

School Accountability Report Card

Reported for School Year 2007-08

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Pinetree Community Elementary

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 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 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 2008-09)

This section provides the school's contact information.

| School | | District | |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| School Name | Pinetree Community Elementary | District Name | Sulphur Springs Union Elementary |
| Street | 29156 Lotusgarden Dr. | Phone Number | (661)252-5131 |
| City, State, Zip | Canyon Country, CA 91387 | Web Site | http://www.sssd.k12.ca.us |
| Phone Number | 661-298-2280 | Superintendent | Dr. Robert Nolet, Ed.D. |
| Principal | Kim Lytle | E-mail Address | bnolet@sssd.k12.ca.us |
| E-mail Address | klytle@sssd.k12.ca.us | CDS Code | 19-65045-6107205 |

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

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

Pinetree Community School is located in a middle class, suburban area in the northern end of the Santa Clarita Valley. Our campus is in a residential area and serves a growing, mixed socioeconomic population who live in both single and multiple family dwellings.

Pinetree Community School opened in 1988 and operated on a Multi-Track Year Round calendar until the 2004-2005 school year. Due to declining enrollment, Pinetree converted to a blended calendar, aligning with the other schools in the Sulphur Springs School District. We currently educate approximately 730 students in grades K-6. Our ethnic population is approximately 50% White, 35% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 4% Filipino, and 5% African American. Our Limited English students make up about 7% of our student population and benefit from our daily English Language Development instruction. Our GATE students represent about 9% of our student body. Approximately 10% of our total school population is socio-economically disadvantaged. Special Education services offered at Pinetree include 2 full-time Special Day Classes inclusive of grades 1 through 6, a full time Resource Specialist teacher, an 80% Speech and Language Specialist, and a school counselor is on our campus one day a week.

As an indication of our commitment to academic excellence, Pinetree was named a California Distinguished School in 2004. In a large part, our success can be contributed to the excellence of our experienced teaching staff. Many of our teachers have dedicated their years teaching only at Pinetree Community School.

Our school has demonstrated a commitment to keeping technology as an integral part of each student's education. Each classroom is equipped with at least one networked computer, has tv/vcr access, and is wired for cable. Additionally, the Pioneer Television Network (closed circuit television broadcast) was created in the 2004-2005 school year. Morning announcements are broadcasted daily to the entire school via this network. A computer lab with 34 computers and a computer resource area within our library media center are other ways students are introduced and involved with technology. All students participate in the Accelerated Reader Program. A majority of our library books have accompanying Accelerated Reader tests to go with them. Our school's personalized home page on the Internet enables students, parents and community members to keep informed of school happenings, and communicate with staff through E-mail. We also utilize the Blackboard Connect System. Monthly electronic phone messages enable us to communicate quickly with parents on a school-wide scale.

Parents are an integral part of the school community. The PTA devotes many volunteer hours to support our academic program. Additionally, they provide funds, which support programs such as music and physical education as well as technology, disaster preparedness, and other site needs.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2007-08)

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

Contact Person Name: Kim Lytle - Principal

Contact Person Phone Number: Kim Lytle - Principal

Classroom teachers provide opportunities for parents to support the instructional program through presentations, working with small groups or individual students, or providing time to prepare materials. Additionally, Pinetree has a very active PTA. Parents can become involved in supporting the school by joining the PTA and participating in PTA sponsored events. Some the annual events are the Harvest Festival, Book Fairs, Celebrations Around The World, Parent/Student Dances, Movie Nights, and the Tri - R - Athon.

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

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

| Grade Level | Number of Students | Grade Level | Number of Students |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Kindergarten | 89 | Grade 8 | 0 |
| Grade 1 | 106 | Ungraded Elementary | 0 |
| Grade 2 | 103 | Grade 9 | 0 |
| Grade 3 | 89 | Grade 10 | 0 |
| Grade 4 | 117 | Grade 11 | 0 |
| Grade 5 | 117 | Grade 12 | 0 |
| Grade 6 | 137 | Ungraded Secondary | 0 |
| Grade 7 | 0 | Total Enrollment | 758 |

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2007-08)

