

School Accountability Report Card

Reported for School Year 2008-09

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The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) [SARC](#) Web page. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE [DataQuest](#) Web page that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., Academic Performance Index [API], Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]), test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides the schools contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Barron Park Elementary	District Name	Palo Alto Unified
Street	800 Barron Ave.	Phone Number	650-329-3700
City, State, Zip	Palo Alto, CA 94306	Web Site	www.pausd.org
Phone Number	650-858-0508	Superintendent	Kevin Skelly
Principal	Catherine Howard	E-mail Address	kskelly@pausd.org
E-mail Address	choward@pausd.org	CDS Code	43- 69641- 6115562

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

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Barron Park Elementary School serves approximately 350 students in 18 K-5 regular education classrooms and two Special Day Classes. Our students come from a rich variety of ethnic, cultural, and economic backgrounds in the Barron Park and Ventura communities.

School Vision & Core Values

We the children and adults who are part of Barron Park School, have talked and worked together to develop a common understanding of what we value and how we want our school to be. Our goal is for Barron Park to be a place where:...

- *We all learn.* We want students and adults to continually gain knowledge and to learn in ways that are meaningful, challenging, and fun.
- *We respect one another.* We want to be aware of our actions and the impact of our actions. We want to show respect for each other by being kind, friendly, polite, and cooperative.
- *We develop responsibility.* We want to grow in the ways that we take care of ourselves, our work, our school and the

people in it, and our environment. We want to develop independence as well as the ability to be a responsible member of a team.

- *We feel safe.* We want to know that our school is a place where each person's whole self will be cared for and protected. We want to feel that we can trust each other enough to try new things and to be ourselves.
- *We feel that we belong to a community.* We want to be included and accepted by the people at our school. We want to know that each of us is important. We want to feel a sense of connection and cooperation among the people at Barron Park.

These are the values we will strive for as members of the Barron Park School community.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2008-09)

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Parents are actively involved in the school community in a variety of ways, including the school site council and the PTA. We actively support frequent, open communication between home and school. The PTA sponsors family events, parent education programs, a book fair, and noon activities for students. The PTA also edits and distributes our school newsletter, the Barron Park Buzz. School flyers and information, the newsletter, and parent education events are translated in to Spanish. Five parents are members of our school Site Council, an elected group that helps develop the school plan, yearly goals, and budget.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2008-09)

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	60
Grade 1	55
Grade 2	67
Grade 3	59
Grade 4	53
Grade 5	49
Ungraded Elementary	0
Total Enrollment	343

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	4.37 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.29 %
Asian	20.99 %
Filipino	0.87 %
Hispanic or Latino	26.53 %
Pacific Islander	0.58 %
White (not Hispanic)	33.53 %
Multiple or No Response	12.83 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	30.00 %
English Learners	28.00 %
Students with Disabilities	12.00 %

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

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

Grade Level	2006-07			2007-08			2008-09					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+

K	15.4	5		15.8	4		19.8	4	
1	20.0	2		15.8	4		17.3	3	
2	20.0	3		19.0	3		16.8	4	
3	18.7	3		19.7	3		19.0	3	
4	21.5		2	18.3	3		17.3	3	
5	22.0		2	20.5	1	1	23.0		2

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2008-09)

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

Barron Park School is concerned about the safety of all students, and we recognize the benefits of safety planning. In accordance with California Education Code, Section 32286, a Comprehensive School Safety Plan was adopted during the 1999-2000 school year. The CSSP is reviewed, updated, and approved annually by the principal and the School Site Council. The current CSSP was approved in June 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year.

The key elements of Barron Park's Comprehensive School Safety Plan are:

- To be fully prepared for an earthquake or other disaster by reviewing preparation and supplies for disasters; and by training all staff in their roles and responsibilities in the event of an earthquake or other disaster
- To be fully prepared for an active shooter on campus or for an attempted child abduction
- To ensure a positive school culture in which teasing and harassment are not tolerated

The full CSSP is available for review in the School Office; please contact principal Cathy Howard for further information.

