

School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2007-08 Published During 2008-09

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 at the [SARC](#) Web site. 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 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 2008-09)

This section provides the schools contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Palo Alto High	District Name	Palo Alto Unified
Street	50 Embarcadero Rd.	Phone Number	650-329-3700
City, State, Zip	Palo Alto, CA 94301-2321	Web Site	www.pausd.org
Phone Number	650-329-3701	Superintendent	Kevin Skelly
Principal	Jacqueline McEvoy	E-mail Address	kskelly@pausd.org
E-mail Address	jmcevoy@pausd.org	CDS Code	43-69641-4335782

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about the school's goals and programs.

Palo Alto Senior High School (known locally as Paly) is a comprehensive public high school, serving 1701 students in grades 9-12. Over 88% of graduating seniors go to 2-4 year colleges, with close to 72% going directly to 4-year colleges. The proximity of Stanford University, the Silicon Valley business community, and the city of San Francisco has created a socially diverse community with high academic expectations and a strong belief in quality public education. The student body reflects the community's socio-economic status and educational level. The ethnic/racial makeup of our student population is 6% African-American, 7% Latino, 22% Asian, 5% others and 60% Caucasian. Attendance rates are high; non-excused absences averaged less than 2% in 2006-2007. The dropout rate is one of the lowest in the state; 0.1% of the entering sophomores leave school before graduation.

Paly works to maintain world-class standards of achievement. As one of California's Digital High Schools, Paly has a technology program which seeks to ensure that staff and students alike are able to use technology to conduct and enhance their work, emulating the conditions of today's college and work environments. In surveys and measures of school quality conducted by independent organizations over the last several years, Palo Alto High School is consistently named among the top high schools in the nation.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2007-08)

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

There are many ways for parents to be involved at Palo Alto High School. Parents are active in the PTSA, various Boosters organizations (Sports, Music, Theater, TEAM, etc.) and through programs such as the College Center, Service Learning, the Landscaping Committee and many others. Opportunities to serve in the PTSA include many different levels of commitment, from serving on the board to helping with events.

The school values the work of volunteers so highly that it employs a Volunteer Coordinator to assist parents in finding the volunteer opportunity that best suits them. A parent survey is collected at the beginning of each school year and parents check off the areas of service that they are interested in helping with. The resulting database of potential volunteers is used throughout the school year to contact parents as various school programs seek the help of volunteers.

Contact Beth Martin, Volunteer Coordinator, at 650-329-3895.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2007-08)

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	0
Grade 1	0
Grade 2	0
Grade 3	0
Grade 4	0
Grade 5	0
Grade 6	0
Grade 7	0
Grade 8	0
Ungraded Elementary	0
Grade 9	433
Grade 10	439
Grade 11	424
Grade 12	405
Ungraded Secondary	0
Total Enrollment	1701

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2007-08)

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	3.94 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.29 %
Asian	19.17 %
Filipino	0.47 %
Hispanic or Latino	6.58 %
Pacific Islander	0.53 %

White (not Hispanic)	57.2 %
Multiple or No Response	11.82 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	5 %
English Learners	4 %
Students with Disabilities	9 %

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

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

Subject	2005-06				2006-07				2007-08			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	25.1	29	34	10	25.3	28	35	8	24.1	33	38	3
Mathematics	24.1	32	26	9	24.6	26	32	5	24.9	25	32	8
Science	24.6	17	44	3	26.4	17	40	4	25.9	11	49	1
Social Science	29.1	2	51	9	28.4	7	48	7	28.6	5	53	6

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2007-08)

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

Additional changes and revisions continue to be made to the Palo Alto High School Safety Plan for 2007-08. Code Red (or "intruder on campus") drills were the focus for the school year. Teachers attended a mandatory district training on the Code Red procedures. Multiple drills were held to assist both students and staff members in how to respond to various scenarios. Feedback was utilized by newly-formed disaster preparedness committee in moving forward with future drills. Past trainings regarding evacuation location and procedures, training of staff and students in reporting of injuries and student location, backup of student records in case of catastrophic disaster, and check out procedures were reviewed by the committee and staff.

Staff has also reviewed their specific responsibilities during emergency procedures, whether a building leader (who has responsibility for the evacuation of a building), first assistant responders (the nurses, CPR-Trained staff), staff with specialized responsibilities, or a staff member responsible for being with their students.

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		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Suspensions	3.5	4.2	4.0	1.9	2.0	1.7
Expulsions	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1

IV. School Facilities

Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2008-09)

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 Palo Alto High School campus was originally constructed in 1918. Additions added in 1924. The Boy's Gym added in 1928. The Industrial Arts and shops added in 1945. Locker rooms and showers were added to the Boy's Gym in 1946. In 1960 a new Science wing was added. In 1969 a Girl's Gym was added to the site. In 1972, concerns with earthquake safety caused much of the original school configuration to be demolished to make way for new facilities. The Tower Building, Theatre, Gyms and Industrial Arts are all that remains from the old campus plan. As part of the Building for Excellence Program, a new Science facility was added in 2004 with the old Science building being demolished. The modernization program renovated a majority of the classrooms in the 1972 configuration. Classroom renovations included new finishes, casework, heating systems, lighting, telecommunications and data systems.

