular subgroup at any grade level, the CDE suppresses the scores when it releases the data to the public. Therefore, 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.  
N/A: Not applicable. Either no students took the test, or to safeguard student privacy the CDE withheld all results because very few students took the test in any grade.

**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 Willett, 73 percent of students scored at or above average in reading (compared to 39 percent statewide); 76 percent scored at or above average in language (compared to 46 percent statewide); and 76 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 language and math.

**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 Willett, 42 percent of students scored at the top in reading (compared to 15 percent statewide); 45 percent scored at the top in language (compared to 19 percent statewide); and 56 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**

Our teachers evaluate students' skills using oral questioning, written tests, and project-based evaluations. During the first weeks of school we administer the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to students who are learning English. We administer a state writing performance test to all fourth grade students in the spring. Students in the second through sixth grades take the California Standards Tests.

We are on a trimester system and have three report card periods each school year. We encourage parents to attend a parent-teacher conference after the first reporting period, which ends in early November. Parents may also attend conferences in the spring or at any other mutually agreeable time during the year.

**STUDENTS**

**Students’ English Language Skills**

At Willett, 89 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 | 89%        | 71%            | 68%           |
| English learners            | 11%        | 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 55 students classified as English learners. At Willett, 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          | 25%        | 80%            | 85%           |
| Vietnamese       | 0%         | 0%             | 2%            |
| Cantonese        | 0%         | 0%             | 1%            |
| Hmong            | 0%         | 0%             | 1%            |
| Filipino/Tagalog | 0%         | 0%             | 1%            |
| Korean           | 29%        | 2%             | 1%            |
| Khmer/Cambodian  | 0%         | 1%             | 0%            |
| All other        | 46%        | 17%            | 9%            |

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

**Ethnicity**

Most students at Willett identify themselves as White/European American/Other. In fact, there are about three times as many White/European American/Other students as Asian/Pacific Islander students, the second-largest ethnic group at Willett. 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                | 4%         | 4%             | 7%            |
| Asian American/Pacific Islander | 25%        | 10%            | 11%           |
| Latino/Hispanic                 | 7%         | 42%            | 50%           |
| White/European American/Other   | 63%        | 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 Willett, 14 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        | 14%        | 51%            | 56%           |
| Parents with some college   | 98%        | 63%            | 54%           |
| Parents with college degree | 91%        | 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 98 percent of the students at Willett have attended college, and 91 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 72 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 Willett varies across grade levels from a low of 18 students to a high of 31. 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                | 18         | 19             | 20            |
| First grade                 | 19         | 20             | 19            |
| Second grade                | 20         | 19             | 19            |
| Third grade                 | 20         | 19             | 20            |
| Fourth grade                | 31         | 28             | 29            |
| Fifth grade                 | 28         | 28             | 29            |
| Sixth grade                 | 31         | 30             | 29            |

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

**Safety**

We review our emergency plans each year and last updated them in 2007. We hold monthly evacuation and shelter drills. We checked and repaired our playground equipment during the spring of 2004. Facilities staff works within a scheduled preventive maintenance program to offset costly repairs whenever possible. We have a positive school climate committee composed of parents and school staff. Playground aides monitor our playground before school and during recesses, upholding our antifighting and antibullying policies, and promoting problem-solving strategies.

**Discipline**

The district’s antidiscrimination policy prohibits harassment of students and staff based on race, gender, disability, religion, or sexual orientation. The district is committed to the prevention of harmful behaviors and maintains a policy to address inappropriate behaviors.

Classroom teachers, teaching aides, and staff members focus on rewarding positive behavior and applying logical consequences, such as time-outs, for minor infractions. Fighting and other inappropriate behaviors may result in suspension from school.

| KEY FACTOR                          | OUR SCHOOL | DISTRICT AVERAGE | STATE AVERAGE |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Suspensions per 100 students</b> |            |                  |               |
| 2006–2007                           | 1          | 2                | 5             |
| 2005–2006                           | 3          | 2                | 5             |
| 2004–2005                           | 4          | 3                | 5             |
| <b>Expulsions per 100 students</b>  |            |                  |               |
| 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 four 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**

Holding students responsible for completing homework results in significant educational gains. Teachers direct assignments and parents support students to ensure that homework is completed. At Willett, teachers assign homework four days per week to complement classroom instruction. Homework is school-related assigned work that students must complete outside the classroom. In addition to individual teachers who provide tutoring, our afterschool program includes homework assistance. We also expect students to read nightly for practice and enjoyment. The district’s revised homework policy is available at: <http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us>.