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

| Group | Percent of Total Enrollment | Group | Percent of Total Enrollment |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| African American | 4.88% | White (not Hispanic) | 54.35% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | -- | Multiple or No Response | -- |
| Asian | 5.15% | Socioeconomically Disadvantaged | 15.00% |
| Filipino | 4.22% | English Learners | 6.00% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 31.27% | Students with Disabilities | 12.00% |
| Pacific Islander | 0.13% | n/a | n/a |

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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 | 2005-06 | | | | 2006-07 | | | | 2007-08 | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-----|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-----|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-----|
| | Avg. Class Size | Number of Classrooms | | | Avg. Class Size | Number of Classrooms | | | Avg. Class Size | Number of Classrooms | | |
| | | 1-20 | 21-32 | 33+ | | 1-20 | 21-32 | 33+ | | 1-20 | 21-32 | 33+ |
| Kindergarten | 29.7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 29.5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 29.5 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 1 | 17.5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 18.5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 19.8 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 18.7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 17.0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 19.8 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 18.1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 19.7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 19.4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 28.0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 30.7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 31.7 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 28.3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 30.3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 31.7 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 6 | 30.3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 31.0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 31.0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| k-3 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3-4 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28.0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 4-8 | 32.0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 30.0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 32.0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2007-08)

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

Every student and staff member has the right to attend a safe school where he or she is free from physical or psychological harm. The School Safety Plan includes:

- School Handbook
- School Safety Plan
- Character Education
- School Suspension Guidelines
- District/Community Resources For Students and Parents
- Annual Staff Harassment Training
- School Counseling Program
- Triannual Student Behavior Assemblies

Suspensions and Expulsions

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

| Rate | School | | | District | | |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
| Suspensions | 3.5 | 11.6 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 5.4 | 3.2 |
| Expulsions | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Date School Safety Plan last reviewed: November 2008

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IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions

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

Pinetree Community School was built in 1988 and therefore is 20 years old. The school has two main "pod" buildings with central instructional space as well as 16 portable classrooms. All classrooms have access to the Internet and close-circuit cable television. All classrooms and the cafeteria have air conditioning and forced air heat. There are restrooms located in the upper grade wing, the kindergarten classroom area and the primary grade wing. Restrooms are cleaned daily as is the cafeteria, classrooms, and grounds. The campus also has a computer lab with 32 computers, SMART Board, and a closed-circuit television studio. There is also a science lab in the upper grade wing equipped with a SMART Board for hands-on science experiments. The school also has a cafeteria and full kitchen with indoor seating that opens to an amphitheater. Pinetree has a large library with books, tables, carpet area, and computer center for learning. The play area consists of a large field with a 1/5-mile track, soccer field, and softball fields. There is a large jungle gym and sand box area, two black top areas for primary and upper grade students to play tetherball, handball, volleyball, and basketball. There is a separate sandbox area for kindergarten students with swings, jungle gym, and a black top play area. There is a sunshade at the entrance of the school for the students to wait for valet pick-up after school. The school has prepared a well-stocked emergency bin located on campus.

Planned Improvement

There are no plans for improvements at this time.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2008-09)

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

| Item Inspected | Repair Status | | | Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned |
|---|---------------|------|------|---|
| | Good | Fair | Poor | |
| Gas Leaks | | | | |
| Mechanical Systems | X | | | |
| Windows/Doors/Gates (interior and exterior) | X | | | |
| Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, and ceilings) | X | | | |
| Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior) | X | | | |
| Structural Damage | X | | | |
| Fire Safety | X | | | |
| Instalación eléctrica (interior y exterior) | X | | | |
| Pest/Vermin Infestation | X | | | |
| Drinking Fountains (inside and outside) | X | | | |
| Restrooms | X | | | |
| Sewer | X | | | |
| Playground/School Grounds | X | | | |
| Roofs | X | | | |
| Overall Cleanliness | X | | | |

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Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the overall summary of the results of the most recently completed school site inspection.

| Item Inspected | Facility Condition | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|------|------|
| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor |
| Overall Summary | X | | | |

Date of inspection: 12/19/2008

Completion date of inspection form: 12/19/2008

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 DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

| | School | | | District |
|---|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2007-08 |
| Teachers | | | | |
| With Full Credential | 36 | 36 | 33 | 266 |
| Without Full Credential | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence | -- | -- | -- | n/a |