The Library on campus was built as part of the 1972 construction and received some interior renovation during the summer of 2005. The 100 Building (Fine Arts) was completed modernization and was occupied in May.

Each of the 1972 buildings has been re-roofed and painted during the 2000 to 2005 phased modernization with the exceptions of the Tower Building, Theatre and Industrial Arts. Exterior painting of the Gym Facilities occurred during the summer of 2006. Improvements to the Tower Building, Theatre, Library building, Industrial Arts and the interiors of the gyms and outside athletic facilities are scheduled for future improvements.

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.

As of **August 2008** 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 Palo Alto High School campus is safe, well maintained and clean, with a custodial staff assigned for 68 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 at the [DataQuest](#) Web site.

Teachers	School			District
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
With Full Credential	103	99	110	737
Without Full Credential	5	6	0	8
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	1	1	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	40	35	31
Total Teacher Misassignments	41	35	31
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers (School Year 2006-07)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers at the school, at all schools in the district, at high-poverty schools in the district, and at low-poverty schools in the district. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the [NCLB](#) Web site.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes in Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	98.3	1.7
All Schools in District	97.1	2.9
High-Poverty Schools in District		
Low-Poverty Schools in District	97.0	3.0

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2007-08)

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	4.0	425
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	1.0	N/A
Psychologist	1.0	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist		N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		N/A
Other		N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2008-09)

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 25th day of September, 2007.

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 2006-07)

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 at the [Current Expense of Education](#) Web page and teacher salaries can be found on the [Certificated Salaries and Benefits](#) Web page.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$9659	\$1381	\$8277	\$80452
District	N/A	N/A	\$7809	\$78799
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	6.0%	2.1%
State	N/A	N/A	\$5300	\$63458
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	56.2%	26.8%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

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 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 2008-09 Budget was adopted by the Board of Education on June 24, 2008. The Budget Book is available through Business Services at the District Office and on the PAUSD Website (www.pausd.org/community/about_pausd).

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

This table displays district-level salary information 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. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the [Certificated Salaries and Benefits](#) Web page.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$48944	\$39708
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$77915	\$63805
Highest Teacher Salary	\$98835	\$82081
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$127648	\$102166
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$138563	\$107816
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$145002	\$116474
Superintendent Salary	\$267342	\$183478
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	41.6 %	40.6 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.5 %	5.2 %

IX. Student Performance

California Standards Tests

The California Standards Tests (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 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, and 9 through 11; and history-social science in grades 8, and 10 through 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the [Standardized Testing and Reporting \(STAR\) Results](#) Web page.

CST 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		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
English-Language Arts	83	80	84	82	83	83	42	43	46
Mathematics	72	77	76	80	80	81	40	40	43
Science	78	76	82	81	81	85	35	38	46
History-Social Science	78	69	76	76	74	76	33	33	36

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.

CST Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

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

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	43	30	62	36
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*
Asian	94	92	93	84
Filipino	*	*	*	*

Hispanic or Latino	44	45	37	30
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	89	77	84	83
Male	80	78	81	79
Female	88	74	83	74
Economically Disadvantaged	27	37	35	
English Learners	59	72	67	62
Students with Disabilities	29	34	26	
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 High School Exit Examination

The California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) is primarily used as a graduation requirement. However, the grade 10 results of this exam are also used to establish the percentages of students at three proficiency levels (not proficient, proficient, or advanced) in ELA and mathematics in order to compute Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designations as required by the federal NCLB Act of 2001. Detailed information regarding CAHSEE results can be found at the [CAHSEE](#) Web site.

CAHSEE Results by Performance Level for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level in English-Language Arts and mathematics.

Subject	School			District			State		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
English	85.3	87.7	92.9	87.3	87.3	90.5	51.1	48.6	52.9
Mathematics	86.1	89.2	90.5	88.5	89.7	90.5	46.8	49.9	51.3

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 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.

CAHSEE Results by Performance Level for Student Groups - Most Recent Year

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

Group	English			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	7.1	44.2	48.7	9.5	26.0	64.5
Male	8.1	51.1	40.7	8.1	26.6	65.3
Female	5.9	36.6	57.4	10.9	25.4	63.7
African American	37.5	50.0	12.5	41.2	29.4	29.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	1.1	39.8	59.1	1.1	18.3	80.6
Filipino	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	36.7	46.7	16.7	40.0	33.3	26.7
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	3.8	44.4	51.9	6.0	28.3	65.7
English Learners	47.6	38.1	14.3	42.9	23.8	33.3

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	54.5	31.8	13.6	54.5	27.3	18.2
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	58.3	37.5	4.2	60.0	32.0	8.0

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

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2007-08)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the healthy fitness zone on all six 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 [Physical Fitness Testing](#) Web page.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zones
5	N/A
7	N/A
9	65.79

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.

