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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 2011–2012 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 high 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.

Please note that words that appear in a smaller, bold typeface are links in the online version of this report to more information. You can find a list of those linked words and their Web page URLs at:

http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links_2012_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, or would like to request a hardcopy version, please contact our school office.

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» Principal's Message

Da Vinci Design is a dynamic, small, award-winning public charter high school in Los Angeles authorized by the Wiseburn School District and accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Da Vinci Design is a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools and is a Certified Charter School of the California Charter Schools Association.

All of our students take University of California (UC)/California State University (CSU) approved college-prep courses throughout their four years at Da Vinci Design and are required to complete two early college classes to graduate. In addition, Da Vinci Design offers students opportunities for focused study in digital media, engineering design, industrial design, and product design.

Serving diverse students from more than 49 zip codes across Los Angeles County, Da Vinci Design has five distinctive strengths: an innovative, project-based curriculum that engages students' interests and motivates them to learn; a small and personalized learning environment where every student is known, seen, and valued; strategic public-private partnerships with many corporate, nonprofit, and educational institutions; internships where high school students gain real-world work experience; and an early college program where students take college classes for credit (at no charge to them) while they simultaneously earn their high school diploma. Jack O'Connell, the former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said "Da Vinci Schools should be a model for other public schools in the state."

Students present their work in two evening exhibitions per year, complete a job shadow in tenth grade, an internship in eleventh grade, and a senior project in twelfth grade. Da Vinci students also are required to complete 25 hours of community service every year and to present and defend their work at the end of each school year to matriculate to the next grade level.

Da Vinci Design has partnerships with many local design leaders and institutions, including Art Center College of Design, Otis College of Art and Design, Belkin International, Gensler, Karten Design, Northrop Grumman, and Industrial Designers Society of America, that offer job shadowing opportunities, internships, mentoring, and project support to help students acquire the real-world knowledge and skills that do not appear in the California Content Standards. These industry partners also teach or co-teach many of our seminar (elective) courses such as toy and product design, game design, Web design and Project Lead the Way Introduction to Engineering Design, among others.

Da Vinci Design's first class of students will graduate in June 2013.

Colleen O'Boyle, PRINCIPAL

Grade range and calendar

K-11

TRADITIONAL

Academic Performance Index

746

County Average: 725

State Average: 748

Student enrollment

518

County Average: 1,357

State Average: 1,130

Major Achievements

- Our community and industry partners worked closely with us to define the 21st-century skills needed to prepare students for college and innovative careers in the creative sector.
- Da Vinci was one of 50 semifinalists in the 2011 Vans Custom Culture Shoe Design Competition, a national contest that attracted a pool of nearly 400 entrants from all 50 states.
- Da Vinci Design students won third place in the Raytheon Engineering Games that was part of National Engineers Week in February 2011.
- In 2011, a Da Vinci Design student was accepted into the prestigious Ryman Arts advanced studio art program that is being offered in collaboration with Otis College of Art and Design.
- Da Vinci Schools won the Best Community Service Award in the 2011 QuikSCience Challenge, a national competition sponsored by the University of Southern California (USC) Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies; Quiksilver, Inc.; and the Quiksilver Foundation.
- Students took seminar classes co-taught by Da Vinci faculty and industry professionals to acquire practical, real-world design skills. Recent classes included Introduction to Engineering Design, Web Design, Game Design, and Product Design.

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. It is also used to compare schools in a statewide ranking system. The California Department of Education (CDE) calculates a school's API using student test results from the California Standards Tests 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.

Da Vinci Design's API was 746 (out of 1000). About 99 percent of our students took the test. You can find three years of detailed API results in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

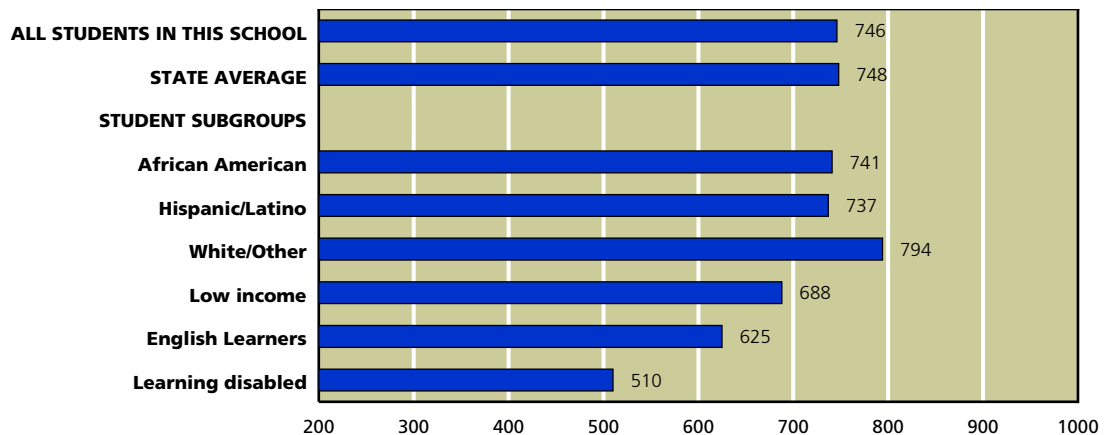
API GROWTH TARGETS: Each year the CDE sets specific API "growth targets" for every school. It assigns one growth target for the entire school, and it sets additional targets for ethnic groups, English Learners, special education students, or socioeconomic subgroups of students that make up a significant 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.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX	
Met schoolwide growth target	N/A
Met growth target for prior school year	N/A
API score	746
Growth attained from prior year	N/A
Met subgroup* growth targets	N/A

SOURCE: API based on spring 2012 test cycle. Growth scores alone are displayed and are current as of December 2012.

*Ethnic groups, English Learners, special ed students, 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. N/A - Results not available.

API, Spring 2012



SOURCE: API based on spring 2012 test cycle. State average represents high 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 six out of nine criteria for yearly progress. Because we fell short in three areas, we did not make AYP.

To meet AYP, high schools must meet four criteria. First, a certain percentage of students must score at or above Proficient levels on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA): 77.8 percent on the English/language arts test and 77.4 percent on the math test. All significant ethnic, English Learners, special education, and socioeconomic subgroups of students also must meet these goals. Second, the schools must achieve an API of at least 740 or increase their API by one point from the prior year. Third, 95 percent of tenth grade students must take the CAHSEE or CAPA. Fourth, the graduation rate for the class of 2011 must be higher than 90 percent (or satisfy alternate improvement criteria).