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

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

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

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

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers in the school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the NCLB 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 | Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers |
| This School | 100.0% | 0.0% |
| All Schools in District | 100.0% | 0.0% |
| High-Poverty Schools in District | -- | -- |
| Low-Poverty Schools in District | 100.0% | 0.0% |

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VI. Support Staff

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

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

| Title | Number of FTE Assigned to School | Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Academic Counselor | -- | -- |
| Library Media Teacher (Librarian) | -- | -- |
| Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional) | -- | -- |
| Psychologist | -- | -- |
| Social Worker | -- | -- |
| Nurse/a | -- | -- |
| Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist | 0.8 | -- |
| Resource Specialist (non-teaching) | 1.0 | -- |
| Other | -- | -- |

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VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

Textbook Information

This section provides 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.

All students, including English Language Learners, receive textbooks adopted from the most recent state approved list. All textbooks are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the California State Board of Education.

In the Sulphur Springs School, the adoption process begins with a committee of teachers, parents and administrators representing each school in the district. Much time is spent learning the standards and deciding upon the criteria to use when selecting the textbook. Once the criteria for selection has been decided then the publishing companies are invited to come and present their programs to the adoption committee. Members of the adoption committee spend hours perusing the books and extra materials looking for the program that will best meet the needs of all of our students. Once the committee feels comfortable with a program or two, sets of the materials are sent to each school site. At this time all teachers and parents are invited to come and preview the materials for themselves. Input from this preview is collected by the committee members and studied.

Finally the adoption committee makes a recommendation to the board based on the criteria designed prior to reviewing any programs, information from the previews and the hours spent studying and comparing the available programs. The adoption committee makes their recommendation to the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled board meeting. Once the board approves the textbook, materials are ordered and staff development is planned to provide all teachers with information about the new program and how to use it in their classrooms during the next school year.

It is the goal of the State Board of Education as well as the Sulphur Springs Board of Trustees that any instructional materials used in the Sulphur Springs schools meet the California Content Standards and be appropriate for use in all of our classrooms.

This section provides information if any insufficiency exists, and the reason that each pupil does not have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials.

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Textbook Availability

Textbooks and instructional materials used in the district in the core subject areas of English-Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and History-Social Science

| Subject Area | Textbook Title and/or Publisher | Year of Adoption |
|------------------------|---|------------------|
| English-Language Arts | Houghton Mifflin Reading Language (K-6) | 2003 |
| History-Social Science | Scott Foresman History Social Science (K-5) | 2007 |
| History-Social Science | Harcourt History-Social Science (6) | 2007 |
| Mathematics | McGraw Hill Mathematics (K-6) | 2001 |
| Science | Houghton Mifflin California Science (K-2) | 2008 |
| Science | Scott Foresman California Science (3-6) | 2008 |

Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials

This table displays information about the percent of pupils who lack their own assigned textbooks and instructional materials

| Core Curriculum Area | Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials |
|--|---|
| Reading/Language Arts | 0% |
| Mathematics | 0% |
| Science | 0% |
| History-Social Science | 0% |
| Foreign Language | n/a |
| Health | 0% |
| Visual and Performing Arts | 0% |
| Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12) | n/a |

Textbook Information Collection Date: 8/14/2008

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VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

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

| Subject Area | Total Expenditures Per Pupil | Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental) | Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic) | Average Teacher Salary |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| School | \$5,540.00 | \$872.00 | \$4,668.00 | \$65,749.00 |
| District | n/a | n/a | -- | \$65,750.00 |
| Percent Difference – School Site and District | -- | -- | -- | 0.0% |
| State | n/a | n/a | \$5,300.00 | \$64,702.00 |
| Percent Difference – School Site and State | -- | -- | 13.5% | 1.6% |

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

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

Categorical dollars support training for teachers in working with special populations of students (English Learners, Gifted and Talented Students - GATE) and general teacher training. Funds are also allocated to the site to support intervention programs for students who are at risk academically.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

