

School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2008-09 Published During 2009-10

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

DataQuest

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

Internet Access

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

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Villacorta Elementary School	District Name	Rowland Unified School District
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City, State, Zip	La Puente, CA 91744	Web Site	www.rowland-unified.org
Phone Number	(626) 964-2385	Superintendent	Dr. Maria G. Ott
Principal	John Martinez	E-mail Address	mott@rowland.k12.ca.us
E-mail Address	jmartinez@rowland.k12.ca.us	CDS Code	19-73452-6022388

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

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

Join the Voyage To Success! These words capture the spirit and vision of the staff, students, and community of Villacorta School. We are committed to maintain high expectations for the academic success of our students, to stimulate their minds, and touch their hearts. Our staff of caring educators provides rigorous, standards-based instruction in a safe and positive learning environment. We pledge to work with students and families to maximize learning and inspire students to be lifelong learners and productive citizens. We work collaboratively to make our school the focus of the community and to support the educational, emotional, and physical needs of our families. We pride ourselves as a Community of Caring School.

We are committed to our district's mission statement and we work diligently to make this our reality.

"The mission of the Rowland Unified School District, the progressive international community united in learning, is to empower students so that each actualizes his or her unique potential and responsibly contributes to a global society, through a system distinguished by rigorous academics, innovative use of technology, creative exploration, and nurturing learning experiences."

Villacorta School is one of fifteen elementary schools in the Rowland Unified School District. Villacorta serves a diverse community. Home languages include Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Pilipino, Punjabi, and Vietnamese. Over half of our students are second language learners. There are twenty-five regular education classrooms. We also have an RSP teacher, a Speech and Language Specialist, one special day class as well as three Severely Handicapped classrooms. Villacorta School houses three pre-school programs on our campus (Options Pre-School, Options Headstart, Options and County Pre-School). Options Surround Care and Options Enrichment provide morning and afterschool childcare for Villacorta families.

Villacorta is one of 23 Rowland Unified School District sites. Built in 1958, Villacorta serves students in grades K 6. With the passage of Measure R Villacorta School proudly opened its new cafeteria and state-of-the art outdoor eating facility in 2006. Our new WORLD Library was completed in October of 2007 and is a symbol of our commitment to promoting life-long learning through reading. The Villacorta community takes great pride in both our academic endeavors and our updated facilities.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2008-09)

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

Contact Person Name: School Office
 Contact Person Phone Number: 626-964-2385

As their children's first and most important teachers, parents are involved and supported as participants in homelearning activities, including supervising assigned homework, daily reading, and family discussions that reinforce or enrich children's classroom learning. Parents are invited to support their children by attending parent conferences and workshops, student performances, parent meetings or events, assemblies, and sports events. Programs and opportunities for parent involvement include:

FOR US Foundation: The FOR US Foundation is a non-profit educational foundation that raises fund for RUSD schools. Each year, funds are provided for teacher grants for innovative classroom projects, field trips and academic enrichment activities.

Site-based Decision-making: Many schools use site-based decision-making to determine the best allocation of resources. To volunteer, contact your local school.

Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET): In June 1998, California voters passed Proposition 227. A portion of this proposition requires the legislature to provide free or subsidized English language instruction to parents or other community members who pledge to provide English tutoring to their children at home and at school. CBET parents are encouraged and supported to continue their education and in their efforts to provide safe and positive home environment; thereby fostering self-confidence and high expectations for their children.

Booster Groups: Most of the intermediate and high school music groups and athletic teams have parent booster organizations that raise funds and

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

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	80
Grade 1	98
Grade 2	100
Grade 3	90
Grade 4	68
Grade 5	89
Grade 6	98
Total Enrollment	623

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2008-09)

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

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	1.28	White (not Hispanic)	0.16
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00	Multiple or No Response	1.12
Asian	1.12	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	87.00
Filipino	4.49	English Learners	56.00
Hispanic or Latino	91.81	Students with Disabilities	13.00
Pacific Islander	0.00		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

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

Grade Level	2006-07				2007-08				2008-09			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	20.0	5			20.0	5			20.0	4		
1	19.3	4			19.4	5			19.6	5		
2	19.7	3			19.8	4			20.0	4		
3	19.3	4			19.0	4			19.5	4		
4	31.5		2		30.5		2		26.5		2	
5	30.3		3		30.3		3		28.5		2	
6	30.3		3		31.7		3		31.3		3	
K-3	19.7	3			19.0	2			20.0	1		
3-4	20.0	1							19.0	1		
4-8	31.0		1		30.0		1		29.0		1	
Other	17.0	1										

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2008-09)

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

Once again, the California Department of Education's Safe Schools Assessment Program has designated Rowland Unified as among the safest school districts in the East San Gabriel Valley. As one of the district's core values, student and staff safety is kept in the forefront of all decision-making. In addition to maintaining closed campuses that are secured with fencing, schools are carefully monitored by campus police officers - before, during and after school. An up-to-date phone system, fire alarm, intercom and other communications systems have been installed at all schools. The phone system gives teachers the ability to make outside calls to parents, and emergency support services when needed. Check-in procedures, combined with one-way access through the school office, limit the number of visitors on campus. A parent sign-in and sign-out procedure assures student safety. Our commitment to safety is further evidenced by:

Strong partnerships with law enforcement agencies through Operation Safe Community.