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

FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met AYP	No
Met schoolwide participation rate	Yes
Met schoolwide test score goals	No
Met subgroup* participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* test score goals	No
Met schoolwide API for AYP	Yes
Met graduation rate	N/A
Program Improvement school in 2012	No

SOURCE: AYP is based on the Accountability Progress Report of October 2012. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students' test results in the 2011–2012 school year or earlier.

*Ethnic groups, English Learners, special ed students, 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. N/A - Results not available.

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 CAHSEE OR CAPA?	DID 77.8% ATTAIN PROFICIENCY ON THE CAHSEE OR CAPA?	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CAHSEE OR CAPA?	DID 77.4% ATTAIN PROFICIENCY ON THE CAHSEE OR CAPA?
SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS	●	●	●	●
STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY				
Hispanic/Latino	●	●	●	●

SOURCE: AYP release of October 2012, CDE.

The table at left shows our success or failure in meeting AYP goals in the 2011–2012 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 AYP.

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.

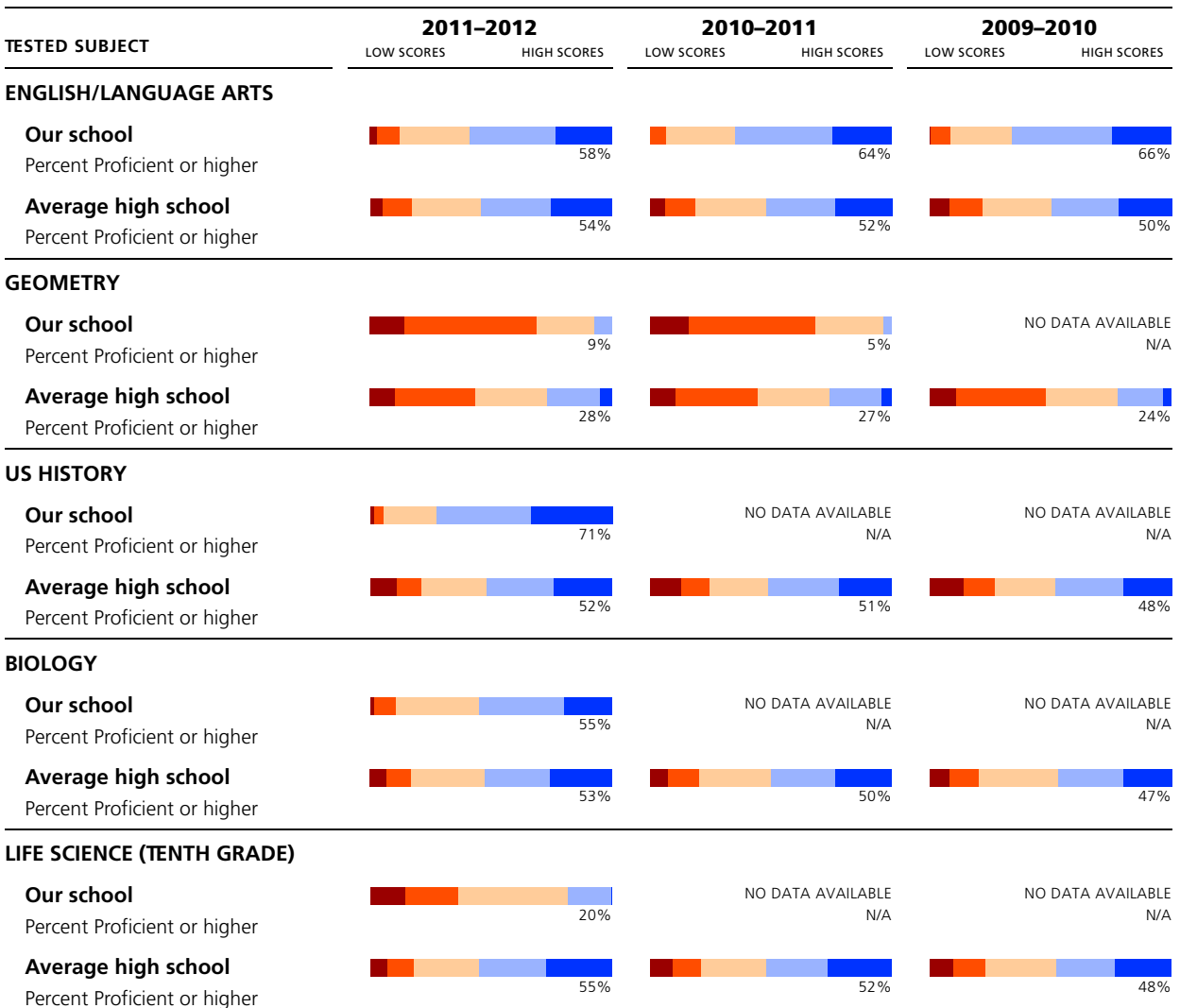
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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

California Standards Tests

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

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



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Frequently Asked Questions About Standardized Tests

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

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

HOW HARD ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS? Experts consider California's standards to be among the most clear and rigorous in the country. Just 59 percent of elementary school students scored Proficient or Advanced on the English/language arts test; 63 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 CST. 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 for understanding how to [compare test scores](#).

WHY ARE ONLY SOME OF THE TEST RESULTS PRESENT? California's test program includes many tests not mentioned in this report. For brevity's sake, we're reporting six CST tests usually taken by the largest number of students. We select at least one test from each core subject. For science, we've selected biology and the tenth grade life science test. For math, we've selected two courses: Algebra I, which students take if they haven't studied and passed it in eighth grade; and Geometry. In social studies, we've selected US History, which is taken by all juniors (eleventh graders). English/language arts summarizes the results of students in grades nine through eleven.