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

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

API Ranks - Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. These ranks are published when the Base API is released each March. The statewide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest 10 percent of all 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 schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing 10 schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2005	2006	2007
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	9	9	9

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

******* means this API is calculated for a small school, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program test scores included in the API. The API is asterisked if the school was small either in 2007 or 2008. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted.

"A" means the school or subgroups scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in 2008.

"B" 4335782

"C" means the school had significant demographic changes and will not have any growth or target information.

"D" means this is either an LEA, an Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) school, or a special education school. Target information is not applicable to LEAs, ASAM schools, or special education schools.

"E" indicates this school was an ASAM school in the 2007 Base API Report and has no target information even though the school is no longer an ASAM school.

API Changes by Student Group - Three-Year Comparison

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

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008
All Students at the School	6	-4	17	900
African American				N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native				N/A
Asian	0	6	16	959
Filipino				N/A
Hispanic or Latino				N/A
Pacific Islander				N/A
White (not Hispanic)	3	-12	21	915
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				N/A
English Learners				N/A
Students with Disabilities				N/A

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

"**" means this API is calculated for a small school, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program test scores included in the API. The API is asterisked if the school was small either in 2007 or 2008. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted.

"A" means the school or subgroups scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in 2008.

"B" means the school did not have a valid 2007 Base API and will not have any growth or target information.

"C" means the school had significant demographic changes and will not have any growth or target information.

"D" means this is either an LEA, an Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) school, or a special education school. Target information is not applicable to LEAs, ASAM schools, or special education schools.

"E" indicates this school was an ASAM school in the 2007 Base API Report and has no target information even though the school is no longer an ASAM school.

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

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the [AYP](#) Web page.

AYP Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2007-08)

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

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2008-09)

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 (English-language arts or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the [AYP](#) Web page.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		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

Admission Requirements for California Public Universities

University of California

Admission requirements for the University of California (UC) follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state's high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work. For general admissions requirements please visit the [University of California](#) Web site.

California State University

Admission requirements for the California State University (CSU) use three factors to determine eligibility. They are specific high school courses; grades in specified courses and test scores; and graduation from high school. Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses utilize local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For general admissions requirements please visit the [California State University](#) Web site.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

This table displays the school's one-year dropout rates and graduation rates for the most recent three-year period for which data is available. For comparison purposes, data are also provided at the district and state levels. Detailed information about dropout rates and graduation rates can be found on the [DataQuest](#) Web site.

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Dropout Rate (1-year)	0.2	1.6	0.5	0.1	1.3	0.6	3.1	3.5	4.4
Graduation Rate	99.2	93.8	98.5	99.5	94.6	97.8	85.0	83.0	79.5

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

Students in California public schools must pass both the English-language arts and mathematics portions of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) to receive a high school diploma. For students who began the 2007-08 school year in the 12th grade, as evidenced by that school year's October CBEDS enrollment, this table displays by student group the percent who met all state and local graduation requirements for grade 12 completion, including having passed both portions of the CAHSEE or received a local waiver or state exemption. Detailed information about the CAHSEE can be found at the [CAHSEE](#) Web page. Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.

Note: "NSS" means that the student subgroup is not numerically significant. To be a "numerically significant subgroup" requires 50 students or more totalling at least 15% of the population, or a total of 100 students.

Group	Graduating Class of 2008		
	School	District	State
All Students	95.8%	96.9%	N/A
African American	NSS	NSS	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	NSS	NSS	N/A
Asian	100%	98.3%	N/A
Filipino	NSS	NSS	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	NSS	NSS	N/A
Pacific Islander	NSS	NSS	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	96.6%	97.9%	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	NSS	NSS	N/A
English Learners	NSS	NSS	N/A
Students with Disabilities	NSS	NSS	N/A

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about the degree to which pupils are prepared to enter the workforce, including a list of career technical education (CTE) programs offered at the school.

Palo Alto High School has 277 students in 13 CTE classes. Gunn and Palo Alto High Schools have a wide range of CTE and vocational education classes. The high schools do not issue certificates for completing a specific sequence of CTE classes constituting a CTE program. Palo Alto High School has no formal CTE program articulation with a postsecondary education institution.

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

This table displays, for the most recent year, two measures related to the school's courses that are required for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) admission. Detailed information about student enrollment, in and completion of, courses required for UC/CSU admission can be found at the [DataQuest](#) Web site.

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	81.5
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	65.4

Advanced Placement Courses (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays, for the most recent year, the number of Advanced Placement (AP) courses that the school offered by subject and the percent of the school's students enrolled in all AP courses. Detailed information about student enrollment in AP courses can be found at the [DataQuest](#) Web site.

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		N/A
English	1	N/A
Fine and Performing Arts	2	N/A
Foreign Language	4	N/A
Mathematics	3	N/A
Science	4	N/A
Social Science	2	N/A
All courses	16	10.9

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 district-wide staff development days each year. The content for these sessions is informed by the PAUSD Strategic Goals that encompass student achievement, closing the achievement gap, and meeting the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of all students, and providing multiple pathways for students to demonstrate 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.