### Schedule

The school year begins the last week in August and ends the second week of June. The school year includes 182 days of instruction, with classes beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m. for grades one through three, and 3:05 p.m. for grades four through six. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We offer Pub Club for students interested in writing after school; Challenge Club each Wednesday afternoon for additional running practice leading up to our All-School Fun Run in April.

### 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 |
|--|------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Boys in Fitness Zone</b>            | 17%        | 27%            | 25%           |
| <b>Girls in Fitness Zone</b>           | 36%        | 32%            | 30%           |
| <b>Fifth graders in Fitness Zone</b>   | 27%        | 29%            | 27%           |
| <b>Seventh graders in Fitness Zone</b> | N/A        | N/A            | 29%           |
| <b>Ninth graders in Fitness Zone</b>   | N/A        | N/A            | 23%           |
| <b>All students in Fitness Zone</b>    | 27%        | 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**

Teachers, administrators and community members take part in decision making at our school. Teachers, guided by state guidelines, determine instructional methods as a team. Respect for adults and children, as well as active listening, guide the principal’s interactions with staff, parents, and children in daily leadership activities. Our SSC, which includes parent members as well as teachers and administrators, and our PTA, play key roles in shaping our students’ educational experiences.

**Teacher Experience and Education**

| KEY FACTOR                                     | DESCRIPTION   | OUR SCHOOL | COUNTY AVERAGE | STATE AVERAGE |
|--|---|------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Teaching experience</b>                     | Average years of teaching experience  | 18         | 13             | 13            |
| <b>Newer teachers</b>                          | Percentage of teachers with one or two years of teaching experience                         | 4%         | 10%            | 11%           |
| <b>Teachers holding an MA degree or higher</b> | Percentage of teachers with a master’s degree or higher from a graduate school              | 29%        | 24%            | 33%           |
| <b>Teachers holding a BA degree alone</b>      | Percentage of teachers whose highest degree is a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college | 71%        | 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 four 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, 18 years of experience. About 71 percent of our teachers hold only a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college or university. About 29 percent have completed a master’s degree or higher.

**Credentials Held by Our Teachers**

| KEY FACTOR                         | DESCRIPTION   | OUR SCHOOL | COUNTY AVERAGE | STATE AVERAGE |
|------------------------------------|---|------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Fully credentialed teachers</b> | Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level | 100%       | 98%            | 97%           |
| <b>Trainee credential holders</b>  | Percentage of staff holding an internship credential  | 0%         | 1%             | 2%            |
| <b>Emergency permit holders</b>    | Percentage of staff holding an emergency permit   | 0%         | 2%             | 3%            |
| <b>Teachers with waivers</b>       | 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.

All of the faculty at Willett hold a full credential. This number is close to the average for all elementary schools in the state. None of the faculty at Willett holds a trainee credential, which is reserved for those teachers who are in the process of completing their teacher training. In comparison, two percent of elementary school teachers throughout the state hold trainee credentials. None of our faculty holds an emergency permit. Very few elementary school teachers hold this authorization statewide (just three percent). All of the faculty at Willett 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 |
|--|--|------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Core courses taught by a teacher not meeting NCLB standards</b> | Percentage of core courses not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher according to federal standards in NCLB | 0%         | N/A            | 0%            |
| <b>Teachers lacking a full credential</b>                          | Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential  | 0%         | 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. None of our teachers was 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 |
|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Districtwide</b>                                | Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)                  | 2%   | 5%                                      |
| <b>Schools with the most low-income students</b>   | First quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers  | N/A  | 5%                                      |
| <b>Schools with the fewest low-income students</b> | 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**

The district provides three days of paid time for teachers to attend staff training in areas of district focus or individual interest. We dismiss students early on Wednesdays to provide time for teachers to collaborate, discuss best practices, and set goals for student achievement. Many teachers attend classes and workshops in the summer. This year, staff training for our kindergarten through sixth grade teachers focused on strategies to improve student writing. We continue to work towards differentiating instruction within the classroom.