English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			58%	98%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About four percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			50%	94%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			54%	94%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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

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

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			48%	169	GENDER: About 17 percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			65%	255	
English proficient			59%	408	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	16	
Low income			50%	228	INCOME: About 19 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			69%	195	
Learning disabled	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	26	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			62%	398	
African American			56%	53	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			54%	231	
White/Other			80%	50	
Two or more races			63%	79	

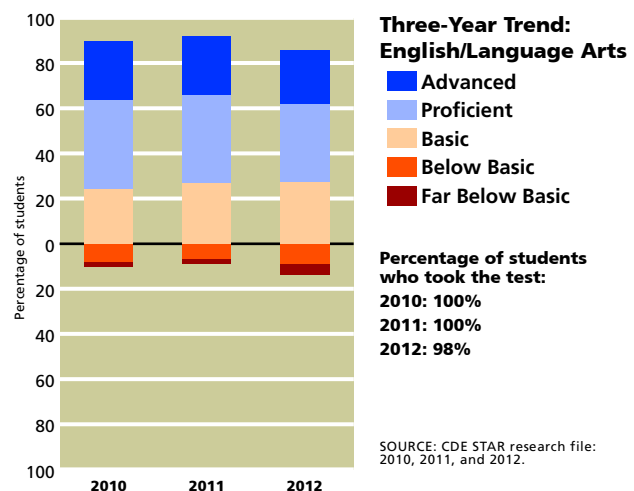
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N/A: Not applicable. Either no students took the test, or to safeguard student privacy the CDE withheld all results because very few students took the test in any grade.

N/S: 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.



Algebra I

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: Our schoolwide average for this test is unavailable because the number of students taking the test was either zero or too small to be statistically significant, or because the district or testing agency is reviewing our scores.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			21%	27%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			22%	28%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	GENDER: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Girls	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
English proficient	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	

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To read more about California's [math standards](#), visit the CDE's Web site.

Geometry

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			9%	33%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 19 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			24%	26%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			28%	27%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			9%	55	GENDER: The same percentage of boys and girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			9%	75	
English proficient			9%	128	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	2	
Low income			8%	80	INCOME: About four percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			12%	50	
Learning disabled	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	12	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			9%	118	
African American			12%	34	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Hispanic/Latino			7%	74	
White/Other	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	14	

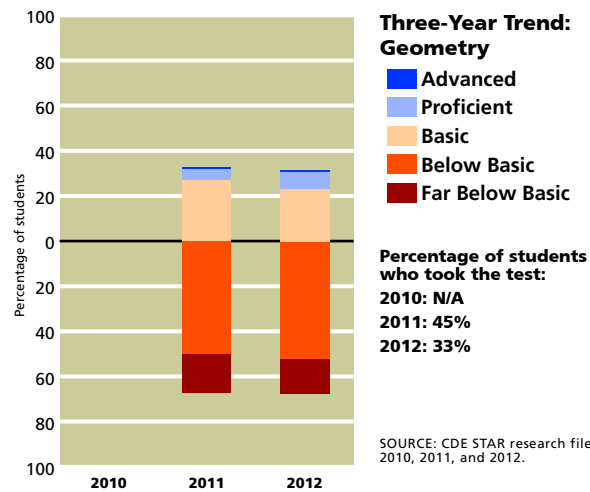
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N/S: Not statistically significant. While we have some data to report, we are suppressing it because the number of valid test scores is not large enough to be meaningful.

The graph to the right shows how our students' scores have changed over the years. Any student in grades nine, ten, or eleven who took geometry is included in this analysis. 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).

About 33 percent of our students took the geometry CST, compared with 27 percent of all high school students statewide. To read more about the [math standards for all grades](#), visit the CDE's Web site.



US History

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			71%	99%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 19 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			49%	96%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			52%	96%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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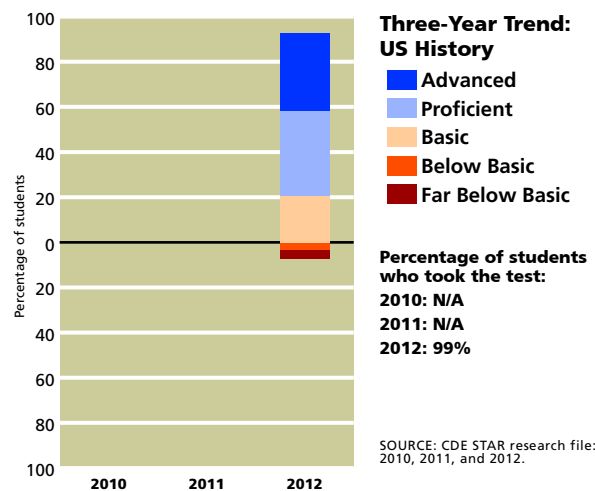
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			69%	49	GENDER: About three percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			72%	85	
English proficient			71%	129	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	5	
Low income			66%	80	INCOME: About 12 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			78%	54	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	5	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			72%	129	
Hispanic/Latino			69%	83	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Two or more races			71%	34	

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The graph to the right shows how our eleventh grade 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).

To read more about the eleventh grade **US history standards**, visit the CDE's Web site.



Biology

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			55%	34%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About two percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			47%	42%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			53%	40%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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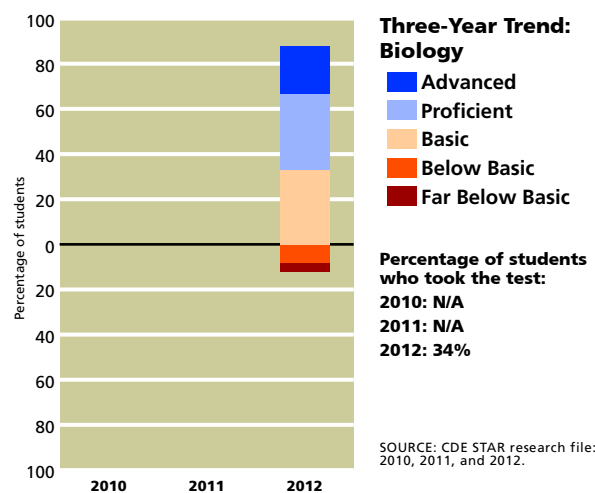
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			59%	49	GENDER: About seven percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			52%	84	
English proficient			56%	128	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	5	
Low income			50%	80	INCOME: About 12 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			62%	53	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	5	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			57%	128	
Hispanic/Latino			49%	82	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Two or more races			62%	34	

SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2012 test cycle. County and state averages represent high 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.
 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.
 N/S: 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. Any student in grades nine, ten, or eleven who took biology is included in this analysis. 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).

About 34 percent of our students took the biology CST, compared with 40 percent of all high school students statewide. To read more about the [California standards for science](#) visit the CDE's Web site.