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. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the Certificated Salaries and Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

| Range | District | State Average For Districts In Same Category |
|---|--------------|--|
| Beginning Teacher Salary | \$40,713.00 | \$40,667.00 |
| Mid-Range Teacher Salary | \$63,332.00 | \$66,167.00 |
| Highest Teacher Salary | \$84,313.00 | \$84,142.00 |
| Average Principal Salary (Elementary) | \$98,587.00 | \$104,640.00 |
| Average Principal Salary (Middle) | \$0.00 | \$107,227.00 |
| Average Principal Salary (High) | \$0.00 | -- |
| Superintendent Salary | \$149,698.00 | \$167,564.00 |
| Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries | 42.2% | 42.3% |
| Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries | 6.2% | 5.4% |

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IX. Student Performance

California Standards Tests

The California Standards Tests (CSTs) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, and 9 through 11; and history-social science in grades 8, and 10 through 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web page at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

CST Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

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

| Subject | School | | | District | | | State | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
| English-Language Arts | 65% | 60% | 62% | 55% | 53% | 55% | 42% | 43% | 46% |
| Mathematics | 69% | 69% | 66% | 63% | 60% | 61% | 40% | 40% | 43% |
| Science | 50% | 59% | 62% | 50% | 50% | 56% | 35% | 38% | 46% |
| History-Social Science | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 33% | 33% | 36% |

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CST Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

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

| Group | Percentage of Students Scoring At Proficient or Advanced | | | |
|---|--|-------------|---------|------------------------|
| | English-Language Arts | Mathematics | Science | History-Social Science |
| African American | 77% | 69% | * | -- |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Asian | 81% | 81% | * | -- |
| Filipino | 63% | 78% | * | -- |
| Hispanic or Latino | 50% | 51% | 48% | -- |
| Pacific Islander | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| White (not Hispanic) | 65% | 72% | 66% | -- |
| Male | 54% | 63% | 58% | -- |
| Female | 68% | 70% | 65% | -- |
| Economically Disadvantaged | 30% | 44% | 29% | -- |
| English Learners | 16% | 23% | * | -- |
| Students with Disabilities | 27% | 37% | 36% | -- |
| Students Receiving Migrant Education Services | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the healthy fitness zone on all six fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found at the Physical Fitness Testing Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy, or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

| Grade Level | Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards |
|-------------|---|
| 5 | 24.60% |
| 7 | 0.00% |
| 9 | 0.00% |

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found at the API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

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

| API Rank | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Statewide | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| Similar Schools | 3 | 5 | 4 |

API Changes by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

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

| Group | Actual API Change | | | Growth API Score 2007-08 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | |
| All Students at the School | 18 | -14 | -8 | 832 |
| African American | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Asian | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Filipino | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Hispanic or Latino | 23 | -14 | -18 | 779 |
| Pacific Islander | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| White (not Hispanic) | 16 | -18 | 1 | 849 |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| English Learners | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Students with Disabilities | -- | -- | -- | -- |

Adequate Yearly Progress

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

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

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

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

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

| AYP Criteria | School | District |
|---|--------|----------|
| Overall | No | No |
| Participation Rate - English-Language Arts | Yes | Yes |
| Participation Rate - Mathematics | Yes | Yes |
| Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts | No | No |
| Percent Proficient - Mathematics | Yes | No |
| API | Yes | Yes |
| Graduation Rate | n/a | n/a |

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2008-09)

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

| Indicator | School | District |
|--|--------|-----------|
| Program Improvement Status | | Not In PI |
| First Year of Program Improvement | | |
| Yearh in Program Improvement | | |
| Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement | -- | |
| Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement | -- | |

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XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on how teachers and staff are trained for instructional improvement.

The Sulphur Springs School District is firmly committed to the continual development and improvement of its teachers. The district provides professional development activities and training to enhance teacher effectiveness annually. During the 2007-2008 school year all teachers were provided with the opportunity to attend conferences, workshops, seminars, and other staff development opportunities. Each Tuesday students were released one hour early to provide teachers with site-based professional development opportunities that include site-based trainings, grade level collaborative planning, and independent planning. Numerous staff meetings focused on analyzing student performance of state and local assessments and how to modify instruction to better meet students' needs. Staff development topics covered all curriculum areas although there was an emphasis on reading, writing, supporting English learners, assessment, science and diversity.

Professional Development Days

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

| | Instructional Days With At Least 180 Instructional Minutes | | |
|---|--|---------|---------|
| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
| Annual number of school days dedicated to staff development | 3 | 3 | 3 |