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

**Evaluating and Improving Teachers**

Teachers set grade-level and individual goals annually, sharing and reflecting on these goals at least twice each year with a site administrator. Tenured teachers are evaluated every two years; all but two Willett teachers are tenured. We conduct evaluations according to the provisions of the teachers’ contract. They consist of classroom observations conducted by the principal, checklists of appropriate teaching expectations, and the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. We encourage teachers with ten or more years of experience to develop individualized plans for professional growth as a major part of the evaluation. First- and second-year teachers receive support through a program for new teachers.

**Substitute Teachers**

Willett has experienced little difficulty in securing qualified substitutes, some of whom are retired district teachers. In the rare event that a substitute is not available, the principal steps in to teach the class.

**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                       | 0.3         |
| Social workers                      | 0.0         |
| Nurses                              | 0.1         |
| Speech/language/hearing specialists | 0.7         |
| Resource specialists                | 1.1         |

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2006.

## Specialized Programs and Staff

Willett has a full-time speech and language therapist, a school psychologist who works two days per week, a half-time resource specialist, and a nurse who serves several other district schools. Two part-time reading teachers oversee a staff of teaching aides who give students extra support in reading/language arts.

A before-school chorus for grades three through six meets twice a week before school. A classroom teacher conducts the chorus. Band and orchestra are also available to our students as part of a district-sponsored instrumental music program.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE):** The district tests all third graders to determine if they qualify for the GATE program. The district provides one GATE classroom each for fourth through sixth grade students at Willett. If GATE students choose to remain in the traditional school program, classroom teachers provide differentiated (customized) instruction through open-ended assignments, grouping within and across classrooms, and individual assignments. Various school programs provide opportunities for all students to exercise leadership, and students can develop visual and performing arts skills by participating in art programs and dramatic presentations.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM:** The Student Study Team and/or the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team meet every other week. The teams include our resource specialist teacher, speech therapist, school psychologist, regular education teacher, principal, parents/guardians, and the inclusion teacher, when appropriate. The team works with parents and guardians, and makes recommendations for the IEP of each student diagnosed with special needs. The inclusion specialist plans ways to include her seven severely disabled students into general education classrooms. Our full-time special education teacher and our teaching aides instruct special education students in reading/language arts and mathematics.

**ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM:** Willett has a part-time speech and language therapist, and a school psychologist who works two days per week. Two part-time reading teachers oversee a staff of teaching aides who give students, including English learners, extra support in reading. The nurse is onsite for approximately one day per week. A computer lab specialist works ten hours per week to help students and staff build technology skills and integrate their knowledge into various subject areas. All of our classroom teachers have Cross-cultural Language and Academic Deveopment (CLAD) credentials to facilitate teaching English to English learners.

## 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**

Willett Elementary was constructed in the 1950s. Several portables have been added over the years. Our facility is clean and pleasant, and it meets the needs of students and staff. Several student-made tile mosaics that highlight the school’s mascot grace the walls. The library, students’ bathrooms, and carpeting in the administrative wing were improved or replaced in 2001–2002. We modernized our permanent classrooms in 2004. The stage floor was refinished, new stage curtains were installed, and the multipurpose room was painted in 2007. The district and PTA have worked together to provide playground structures and field and blacktop space. We have seven well-kept garden areas for student use and education.

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**

Willett has one half-time librarian and three part-time library clerks who coordinate library, textbook, technology, and curriculum resources. They also provide library services for all students, staff, and parents. Our recently renovated library has approximately 14,000 books and is open 33 hours per week for checkout, story time, research, and library skills classes. Classes visit the library weekly during scheduled times; the facility is also open for special requests and projects.

**Computers**

We have 213 computers available for student use, which means that, on average, there is one computer for every two students. There are 28 classrooms connected to the Internet.

| RESOURCES                     | OUR SCHOOL | COUNTY AVERAGE | STATE AVERAGE |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Students per computer         | 2          | 4              | 5             |
| Internet-connected classrooms | 28         | 57             | 30            |

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

In addition to classroom computers, we have a Macintosh lab for grades one through three, a Dell lab, and a mobile set of computers. Starting in grade three, students learn typing, word processing, spreadsheets, graphics, and online research. District classes and our computer specialist provide staff technology training. A computer lab specialist works ten hours per week to help students and staff build technology skills and integrate their knowledge into various subject areas.