Life Science (Tenth Grade)

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

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

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			20%	99%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 35 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			50%	94%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			55%	94%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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

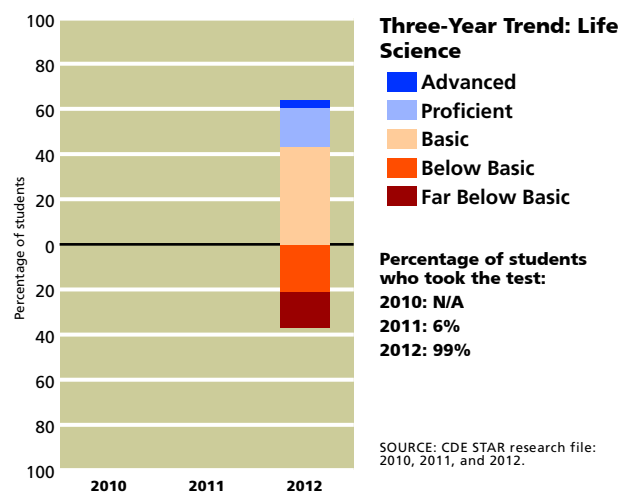
FAR BELOW BASIC, BELOW BASIC, AND BASIC **PROFICIENT AND ADVANCED**

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			18%	56	GENDER: About three percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			21%	80	
English proficient			20%	127	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English Learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English Learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	9	
Low income			12%	67	INCOME: About 16 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			28%	69	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	9	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			21%	127	
Hispanic/Latino			15%	73	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
Two or more races			18%	40	

SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2012 test cycle. County and state averages represent high 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.
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 N/S: 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 tenth grade students' scores on the mandatory life science test 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 [science standards](#) on the CDE's Web site. Please note that some students taking this test may not have taken any science course in the ninth or tenth grade. In high school, science courses are electives.



Other Measures of Student Achievement

We use many means to assess student progress, including real-world projects, public presentations of learning, exhibitions, end-of-the-year defenses, traditional tests and quizzes, digital portfolios, and a culminating senior project.

PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE

Our academic dean keeps students informed about graduation requirements, testing dates, year-by-year college planning, the college application process, entrance requirements for competitive schools, financial aid, and scholarships. In 2011–2012, all tenth grade students took the PSAT and every Da Vinci student visited USC, UCLA, Caltech, Pepperdine, Pitzer College, Harvey Mudd, Loyola Marymount University, UC Irvine, and UC San Diego as part of the Da Vinci College Bound (CB) Program. Every Da Vinci student and family is provided with a Naviance account for Web-based college and career planning.

SAT College Entrance Exam

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
SAT participation rate	Percentage of seniors who took the test	N/A	47%	43%
SAT critical reading	Average score of those who took the SAT critical reading test	N/A	471	495
SAT math	Average score of those who took the SAT math test	N/A	490	513
SAT writing	Average score of those who took the SAT writing test	N/A	475	494

SOURCE: SAT test data provided by the College Board for the 2010–2011 school year. County and state averages represent high schools only.

The College Board did not report how many of Da Vinci Design's students took the SAT.

College Preparation

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
2011 graduates meeting UC or CSU course requirements	Percentage of graduates passing all of the courses required for admission to the UC or CSU systems	N/A	53%	43%

SOURCE: Enrollment in UC/CSU qualifying courses comes from CALPADS, October 2011. County and state averages represent high schools only.

In the 2010–2011 school year, Da Vinci Design did not report whether its students passed the courses required for admission to the University of California (UC) or the California State University (CSU) colleges. This number is, in part, an indicator of whether the school is offering the classes required for admission to the UC or CSU systems. The courses that the [California State University](#) system requires applicants to take in high school, which are referred to as the A–G course requirements, can be reviewed on the CSU's official Web site. The [University of California](#) has the same set of courses required.

Advanced Placement Courses Offered

High school students can enroll in courses that are more challenging in their junior and senior years, including [Advanced Placement](#) (AP) courses. These courses are intended to be the most rigorous and challenging courses available. Most colleges regard AP courses as the equivalent of a college course.

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Enrollment in AP courses	Percentage of AP course enrollments out of total course enrollments	0%	4%	4%

SOURCE: This information provided by the California Department of Education.

The majority of comprehensive high schools offer AP courses, but the number of AP courses offered at any one school varies considerably. Unlike honors courses, AP courses and tests are designed by a national organization, the College Board, which charges fees to high schools for the rights to their materials. The number of AP courses offered is one indicator of a school's commitment to prepare its students for college, but students' participation in those courses and their test results are, in part, a measure of student initiative.

Students who take AP courses and pass the AP exams with scores of 3 or higher may qualify for college credit. Our high school offers one course that you'll see listed in the table.

More information about the [Advanced Placement program](#) is available from the College Board.

AP COURSES OFFERED	NUMBER OF COURSES
Fine and Performing Arts	0
Computer Science	0
English	0
Foreign Language	1
Mathematics	0
Science	0
Social Science	0
Total	1

SOURCE: This information is provided by the California Department of Education.

AP Exam Results, 2010–2011

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Completion of AP courses	Percentage of juniors and seniors who completed AP courses and took the final exams	N/A	33%	30%
Number of AP exams taken	Average number of AP exams each of these students took in 2010–2011	N/A	1.8	1.8
AP test results	Percentage of AP exams with scores of 3 out of 5 or higher (college credit)	N/A	53%	58%

SOURCE: AP exam data provided by the College Board for the 2010–2011 school year.

The College Board did not report the number of Da Vinci Design students taking AP exams.

California High School Exit Examination

Students first take the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) in the tenth grade. If they don't pass either the English/language arts or math portion, they can retake the test in the eleventh or twelfth grades. Here you'll see a three-year summary showing the percentage of tenth graders who scored Proficient or Advanced. (This should not be confused with the passing rate, which is set at a somewhat lower level.)

Answers to [frequently asked questions](#) about the exit exam can be found on the CDE Web site. Additional information about the [exit exam results](#) is also available there.

	PERCENTAGE OF TENTH GRADE STUDENTS SCORING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CAHSEE		
	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English/language arts			
2011–2012	63%	N/A	56%
2010–2011	71%	N/A	59%
2009–2010	N/A	N/A	54%
Math			
2011–2012	45%	N/A	58%
2010–2011	46%	N/A	56%
2009–2010	N/A	N/A	54%

SOURCE: California Department of Education, SARC research file.

The table that follows shows how specific groups of tenth grade students scored on the exit exam in the 2011–2012 school year. The English/language arts portion of the exam measures whether a student has mastered reading and writing skills at the ninth or tenth grade level, including vocabulary, writing, writing conventions, informational reading, and reading literature. The math portion of the exam includes arithmetic, statistics, data analysis, probability, number sense, measurement, and geometry at sixth and seventh grade levels. It also tests whether a student has mastered algebra, a subject that most students study in the eighth or ninth grade.

Sample [questions and study guides](#) for the exit exam are available for students on the CDE Web site.