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Suspensions				2.0	1.7	1.9
Expulsions				0.0	0.0	0.1

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

Safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities. EC Sec. 33126 (b)(9)

Safe, orderly schools are the highest priority of the Palo Alto Unified School District. Schools maintain and enforce a policy of required registration and identification at the main office. All visitors must register and receive approval before visiting any classroom or activity during the school day. District personnel, contractors and maintenance crews are required to wear identification badges while working on any campus throughout the district.

The District has established a Preventive Maintenance Team that will visit each campus on an assigned schedule repairing and maintaining facilities in readiness conducive to teaching and learning. ***In addition, the District provides a work order system for ongoing maintenance that tracks requests, supplies and assigned time spent on any routine repair.*** A Custodial Supervisor who monitors the cleaning of all sites visits both during the day as well as the evening, providing custodians with support and emphasizing the importance of providing and maintaining a clean facility for learning.

Each school has a Safety Plan and clearly stated expectations for student behavior. Safety Plans are updated and reviewed annually. The District has a strictly enforced anti-discrimination policy that prohibits harassment of students or staff based upon race, gender, disability, religion or sexual orientation. The School Board maintains a zero tolerance policy for violent or threatening behaviors, and is committed to prevention of harmful behaviors. Students are provided with opportunities to build positive relationships to help create a more supportive school community.

The Barron Park Elementary School main campus was originally constructed in 1947. The buildings on campus have been renovated and added to over the years with a multipurpose room added in 1977. A large portion of the original wing and the administration building were lost to fire and were re-built in 1977. The latest modernization occurring in 2001 as part of the Building for Excellence Program. This modernization program included seismic and ADA accessibility improvements, as well as updating the classroom environment. New technology upgrades included computer workstations and increased electrical capacity within the classrooms. Energy upgrades included new heating systems and lighting in the classrooms. The 2001 modernization included construction of a new library building and four new classrooms. In 2008 two new 1440 square foot modulars were added to the site.

The campus now has a new library facility as part of the Building for Excellence Program. The library facility has reading and resource areas for students, as well as new computer workstations. The library has a credentialed librarian assigned, with equipment, which provides for on line services, Internet and Intranet connections and a multimedia presentation station.

The Multipurpose room is **twenty-nine years old**, and is slated for reconstruction in the future.

The District staff has been working with site personnel to identify additional needs at all of the campuses as input to the District's Capital Improvement Plan. This plan will detail proposed repair/replace projects over the next twenty years with a priority for health and safety issues and begin to identify funding sources.

Modernization on campus in 2001 included a new playground equipment structure and the resurfacing of hard court and play surfaces. The buildings were also re-roofed and painted in 2001 as part of the renovation.

Two 1440 square foot modular buildings were added in the summer of 2007 to accommodate growth.

As of **August 2009** none of the emergency facility needs specified in Education Code Section 17592.72 (1. Gas leaks; 2. Non-functioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; 3. Electrical power failure; 4. Major sewer stoppage; 5. Major pest or vermin infestation; 6. Broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and pose a security risk; 7. Abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that poses an immediate threat to pupil or staff; and 8. Structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition) are required at this school site. **A copy of the Interim Evaluation Instrument used to verify Education Code Section 17592.72 deficiencies is on file in the Facilities Office for review.**

The Barron Park Elementary School campus is safe, well maintained and clean, with a custodial staff assigned for 13.75 hours daily.

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the CDE [DataQuest](#) Web page.

Teachers	School			District
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09
With Full Credential	22	24	22	723
Without Full Credential	0	0	1	12
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	N/A

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Indicator	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	2	3	4
Total Teacher Misassignments	2	3	4
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers in the school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-

poverty schools in the district. High poverty schools are defined as those schools with student participation of approximately 75 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low poverty schools are those with student participation of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found on the CDE [Improving Teacher and Principal Quality](#) Web page.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes in Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	98.9	1.1
High-Poverty Schools in District		
Low-Poverty Schools in District	98.9	1.1

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor		
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	1.0	N/A
Psychologist	1.0	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0	N/A
Other		

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2009-10)

The Board of Education has made a determination that each pupil in each school in the District has, or will have prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject, and these materials, in each subject, are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Palo Alto Unified School District this 23rd day of September, 2008.

Additional information is available from the PAUSD Educational Services Department at (650) 329-3709.