School site safety plans safeguard the well being of students and staff. Ongoing training and practice drills keep staff attuned to crisis warning signs.

Specially trained canine units - that can detect even the minutest traces of drugs, gunpowder, and other illegal substances - regularly inspect classrooms, desks and lockers to deter students from negative activity.

Campus peace officers patrol schools and District facilities before, during and after school at all school and/or District-sponsored

events.

All campuses are closed; security fencing ensures students are safe and secure on school grounds.

Check-in procedures, combined with one-way access through the school office, limit the number of visitors on campus.

All schools maintain safety plans and conduct routine safety drills and maintain emergency supplies for students and staff.

New phone, fire alarm, intercom and other communications systems have been installed at all schools. The new phones allow teachers to call outside numbers - including 911 - in the event of an emergency.

Uniforms, standardized dress and strictly enforced dress code policies keep students focused on the business of learning.

Thanks to the passage of Measure R, a \$70 million general obligation bond, the district will continue to invest in safety improvements on all campuses. Modernization efforts include the removal of asbestos, the addition of exterior safety lighting, the replacement of fencing, the installation of new communications systems, and the installation of security cameras.

Suspensions and Expulsions

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

Rate	School			District		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Suspensions	13.7	22.6	8.0	9.6	11.2	12.0
Expulsions	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.4

IV. School Facilities

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

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

Safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities, including any needed maintenance to ensure good repair. Description of the condition and cleanliness of the school grounds, buildings, and restrooms.

Nearly \$100 million in local and state school construction funds is being used to upgrade school and District facilities. A wide range of improvement have been made district wide.

- New Community Day School facility - the District's 23rd campus.
- New portable classrooms on 13 campuses.
- Replacement of 252 heating/air conditioning systems at 15 campuses.
- New playground equipment and manufactured wood chips installed at 15 elementary campuses.
- New science rooms/labs at Nogales High.
- New covered lunch shelters at Giano Intermediate.
- New stadium lights at Nogales High.
- New restrooms and snack bar area in stadium at Rowland High.
- New gymnasium floors and bleachers at Nogales and Rowland High Schools.
- Re-carpeting of schools (as needed).
- Ongoing pesticide abatement takes place district wide. Notification of scheduled sprayings is sent to parents upon request, through the U.S. mail.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Overall Rating	[]	[X]	[]	[]	

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09
With Full Credential	31	34	32	780
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	22
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0		---

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	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	

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

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers in the school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. High poverty schools are defined as those schools with student participation of approximately 75 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low poverty schools are those with student participation of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found on the CDE Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Taught by	
	NCLB Compliant Teachers	Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100	0
All Schools in District	98.3	1.7
High-Poverty Schools in District	98.6	1.4
Low-Poverty Schools in District	98.3	1.7

VI. Support Staff

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

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

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

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school, and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

NOTICE OF SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR: VILLACORTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL dated September 9, 2008. (Addressed to Ms. Gloria Burt, President Board of Education and Dr. Maria G. Ott, Superintendent Rowland Unified School District)

"An Instructional Materials review team from LACOE visited **Villacorta Elementary School on September 3, 2008**. This letter is to inform you that LACOE determined a sufficiency of Instructional Materials to exist in the specific classes visited during the review. Visiting the school site was a positive experience. Thank you for your continued support for all students."

Notice was signed by Darline P. Robles, Ph.D., Superintendent

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Grades K-5: Houghton Mifflin Reading: A Legacy 2003 Grades 6-8: Holt, Rinehart and Winston Literature and Language Arts	0.0
Mathematics	Grades K-5: Holt, Rinehart and Winston Houghton Mifflin, California Math, Copyright 2009 Hill, Larson, Leiva, Stiff, et al Grades 6-8: Holt, Rinehart and Winston Holt California Mathematics Burger and Others Holt California Mathematics, Course 1: Numbers to Algebra, Student Edition	0.0
Science	Grades K-5: Houghton Mifflin Company Houghton Mifflin California Science, Copyright 2007 William Badders and Others Grades 6-8: CPO Science CPO Focus on Earth CPO Writing Team Student Book Set Student Textbook - Volume 1 Investigative Manual - Volume II	0.0
History-Social Science	Grades K-5: Harcourt Harcourt Reflections Grade 6: McDougal Little World History: Ancient Civilizations	0.0