CAHSEE Results by Subgroup

	ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS			MATH		
	NOT PROFICIENT	PROFICIENT	ADVANCED	NOT PROFICIENT	PROFICIENT	ADVANCED
Tenth graders	37%	23%	40%	55%	40%	5%
African American	32%	21%	47%	68%	32%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	39%	27%	34%	54%	39%	7%
White (not Hispanic)	25%	25%	50%	50%	44%	6%
Two or more races	35%	12%	53%	41%	59%	0%
Male	53%	24%	22%	64%	30%	6%
Female	26%	22%	51%	49%	47%	4%

SOURCE: California Department of Education, SARC research file. Scores are included only when 11 or more students are tested. When small numbers of students are tested, their average results are not very reliable.

High School Completion

This table shows the percentage of seniors in the graduating class of 2012 who met our district's graduation requirements and also passed the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE). We present the results for students schoolwide followed by the results for different groups of students.

Students can retake all or part of the CAHSEE twice in their junior year and up to five times in their senior year. School districts have been giving the CAHSEE since the 2001–2002 school year. However, 2005–2006 was the first year that passing the test was required for graduation.

More data about [CAHSEE results](#), and additional detail by gender, ethnicity, and English language fluency, is available on the CDE Web site.

GROUP	PERCENTAGE OF SENIORS GRADUATING (CLASS OF 2012)	
	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE
All Students	N/A	96%
African American	N/A	88%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	96%
Pacific Islander	N/A	100%
White (not Hispanic)	N/A	100%
Two or more races	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	N/A	96%
English Learners	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities	N/A	100%

SOURCE: This data comes from the school district office.

Dropouts and Graduates

DROPOUT RATE: We define a [dropout](#) as any student who left school before completing the 2010–2011 school year, or who hasn't re-enrolled in school for the 2011–2012 year by October 2011.

In the past, identifying dropouts was difficult because students often did not report why they were leaving or where they were going. Now districts use the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), which can locate students who have enrolled in schools

elsewhere in California, making dropout counts more accurate. This tracking system has been in place since the 2006–2007 school year. As a result, this data is only available for the graduating classes of 2010 and 2011.

GRADUATION RATE: This is the first year that the California Department of Education has relied upon its new system for counting whether individual students graduate in four years. Because officials have gathered this data for five years, they are now able to report on the graduation rates of the students who graduated in 2010 and 2011. This new approach to tracking individual students replaces a method of estimating graduation rates based on the numbers of students enrolled in each grade level. As a result, the new method is far more accurate.

Note that the high school completion rate we report in the preceding section shows only how many seniors graduated. The rate we report here indicates how students have fared over the four years leading to graduation.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Dropout rate (four year)			
Class of 2011	N/A	16%	14%
Class of 2010	N/A	19%	17%
Graduation rate (four year)			
Class of 2011	N/A	72%	76%
Class of 2010	N/A	70%	75%

SOURCE: Dropout data comes from CALPADS, October 2011.

Workforce Preparation

Students have numerous opportunities to explore career paths and prepare for the workforce. As part of our graduation requirements, all students visit a professional worksite in the tenth grade to participate in a job shadow experience, and they complete a five-week internship in the eleventh grade. Students gain additional work experience through required service learning projects in the community as well as leadership and advocacy opportunities both on and off campus.

Our high school offers courses intended to help students prepare for the world of work. These career technical education (CTE) courses, formerly known as vocational education, are open to all students. The accompanying table shows the percentage of our students who enrolled in a CTE course at any time during the school year.

You can find information about our school's CTE courses and advisors in the Data Almanac at the end of this School Accountability Report Card. Information about [career technical education](#) policy is available on the CDE Web site.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL
Number of students participating in CTE courses	N/A
Percentage of students completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	0%
Percentage of CTE courses coordinated with colleges	0%

SOURCE: Information provided by the school district.

STUDENTS

Students' English Language Skills

At Da Vinci Design, 97 percent of students were considered to be proficient in English, compared with 88 percent of high school students in California overall.

LANGUAGE SKILLS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English-proficient students	97%	86%	88%
English Learners	3%	14%	12%

SOURCE: Language census for the 2011–2012 school year. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Languages Spoken at Home by English Learners

Please note that this table describes the home languages of just the 16 students classified as English Learners. At Da Vinci Design, the language these students most often speak at home is Spanish. 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	94%	88%	83%
Vietnamese	0%	1%	2%
Cantonese	0%	1%	2%
Hmong	0%	0%	1%
Filipino/Tagalog	0%	1%	2%
Korean	0%	1%	1%
Khmer/Cambodian	0%	0%	0%
All other	6%	8%	9%

SOURCE: Language census for the 2011–2012 school year. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Ethnicity

Most students at Da Vinci Design identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino. In fact, there are about three times as many Hispanic/Latino students as White students, the second-largest ethnic group at Da Vinci Design. The state of California allows citizens to choose more than one ethnic identity, or to select “two or more races” 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	13%	9%	7%
Asian American/ Pacific Islander	3%	11%	13%
Hispanic/Latino	49%	61%	49%
White	18%	16%	29%

SOURCE: California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), October 2011. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Family Income and Education

The [free or reduced-price meal](#) subsidy goes to students whose families earned less than \$41,348 a year (based on a family of four) in the 2011–2012 school year. At Da Vinci Design, 33 percent of the students qualified for this program, compared with 48 percent of students in California.

FAMILY FACTORS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Low-income indicator	33%	56%	48%
Parents with some college	76%	49%	58%
Parents with college degree	44%	28%	33%

SOURCE: The free and reduced-price lunch information is gathered by most districts in October. This data is from the 2011–2012 school year. Parents' education level is collected in the spring at the start of testing. Rarely do all students answer these questions.

The parents of 76 percent of the students at Da Vinci Design have attended college and 44 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 83 percent of our students provided this information.

CLIMATE FOR LEARNING

Average Class Sizes

The table at the right shows average class sizes for core courses. The average class size of all courses at Da Vinci Design varies from a low of 28 students to a high of 29. Our average class size schoolwide is 28 students.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZES OF CORE COURSES	OUR SCHOOL	OUR DISTRICT
English	29	29
History	28	28
Math	29	29
Science	29	30

SOURCE: California Department of Education, SARC Research File. District averages represent high schools only.

Safety

In our small school, students and staff know each other well. There is a culture of family support.

There has not been a single fight since August 2009, when we opened. We have a closed campus

and all visitors must sign in. We revise our School Safety Plan annually and have regular emergency drills.