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found on the CDE [Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending](#) Web page and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE [Certificated Salaries & Benefits](#) Web page.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental / Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic / Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$11,250	\$2,616	\$8,635	\$81,393
District	N/A	N/A	\$8,457	\$81,944
Percent Difference				

Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	2.1%	-0.7%
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,512	\$65,905
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	56.7%	23.5%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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

Each year each school develops a Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). This plan is available at the school and on the school Web site. The SPSA is developed by the School Site Council and is presented to the Board of Education for approval during a fall Board Work Session. This plan provides the budget detail on the uses of the site's categorical funds. The SPSA also describes the overall categorical funding received by the District in dollar amounts and the types of services funded. Most categorical programs are centrally funded and not within an individual school's budget. The notable exceptions are the state-funded School and Library Improvement Block Grant, which is allocated to each school on a per pupil basis, and the federally-funded Title I Assistance Program, which is provided for identified students in PAUSD's elementary schools with the highest concentrations of low income families.

The District also publishes an annual Budget Book, typically running over 400 pages, which details all District expenditures, General and Categorical, by school and by department. The 2009-10 Budget was adopted by the Board of Education on June 23, 2009. The Budget Book is available through Business Services at the District Office and on the PAUSD Web site (www.pausd.org/community/about/budget_book.shtml).

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

This table displays district salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the CDE [Certificated Salaries & Benefits](#) Web page.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$50,168	\$40,786
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$79,863	\$65,726
Highest Teacher Salary	\$101,306	\$85,230
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$131,754	\$106,548
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$144,678	\$112,237
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$150,627	\$121,617
Superintendent Salary	\$225,000	\$191,155
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	41.50 %	40.60 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.70 %	5.30 %

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs); the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and ten through eleven. The CAPA includes ELA, mathematics, and science in grades two through eleven, and for science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations. The CMA includes ELA and mathematics for grades three through eight and science in grade five and is an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE [Standardized Testing and Reporting \(STAR\) Results](#) Web site. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the [Explaining 2008 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide](#). Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because

the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

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

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
English-Language Arts	66	62	67	83	83	84	43	46	50
Mathematics	61	69	74	80	81	81	40	43	46
Science	64	68	66	81	85	86	38	46	50
History-Social Science	0	0	0	74	76	80	33	36	41

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group (School Year 2008-09)

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

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	*	*	*	
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*		
Asian	89	98	*	
Filipino	*	*	*	
Hispanic or Latino	29	42	36	
Pacific Islander	*	*		
White (not Hispanic)	81	84	79	
Male	67	75	68	
Female	67	74	64	
Economically Disadvantaged	29	46	41	
English Learners	32	54	*	
Students with Disabilities	41	48	*	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

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

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the [CDE Physical Fitness Testing \(PFT\) Web page](#). Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zones		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	25.0	31.2	12.5

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found on the CDE [Academic Performance Index \(API\)](#) Web page.

Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from one to ten. A statewide rank of one means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of ten means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of one means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of ten means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2006	2007	2008
Statewide	9	8	8
Similar Schools	8	4	4

"N/A" means a number is not applicable or not available due to missing data.

"B" means this is either an LEA or an Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) school. Schools participating in the ASAM do not currently receive growth, target information, or statewide or similar schools rankings on this report in recognition of their markedly different educational missions and populations served. ASAM schools are covered under the Alternative Accountability system as required by Education Code Section 52052 and not the API accountability system. However, API information is needed to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Growth, target and rank information are not applicable to LEAs.

"C" means this is a special education school. Statewide and similar schools ranks are not applicable to special education schools.

" * " means this API is calculated for a small school or a small LEA, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid STAR Program test scores included in the API. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted. Similar schools ranks are not calculated for small schools.

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

This table displays, by student group, the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years, and the most recent API score. Note: A blank means that the student group is not numerically significant.

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009
All Students at the School	-22	3	9	861
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino				708
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)	-20	32	2	927
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				718
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal NCLB Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found on the CDE [Adequate Yearly Progress \(AYP\) Web page](#).

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	No	No
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	No
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	No	Yes
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	No
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	Yes

"Yes" Met 2009 AYP Criteria

"No" Did not Meet 2009 AYP Criteria

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2009-10)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found on the CDE [Adequate Yearly Progress \(AYP\) Web page](#).