Most classes in grades four through six visit the Dell computer lab at least once per week. Many use their classroom computers for math and reading reinforcement. Second and third grade students use the Mac lab for practicing math and reading skills. Our goal is to integrate technology into all curriculum areas and to increase the amount of software available to staff and students. A computer lab specialist works ten hours per week to help students and staff build technology skills and integrate their knowledge into various subject areas.

**Parent Involvement**

Willett’s annual plan and some budget approvals are made by our SSC, which always includes parent members. Our PTA is very active in helping us raise funds to augment programs. The PTA sponsors student-related activities, such as the annual Willett Fun Run, scrip sales, the book fair, the Art Museum, the parent newsletter, the publishing club, and assemblies. Many parents and guardians volunteer in classrooms and transport students on field trips. Contact the school office at (530) 757-5460 for more information about volunteering.

**DISTRICT EXPENDITURES**

| CATEGORY OF EXPENSE          | OUR DISTRICT | SIMILAR DISTRICTS | ALL DISTRICTS |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>FISCAL YEAR 2005–2006</b> |              |                   |               |
| Total expenses               | \$60,683,622 | N/A               | N/A           |
| Expenses per student         | \$7,300      | \$7,583           | \$7,521       |
| <b>FISCAL YEAR 2004–2005</b> |              |                   |               |
| 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 |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Beginning teacher’s salary</b>                        | \$32,614         | \$38,479      |
| <b>Midrange teacher’s salary</b>                         | \$51,956         | \$60,306      |
| <b>Highest-paid teacher’s salary</b>                     | \$72,482         | \$74,193      |
| <b>Average principal’s salary (elementary school)</b>    | \$83,562         | \$92,985      |
| <b>Superintendent’s salary</b>                           | \$150,762        | \$155,314     |
| <b>Percentage of budget for teachers’ salaries</b>       | 44%              | 41%           |
| <b>Percentage of budget for administrators’ salaries</b> | 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

We used state funds granted for specific purposes and supplemental funds to hire teaching aides who instruct students in our reading lab; and a technology specialist to help students and staff in our Dell computer lab.

The Davis School Arts Foundation, the Robert E. Willett Foundation, the Tandem Foundation, and the PTA award grants to individual teachers. Our hard-working PTA raises additional funds through scrip sales, book fairs, the fun run, an auction, and membership dues. Donations from individuals in the school community vary from year to year.