Schedule

Our school year includes 180 days of instruction. School begins in mid August to support dual enrollment in high school and college classes. Classes begin at 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday and at 10 a.m. on Fridays. Classes end at 3:55 p.m. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parent Involvement

Families play a vital role at Da Vinci Schools. The Family Association Group coordinates volunteer opportunities on campus and helps organize service learning fairs, student-run clubs, social events, before school and afterschool supervision, and other activities. Families must commit to performing at least 25 hours of service to the school community each year. For information about getting involved at Da Vinci Design, please contact Thomas Curry at twcurry31@yahoo.com or Kendra Janes at kendrajanes@att.net.

LEADERSHIP, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

Leadership

Dr. Matthew Wunder serves as executive director. He has 23 years of experience as an administrator, teacher, and counselor.

Da Vinci Schools are governed by a strong Board of Trustees: Chet Pipkin, founder, chairman, president and CEO of Belkin International; Dr. Donald Brann, El Segundo councilmember and former superintendent of the Wiseburn School District; Gary Wayland, co-founder of Wayland and Vukadinovich and president of the Manhattan Beach Athletic Foundation; Art Lofton, vice-president and CIO at Northrop Grumman; and Cheryl Cook, a Da Vinci parent and community leader.

Indicators of Teachers Who May Be Underprepared

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Core courses taught by a teacher not meeting NCLB standards	Percentage of core courses not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher according to federal standards in NCLB	6%	N/A	0%
Out-of-field teaching: courses	Percentage of core courses taught by a teacher who lacks the appropriate subject area authorization for the course	6%	N/A	N/A
Fully credentialed teachers	Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level	62%	N/A	N/A
Teachers lacking a full credential	Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential	38%	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: This information provided by the school district. Data on NCLB standards is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file.

PLEASE NOTE: Comparative data (county average and state averages) for some of the data reported in the SARC is unavailable as of December 2012.

“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.

TEACHING OUT OF FIELD: When a teacher lacks a subject area authorization for a course she is teaching, that course is counted as an [out-of-field](#) section. For example, if an unexpected vacancy in a biology class occurs, and a teacher who normally teaches English literature (and who lacks a subject area authorization in science) fills in to teach for the rest of the year, that teacher would be teaching out of field.

CREDENTIAL STATUS OF TEACHERS: Teachers who lack full credentials are working under the terms of an emergency permit, an internship credential, or a waiver. They should be working toward their credential, and they are allowed to teach in the meantime only if the school board approves. About 38 percent of our teachers were working without full credentials.

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 standards. We show how these teachers are distributed among schools according to the percentage of low-income students enrolled.

When more than 40 percent of the students in a school are receiving subsidized lunches, that school is considered by the California Department of Education to be a school with higher concentrations of low-income students. About 70 percent of the state’s schools are in this category. When less than 25 percent of the students in a school are receiving subsidized lunches, that school is considered by the CDE to be a school with lower concentrations of low-income students. About 19 percent of the state’s schools are in this category.

DISTRICT FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN DISTRICT
Districtwide	Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)	6%
Schools with more than 40% of students from lower-income homes	Schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	0%
Schools with less than 25% of students from lower-income homes	Schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	0%

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

Staff Development

Da Vinci Schools devote substantial time and resources to staff development and collaborative planning. New teachers receive 23 days per year of paid professional development (continuing teachers receive 18 days) plus five and a half hours per week and a daily one-and-a-half-hour planning period to ensure that every student who graduates from Da Vinci Schools is college ready, career prepared, and community minded. In 2011–2012, we focused on planning, managing, and assessing rigorous projects to help students at all levels learn key academic content, practice 21st-century skills (such as collaboration, communication, and critical thinking), and create high-quality, authentic presentations. Teachers and administrators have numerous opportunities to attend conferences, participate in workshops, and work closely with mentors to further develop their expertise and effectiveness.

YEAR	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
2011–2012	0.0
2010–2011	0.0
2009–2010	N/A

SOURCE: This information is supplied by the school district.

Specialized Resource Staff

The table to the right lists the number of full-time equivalent qualified support personnel who provide counseling and other pupil support services in our school. These specialists often work part time at our school and some may work at more than one school in our district. 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.

ACADEMIC GUIDANCE COUNSELORS: More information about [counseling and student support](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

Specialized Programs and Staff

All students are required to successfully complete two college classes as part of our Early College Program while they simultaneously earn their high school diploma. These courses are taught on the Da Vinci campus by El Camino College professors at no cost to our families. All eleventh grade students participate in a five-week internship with local community partners.

We offer many seminar (elective) classes, co-taught by Da Vinci faculty and industry partners, where students gain practical, real-world knowledge and skills that do not appear in the California Content Standards. Recent seminars have included Introduction to Engineering Design, Game Theory, Toy Design, Product Design, Radio Production, Fashion Design, and Design Industry Competitions.

STAFF POSITION	STAFF (FTE)
Academic counselors	0.0
Behavioral/career counselors	1.0
Librarians and media staff	0.0
Psychologists	0.0
Social workers	0.0
Nurses	0.0
Speech/language/hearing specialists	0.0
Resource specialists	0.0

SOURCE: Data provided by the school district.

RESOURCES

Buildings

In November 2010, residents in our community approved an \$87 million general obligation bond to build a state-of-the-art high school facility. In the meantime, we are housed in a facility that is clean and well maintained. The oldest part of our current facility was completed in 1926 and other buildings in the 1940s. There are five portable classrooms. In 2009, over \$200,000 was invested in remodeling the facility.

Computers

The ratio of students to computers is 2:1. All student work is maintained in a digital portfolio. Students develop proficiency in word processing, PowerPoint, video presentation, Excel, Internet research, and Web design. We have a state-of-the-art multimedia center on campus called the Northrop Grumman Innovation Lab.

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.

Curriculum

For many 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 information about the content standards for each subject at each grade level on the Web site of the [California Department of Education \(CDE\)](#). California adopted new Common Core Standards for English/language arts and math in August 2010. However, the full implementation of those standards is still a few years off. Please refer to the [CDE FAQs](#) for details about the new standards.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Despite the challenging economy, our reserves are fully funded, and there will be no layoffs or furloughs. We live within our means. Our budget is approximately \$4.3 million.

Spending per Student (2010–2011)

To make comparisons possible across schools and districts of varying sizes, we first report our overall spending per student. We base our calculations on our average daily attendance (ADA), which was 412 students.