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	

XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

(The data in this section only apply to the high schools.)

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

The PAUSD provides ongoing professional development and professional growth opportunities to all staff. All teachers and classified staff participate in three districtwide staff development days each year. The content for these sessions is informed by the PAUSD Strategic Goals that encompass our commitment to academic excellence and learning; our need to attract, retain, and enhance the skills of the most talented people we can find; facing challenges in the District's infrastructure and its finance; and the collective realization that the trust and confidence of our community is vital for the District's success. Additional workshops on these topics, multimedia and technology are offered throughout the year, at the District and school sites. Reading specialists, special education teachers, school psychologists, speech therapists, EL teachers, and other non-classroom personnel are included and also receive additional training in their areas of expertise. Study groups, Lesson Study teams, and peer coaching involve small teams of teachers at specific grade levels or within content areas who work together on a cycle of inquiry and preparation for National Board Certification. New teachers to PAUSD, including those who qualify for the BTSA Induction Program, receive monthly professional development that includes curriculum, instruction, assessment, and special workshops on specific students' needs. In addition, BTSA participants receive formative assessment and one-to-one coaching.

During the summer, weeklong professional development is offered in curriculum, instruction, technology, and leadership. Reading, writing, art and math professional development laboratory schools provide two and four-week opportunities for intensive training combined with coaching and reflective practice. Summer curriculum-development teams produce curriculum to later be used by the entire teacher community.

XIII. National Assessment of Educational Progress

National Assessment of Educational Progress

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a nationally representative assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. Student scores for reading and mathematics are reported as performance levels (i.e., basic, proficient, and advanced) and the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners is reported based on three levels (identified, excluded, and assessed). Detailed information regarding the NAEP results for each grade, performance level, and participation rate can be found on the [National Assessment of Educational Progress](#) Web page (Outside Source).

Note: Only a sample group of California's schools and districts participate in the NAEP testing cycle. Therefore, students in any particular school or district may not be included in these results. The NAEP reflects state test results and is not reflective of either the LEA or the individual school. Comparisons of student performance on the NAEP and student performance on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program assessments cannot be made without an understanding of the key differences between the two assessment programs. For example, the NAEP only assesses grades four, eight and twelve and for long-term trends assesses grades nine, thirteen, and seventeen. Additionally, the NAEP only provides state test results for grades four and eight. The California Standards Tests (CSTs) are based on a different set of standards than the NAEP assessments. For example, the NAEP is not aligned with California academic content and achievement standards and, therefore, does not necessarily reflect the curriculum and instruction to which students are exposed in the classroom. The NAEP assesses reading and writing separately, while the CSTs assess English-language arts (ELA), encompassing reading as well as writing conventions, spelling, and grammar. Scores on the CSTs and other assessments are not directly comparable to those on NAEP. The averages and percentages presented are estimates based on samples of students rather than on entire populations. Finally, the questions students respond to are only a sample of the knowledge and skills covered by the NAEP frameworks. Information on the differences between NAEP and CST can be found on the CDE [National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\)](#) Web page.

National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading and Mathematics Results by Grade Level – Aggregated

This table displays the scale scores and achievement levels on the National Assessment of Educational Progress Results for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) for grades four and eight .

Subject and Grade Level	Average Scale Score		State Percent at Achievement Level		
	State	National	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Reading 2007, Grade 4	209	220	30	18	5
Reading 2007, Grade 8	251	261	41	20	2
Mathematics 2009, Grade 4	232	239	41	25	5
Mathematics 2009, Grade 8	270	282	36	18	5

National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading and Mathematics Results for Students with Disabilities and/or English Language Learners by Grade Level – Aggregated

This table displays the state and national participation rates on the National Assessment of Educational Progress for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) for students with disabilities and/or English language learners for grades four and eight.

Subject and Grade Level	State Participation Rate		National Participation Rate	
	Students With Disabilities	English Language Learners	Students With Disabilities	English Language Learners
Reading 2007, Grade 4	74	93	65	80
Reading 2007, Grade 8	78	92	66	77
Mathematics 2009, Grade 4	79	96	84	94
Mathematics 2009, Grade 8	85	96	78	92