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               | 515        |
| African American                 | 4%         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0%         |
| Asian                            | 24%        |
| Filipino                         | 1%         |
| Hispanic or Latino               | 7%         |
| Pacific Islander                 | 0%         |
| White (not Hispanic)             | 63%        |
| Multiple or no response          | 0%         |
| Socioeconomically disadvantaged  | 9%         |
| English learners                 | 10%        |
| 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 | 70       |
| Grade 1      | 57       |
| Grade 2      | 60       |
| Grade 3      | 60       |
| Grade 4      | 92       |
| Grade 5      | 84       |
| Grade 6      | 92       |
| 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 | 20        | 19        | 18        |
| Grade 1      | 20        | 20        | 19        |
| Grade 2      | 20        | 20        | 20        |
| Grade 3      | 18        | 20        | 20        |
| Grade 4      | 31        | 29        | 31        |
| Grade 5      | 29        | 30        | 28        |
| Grade 6      | 28        | 29        | 31        |
| Grade 7      | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| Grade 8      | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| Combined K–3 | 19        | N/A       | N/A       |
| Combined 3–4 | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| Combined 4–8 | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| 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 | 3         | 0     | 0   | 3         | 0     | 0   | 4         | 0     | 0   |
| Grade 1      | 3         | 0     | 0   | 3         | 0     | 0   | 3         | 0     | 0   |
| Grade 2      | 4         | 0     | 0   | 4         | 0     | 0   | 4         | 0     | 0   |
| Grade 3      | 4         | 0     | 0   | 4         | 0     | 0   | 3         | 0     | 0   |
| Grade 4      | 0         | 3     | 0   | 0         | 3     | 0   | 0         | 3     | 0   |
| Grade 5      | 0         | 4     | 0   | 0         | 3     | 0   | 0         | 3     | 0   |
| Grade 6      | 0         | 4     | 0   | 0         | 3     | 0   | 0         | 3     | 0   |
| Combined K–3 | 1         | 0     | 0   | 0         | 0     | 0   | 0         | 0     | 0   |
| Combined 3–4 | 0         | 0     | 0   | 0         | 0     | 0   | 0         | 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    | 30        | 28        | 28        | 458       |
| Without Full Credential | 0         | 0         | 0         | 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<br>PERCENT PROFICIENT OR<br>ADVANCED |      |      | DISTRICT<br>PERCENT PROFICIENT OR<br>ADVANCED |      |      | STATE<br>PERCENT PROFICIENT OR<br>ADVANCED |      |      |
|---------------------------|---|------|------|---|------|------|--|------|------|
|                           | 2005  | 2006 | 2007 | 2005  | 2006 | 2007 | 2005                                       | 2006 | 2007 |
| English/<br>Language Arts | 81%   | 83%  | 85%  | 71%   | 72%  | 73%  | 40%  | 42%  | 43%  |
| Mathematics               | 83%   | 86%  | 86%  | 65%   | 66%  | 66%  | 38%  | 40%  | 40%  |
| Science                   | 72%   | 78%  | 85%  | 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<br>ADVANCED |                          |                      |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
|   | ENGLISH/<br>LANGUAGE<br>ARTS<br>2006–2007                | MATHEMATICS<br>2006–2007 | SCIENCE<br>2006–2007 |
| African American                              | 67%  | 83%                      | N/A                  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native              | N/A  | N/A                      | N/A                  |
| Asian   | 88%  | 92%                      | 85%                  |
| Filipino                                      | N/A  | N/A                      | N/A                  |
| Hispanic or Latino                            | 54%  | 54%                      | N/A                  |
| Pacific Islander                              | N/A  | N/A                      | N/A                  |
| White (not Hispanic)                          | 89%  | 88%                      | 84%                  |
| Boys  | 83%  | 86%                      | 97%                  |
| Girls   | 87%  | 87%                      | 77%                  |
| Economically disadvantaged                    | 50%  | 53%                      | N/A                  |
| English Learners                              | 63%  | 76%                      | N/A                  |
| Students with disabilities                    | 68%  | 66%                      | 75%                  |
| 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<br>PERCENT PROFICIENT OR<br>ADVANCED |      |      | DISTRICT<br>PERCENT PROFICIENT OR<br>ADVANCED |      |      | STATE<br>PERCENT PROFICIENT OR<br>ADVANCED |      |      |
|-------------|---|------|------|---|------|------|--|------|------|
|             | 2005  | 2006 | 2007 | 2005  | 2006 | 2007 | 2005                                       | 2006 | 2007 |
| Reading     | 80%   | 83%  | 73%  | 72%   | 73%  | 74%  | 41%  | 42%  | 42%  |
| Mathematics | 81%   | 90%  | 76%  | 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<br>ADVANCED |                          |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | READING<br>2006–2007              | MATHEMATICS<br>2006–2007 |
| African American                                 | N/A                               | N/A                      |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                 | N/A                               | N/A                      |
| Asian  | 75%                               | 81%                      |
| Filipino   | N/A                               | N/A                      |
| Hispanic or Latino                               | N/A                               | N/A                      |
| Pacific Islander                                 | N/A                               | N/A                      |
| White (not Hispanic)                             | 77%                               | 86%                      |
| Boys   | 73%                               | 82%                      |
| Girls  | 72%                               | 69%                      |
| Economically disadvantaged                       | 45%                               | 27%                      |
| English learners                                 | 42%                               | 58%                      |
| Students with disabilities                       | N/A                               | N/A                      |
| Students receiving migrant<br>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       | 10        | 10        | 10        |
| Similar-schools rank | 5         | 4         | 4         |

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       | +9                | +11       | +7        | 938       |
| African American                 | N/A               | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | N/A               | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| Asian                            | +2                | -17       | +19       | 969       |
| 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)             | +14               | +21       | +5        | 945       |
| Economically disadvantaged       | N/A               | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| English learners                 | N/A               | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| Students with disabilities       | N/A               | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |

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