We've broken down expenditures by the type of funds used to pay for them. Unrestricted funds can be used for any lawful purpose. Restricted funds, however, must be spent for specific purposes set out by legal requirements or the donor. Examples include funding for instructional materials, economic impact aid, and teacher- and principal-training funds.

TYPE OF FUNDS	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE *	SCHOOL VARIANCE	STATE AVERAGE	SCHOOL VARIANCE
Unrestricted funds (\$/student)	\$4,328	\$4,627	-6%	\$5,434	-20%
Restricted funds (\$/student)	\$573	\$356	61%	\$2,889	-80%
TOTAL (\$/student)	\$4,901	\$4,983	-2%	\$8,323	-41%

SOURCE: Information provided by the school district.

* Districts allocate most of their costs to school sites and attribute other costs to the district office. When calculating the district average for school level spending per student, we include these district related costs in the denominator. This will often cause most schools to fall below the district average.

Total Expenditures, by Category (2010–2011)

Here you can see how much we spent on different categories of expenses. We're reporting the total dollars in each category, not spending per student.

CATEGORY	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL*
Teacher salaries (all certificated staff)	\$913,533	\$38,949	\$952,482	47%
Other staff salaries	\$85,623	\$23,245	\$108,868	5%
Benefits	\$219,273	\$13,005	\$232,278	12%
Books and supplies	\$188,038	\$156,675	\$344,713	17%
Equipment replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Services and direct support	\$376,702	\$4,290	\$380,992	19%
TOTAL	\$1,783,169	\$236,164	\$2,019,333	

SOURCE: Information provided by the school district.

* Totals may not add up to exactly 100% because of rounding.

Compensation per Staff with Teaching Credentials (2010–2011)

The total of what our certificated staff members earn appears below. A certificated staff person is a school employee who is required by the state to hold teaching credentials, including full-time, part-time, substitute or temporary teachers, and most administrators. You can see the portion of pay that goes to salary and three types of benefits.

To make comparisons possible across schools and districts of varying sizes, we first report our compensation per full-time equivalent (FTE) certificated staff member. A teacher/administrator/pupil services person who works full time counts as 1.0 FTE. Those who work only half time count as 0.5 FTE. We had 18 FTE teachers working in our school.

CATEGORY	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE *	SCHOOL VARIANCE	STATE AVERAGE	SCHOOL VARIANCE
Salaries	\$39,827	\$48,209	-17%	\$74,075	-46%
Retirement benefits	\$4,362	\$4,888	-11%	\$6,062	-28%
Health and medical benefits	\$5,304	\$5,596	-5%	\$10,417	-49%
Other benefits	\$1,526	\$1,715	-11%	\$635	140%
TOTAL	\$51,020	\$60,408	-16%	\$91,189	-44%

SOURCE: Information provided by the school district.

* Districts allocate most of their staff costs to school sites, but attribute other staff costs to the district office. One example is a reading resource teacher or librarian who works at all school sites. When calculating the district average for compensation per staff member, we include these district related costs in the denominator. This will often cause most schools to fall below the district average.

Total Certificated Staff Compensation (2010–2011)

Here you can see how much we spent on different categories of compensation. We're reporting the total dollars in each category, not compensation per staff member.

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL *
Salaries	\$716,893	78%
Retirement benefits	\$78,522	9%
Health and medical benefits	\$95,478	10%
Other benefits	\$27,473	3%
TOTAL	\$918,366	

SOURCE: Information provided by the school district.

* Totals may not add up to exactly 100% because of rounding.

TECHNICAL NOTE ON DATA RECENCY: All data is the most current available as of December 2012. The CDE may release additional or revised data for the 2011–2012 school year after the publication date of this report. We rely on the following sources of information from the California Department of Education: California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) (October 2011); Language Census (March 2012); California Standards Tests (spring 2012 test cycle); Academic Performance Index (November 2012 growth score release); Adequate Yearly Progress (October 2012).

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» Data Almanac

This Data Almanac provides additional information about students, teachers, student performance, accountability, and district expenditures.



STUDENTS 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	518
Black/African American	13%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Filipino	1%
Hispanic or Latino	49%
Pacific Islander	0%
White (not Hispanic)	18%
Two or more races	3%
Ethnicity not reported	14%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	44%
English Learners	4%
Students with disabilities	7%

SOURCE: All but the last three lines are from the annual census, CALPADS, October 2011. Data about students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, English Learners, or 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	37
Grade 1	26
Grade 2	8
Grade 3	11
Grade 4	13
Grade 5	9
Grade 6	0
Grade 7	0
Grade 8	0
Grade 9	133
Grade 10	135
Grade 11	146
Grade 12	0

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2011.

Average Class Size by Core Course

The average class size by core courses.

SUBJECT	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012
English	N/A	N/A	29
History	N/A	N/A	28
Math	N/A	N/A	29
Science	N/A	N/A	29

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2011. 2009–2010 data provided by the school district.

Average Class Size by Core Course, Detail

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

SUBJECT	2009–2010			2010–2011			2011–2012		
	1–22	23–32	33+	1–22	23–32	33+	1–22	23–32	33+
English	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	6	1	15	2
History	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	5	0	9	0
Math	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	5	0	12	1
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	5	0	12	1

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2011. Data for 2009–2010 provided by the school district.

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 shows the percentage of students at our school who scored within the "healthy fitness zone" on four, five, and all six tests. More information about [physical fitness testing and standards](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

GRADE LEVEL	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING HEALTHY FITNESS ZONES		
	MET FOUR OR MORE STANDARDS	MET FIVE OR MORE STANDARDS	MET ALL SIX STANDARDS
Grade 5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 9	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: Physical fitness test data is produced annually as schools test their students on the six Fitnessgram Standards. This information is from the 2011–2012 school year.

Suspensions and Expulsions

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 2011–2012 school year, we had six 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. Please note that multiple incidents may involve the same student.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Suspensions per 100 students			
2011–2012	1	1	N/A
2010–2011	2	3	14
2009–2010	4	2	15
Expulsions per 100 students			
2011–2012	0	0	N/A
2010–2011	0	0	1
2009–2010	0	0	1

SOURCE: Data is from the Consolidated Application published by the California Department of Education. The numbers above are a ratio of suspension or expulsion events, per 100 students enrolled. District and state averages represent high schools only.

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. We also present three years' of data about the number of teachers who lacked the appropriate subject-area authorization for one or more classes they taught.