VIII. School Finances

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

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found on the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$8,180	\$3,073	\$5,107	\$64,657
District	---	---	\$5,107	\$66,865
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	0	0
State	---	---	\$5,512	\$65,905
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	-4	17

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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

Because we are committed to having a student-centered focus and want each youngster to reach his/her full potential in our schools, we provide extensive student support services. These include:

Gifted and Talented Education - Students who are identified as gifted and talented are provided with academic enrichment activities and classroom work as well as differentiated instruction and leadership development. In addition, the district hosts special GATE parent education sessions and educational field trips. Advanced Placement classes, a variety of arts-related activities, honor societies, after school clubs, academic competitions, and Certificate Programs are among the offerings available for high school students

International Baccalaureate - Rowland Unified School District now has over 500 students enrolled in the IB program. Last year thirty students from Rowland and Nogales High Schools completed the requirements and had the honor of being RUSD IB diploma graduates.

Even Start and First 5 LA - The Even Start and First 5 Los Angeles Enhancement grants are a model family literacy program that provides educational opportunities and outcomes for both parents and children. The educational components include: Early Childhood Education, Parent Education, Vocational training, Technology, and Parent and Child Interactive Literacy Activities together.

Family Resource Center (FRC) - The FRC provides an array of social services. In addition, a new School Readiness grant, funded by First 5 Los Angeles, has enabled the FRC to provide skills to build strong families with healthy children, ages 0-5, who are learning pre-kindergarten readiness skills. These children will be prepared for school. The goals are accomplished through parent education, provider education, and parent and child interactive programs along with health and support services.

6th Grade Algebra - This program, which earned a California School Board Golden Bell Award, readies students for advanced math in intermediate and high school. Algebra is a graduation requirement. Students who take Algebra early have the flexibility in their schedule to take more Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses when in high school.

Extended Day Kindergarten - Extended day kindergarten allows for more time for instruction in the core subjects, including reading, math, technology and the arts. In 2005-06 all elementary campuses will offer this extended educational environment.

Technology - Access to technology is woven into the curriculum, and the graduation requirements. Most classrooms have computer stations, as well as other technology that supports classroom learning. Structured computer lab time ensures that students are well versed and practiced in using today's technology for homework, classroom projects, and research.

M.I.N.D. Institute - A research-based K-4 math literacy program that integrates music (electronic keyboard instruction) and math video games to teach complex, abstract math concepts.

Community Day School - Small class sizes enable teachers at RUSD's three Community Day School classrooms to provide personalized instruction to students, in grades 7 through 12, who have discipline/attendance problems. The class format enables students to improve their grades, make up credits, and improve their school attendance and return to their home school.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

This table displays district salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$41,005	\$40,786
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$67,324	\$65,726
Highest Teacher Salary	\$86,466	\$85,230
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$117,156	\$106,548
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$113,231	\$112,237
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$133,506	\$121,617
Superintendent Salary	\$222,491	\$191,155
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	33.1	40.6
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.2	5.3

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs); the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and ten through eleven. The CAPA includes ELA, mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations. The CMA includes ELA for grades three through eight and science in grades five and eight and is an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2008 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/starpkt5intrpts.pdf>. *Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.*

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

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

Subject	School			District			State		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
English-Language Arts	27	32	39	45	47	51	43	46	50
Mathematics	31	36	42	44	46	48	40	43	46
Science	34	41	48	44	50	54	38	46	50
History-Social Science				37	40	44	33	36	41

Standardized Testing and Reporting 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	*	*	*	
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*		
Asian	*	*	*	
Filipino	54	50	*	
Hispanic or Latino	37	41	47	
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)				
Male	34	40	46	
Female	44	44	51	
Economically Disadvantaged	39	41	49	
English Learners	27	36	40	
Students with Disabilities	19	18	44	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

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

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

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	19.8	31.4	30.2

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 CDE Academic Performance Index (API) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

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

API Rank	2006	2007	2008
Statewide	2	2	2
Similar Schools	5	3	3

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

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

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009
All Students at the School	-10	16	37	734
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	-7	14	34	725
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	-12	15	37	725
English Learners	-4	21	33	699
Students with Disabilities				

Adequate Yearly Progress

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

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

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

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

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

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

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2009-10)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2008-2009	
Year in Program Improvement	Year 1	
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	11
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	47.8

XI. 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.

Rowland employs a full-time team of competent experts to offer teachers support in the areas of technology, literacy, bilingual instruction, school-to-career, and assessment. Due to this in-house expertise, Rowland teachers are specially trained to use consistent assessment instruments (based on the State content standards).

Rowland is one of the few school districts in the region to maintain a Professional Resource Center for teachers, support staff, parents, and principals. A seasoned team of educators train new and current teachers in technology, standards-based instruction and other topics throughout the school year. A large professional library and additional standards-based curriculum materials (such as CD ROMs and videos) are available to supplement textbook instruction.

XII. National Assessment of Educational Progress

National Assessment of Educational Progress

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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