TEACHERS	SCHOOL			DISTRICT
	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012	2011–2012
With Full Credential	9	0	16	42
Without Full Credential	1	15	10	12
Teaching out of field	N/A	11	1	2

SOURCE: Information provided by the school district.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

California Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are doing in learning what the state content standards require. The CST include English/language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social science in grades nine through eleven. Student scores are reported as performance levels. We also include results from the California Modified Assessment and California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA).

STAR Test Results for All Students: Three-Year Comparison

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

SUBJECT	SCHOOL PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			DISTRICT PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			STATE PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
English/ language arts	66%	64%	58%	N/A	N/A	N/A	52%	54%	56%
History/social science	0%	61%	76%	N/A	N/A	N/A	44%	48%	49%
Mathematics	18%	4%	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A	48%	50%	51%
Science	0%	0%	23%	N/A	N/A	N/A	54%	57%	60%

SOURCE: STAR results, spring 2012 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

STAR Test Results by Student Subgroup: Most Recent Year

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

STUDENT SUBGROUP	STUDENTS SCORING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			
	ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS 2011–2012	HISTORY/ SOCIAL SCIENCE 2011–2012	MATHEMATICS 2011–2012	SCIENCE 2011–2012
African American	58%	80%	9%	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	0%	0%	0%	0%
Filipino	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	54%	75%	5%	15%
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian	0%	0%	0%	0%
White (not Hispanic)	69%	73%	36%	58%
Two or more races	62%	78%	6%	20%
Boys	48%	75%	12%	21%
Girls	65%	77%	8%	24%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	50%	71%	4%	13%
English Learners	38%	71%	0%	0%
Students with disabilities	10%	50%	7%	0%
Receives migrant education services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: STAR results, spring 2012 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

ACCOUNTABILITY

California Academic Performance Index (API)

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. APIs 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 in the lowest 10 percent of all high schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API in the highest 10 percent of all high schools in the state. The similar-schools API rank reflects how a school compares with 100 statistically matched schools that have similar teachers and students.

API RANK	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012
Statewide rank	N/A	3	N/A
Similar-schools rank	N/A	1	N/A

SOURCE: The API Base Report from June 2012.

API Changes by Subgroup: Three-Year Comparison

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

SUBGROUP	ACTUAL API CHANGE			API
	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012	2011–2012
All students at the school	N/A	N/A	N/A	746
Black/African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	741
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	737
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (non Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	N/A	794
Two or more races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	688
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	625
Students with disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	510

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in November 2012. Students from all elementary, middle and high schools are included in the district and state columns for comparison.

API Scores by Subgroup

This table includes Academic Performance Index results for our school, our district, and the state.

SUBGROUP	SCHOOL		DISTRICT		STATE	
	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	API	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	API	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	API
All students	419	746	N/A	N/A	4,664,264	788
Black/African American	53	741	N/A	N/A	313,201	710
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	31,606	742
Asian	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	404,670	905
Filipino	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	124,824	869
Hispanic or Latino	230	737	N/A	N/A	2,425,230	740
Pacific Islander	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	26,563	775
White (non Hispanic)	47	794	N/A	N/A	1,221,860	853
Two or more races	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	88,428	849
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	231	688	N/A	N/A	2,779,680	737
English Learners	16	625	N/A	N/A	1,530,297	716
Students with disabilities	31	510	N/A	N/A	530,935	607

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in November 2012. Students from all elementary, middle and high schools are included in the district and state columns for comparison.

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 four 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 English/language arts and mathematics tests
- (c) an API of at least 740 or growth of at least one point
- (d) the graduation rate for the graduating class must meet or exceed 90 percent (or satisfy alternate improvement criteria).

AYP for the District

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

AYP CRITERIA	DISTRICT
Overall	N/A
Graduation rate	N/A
Participation rate in English/language arts	N/A
Participation rate in mathematics	N/A
Percent Proficient in English/language arts	N/A
Percent Proficient in mathematics	N/A
Met Academic Performance Index (API)	N/A

SOURCE: The AYP Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in October 2012.

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	N/A
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 October 2012.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

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](#).

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	OUR DISTRICT	SIMILAR DISTRICTS	ALL DISTRICTS
FISCAL YEAR 2010–2011			
Total expenses	N/A	N/A	\$46,278,595,991
Expenses per student	N/A	N/A	\$8,323
FISCAL YEAR 2009–2010			
Total expenses	N/A	N/A	\$47,205,560,698
Expenses per student	N/A	N/A	\$8,452

SOURCE: Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education.

District Salaries, 2010–2011

This table reports the salaries of teachers and administrators in our district for the 2010–2011 school year. This table compares our average salaries with those in districts like ours, based on both enrollment and the grade level of our students. In addition, we report the percentage of our district's total budget dedicated to teachers' and administrators' salaries. The costs of health insurance, pensions, and other indirect compensation are not included.

SALARY INFORMATION	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Beginning teacher's salary	N/A	N/A
Midrange teacher's salary	N/A	N/A
Highest-paid teacher's salary	N/A	N/A
Average principal's salary (high school)	N/A	N/A
Superintendent's salary	N/A	N/A
Percentage of budget for teachers' salaries	N/A	N/A
Percentage of budget for administrators' salaries	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: School Accountability Report Card unit of the California Department of Education.

SCHOOL COMPLETION AND PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

Percentage of students who leave school and don't continue elsewhere. Percentage of students who graduate in four years.

KEY FACTOR	DISTRICT	STATE
Dropout rate (four-year)		
Class of 2011	N/A	14%
Class of 2010	N/A	17%
Graduation rate (four-year)		
Class of 2011	N/A	76%
Class of 2010	N/A	75%

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2011.

Courses Required for Admission to the University of California or California State University Systems

Percentage of students enrolled in the A-G courses required for admission to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU).

KEY FACTOR	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE
Percentage of students enrolled in courses required for UC/CSU admission	48%	N/A	N/A
Percentage of graduates from class of 2011 who completed all courses required for UC/CSU admission	N/A	N/A	40%

SOURCE: CALPADS, October 2011, for the percentage of students enrolled in courses required for UC/CSU admission. District and state averages represent high schools only.

College Entrance Exam Reasoning Test (SAT)

The percentage of twelfth grade students (seniors) who voluntarily take the SAT Reasoning Test to apply to college, and the average critical reading, math, and writing scores of those students.

KEY FACTOR	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011
Percentage of seniors taking the SAT	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average critical reading score	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average math score	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average writing score	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: Original data from the College Board, for the class of 2011, and republished by the California Department of Education. To protect student privacy, scores are not shown when the number of students tested is fewer than 11.