

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

Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2007-08

North Star Independent Study School

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This executive summary of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is intended to provide parents and community members with a quick snapshot of school accountability. The data presented in this report are reported for the 2007-08 school year, except the School Finances and School Completion data that are reported for the 2006-07 school year. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should review the entire SARC or contact the school principal or the district office.

About This School

North Star School is located on the alternative education campus for Amador County Unified School District in Sutter Creek, California. We are an independent study school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

North Star offers a kindergarten through twelfth grade curriculum aligned to state and district academic standards. We serve students and families who may have academic needs or special circumstances that cannot be accommodated in the regular school setting. Some of our families prefer to take a more active role in their children's education by partnering with a North Star teacher to deliver instruction that is standards-based and follows a rigorous course of study. Students receive individual attention from credentialed, highly qualified teachers in a program designed to meet their specific requirements. Teachers and parents work closely together to support students in achieving educational goals.

The North Star staff works diligently to deliver effective educational programs and set reasonable expectations for each student. North Star recognizes that a true partnership must be established between home and school in order to insure student success.

Student Enrollment

Group	Percent
African American	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3.8 %
Asian	1.27 %
Filipino	%
Hispanic or Latino	7.59 %
Pacific Islander	%
White (not Hispanic)	72.15 %
Multiple or No Response	15.19 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	16 %
English Learners	%
Students with Disabilities	2 %

Total Number of students	79
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Teachers

Indicator	Teachers
Teachers with full credential	6
Teachers without full credential	0
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	1
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	N/A
Total Teacher Misassignments	1

School Facilities

Summary of Most Recent Site Inspection

Narrative to be provided by LEA

Repairs Needed

Narrative to be provided by LEA

Corrective Actions Taken or Planned

Narrative to be provided by LEA

Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Core Curriculum Areas	Pupils Who Lack Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History-Social Science	0%
Foreign Language	0%
Health	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	N/A
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A

School Finances

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted Sources Only)
School Site	\$ 6,170
District	\$ \$ 5,917
State	\$5,300

Student Performance

Subject	Students Proficient and Above on California Standards Tests
English-Language Arts	37%
Mathematics	14%
Science	23%
History-Social Science	28%

Academic Progress

Indicator	Result
2008 Growth API Score (from 2008 Growth API Report)	638
Statewide Rank (from 2007 Base API Report)	3
2008-09 Program Improvement Status (PI Year)	

School Completion

Indicator	Result
Graduation Rate	100%

Postsecondary Preparation

Measures	Percent of Graduates
Pupils Who Completed a Career Technical Education Program and Earned a High School Diploma	11.11%
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for University of California or California State University Admission	3.70%

2007-08 School Accountability Report Card Report (SARC)

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

I. Data and Access

DataQuest

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

Internet Access

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

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2008-09)

This section provides the schools contact information.

School		District	
School Name	North Star Independent Study	District Name	Amador County Unified
Street	525 Independence Dr.	Phone Number	(209) 223-1750
City, State, Zip	Jackson , CA 95642	Web Site	www.teachnet.k12.ca.us
Phone Number	(209) 257-5150	Superintendent	Dick Glock
Principal	Peggy Gardner	E-mail Address	dglock@amadorcoe.k12.ca.us
E-mail Address	pgardner@amadorcoe.k12.ca	CDS Code	03-73981-0330050

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

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

The mission of North Star Independent Study School is to instill in its students the ability to think independently, to work autonomously or in a group, to utilize higher order thinking skills and to be able to fully realize their potential as a productive and responsible adults in today's society.

The school offers a standards-based kindergarten through twelfth grade curriculum leading to attainment of an accredited high school diploma. The delivery of instruction is designed to meet the special requirements of students and families who may have circumstances or needs that cannot be met in a regular school setting. Students receive individual attention from credentialed, highly qualified teachers in an instructional program designed to meet each student's particular requirements. Teachers and parents work together to support students in achievement of educational goals.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2007-08)

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

North Star welcomes and encourages parent involvement, and we know that the partnership between family and school is an integral part of the success of the program. Parents serve on our School Site Council and participate in the decisions that affect our school. Parents are closely involved with students and teachers so that the learning process can continue throughout the week in a smooth and coherent manner.

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

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	0
Grade 1	0
Grade 2	1
Grade 3	0
Grade 4	0
Grade 5	0
Grade 6	1
Grade 7	3
Grade 8	7
Ungraded Elementary	0
Grade 9	7
Grade 10	16
Grade 11	20
Grade 12	24
Ungraded Secondary	0
Total Enrollment	79

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2007-08)

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

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3.8 %
Asian	1.27 %
Filipino	%
Hispanic or Latino	7.59 %
Pacific Islander	%
White (not Hispanic)	72.15 %
Multiple or No Response	15.19 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	16 %
English Learners	%

Students with Disabilities

2 %

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

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

Subject	2005-06			Avg. Class Size	2006-07			Avg. Class Size	2007-08					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms				
		1-22	23-32			33+	1-22			23-32	33+	1-22	23-32	33+
English				24.0	4	0	2			0				
Mathematics				60.0			1	9.3	9	2				
Science				12.0	4									
Social Science				33.0	1	1	3	1.0	1					

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2007-08)

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

We review and correct all reported safety hazards immediately. We schedule time during each staff meeting to discuss safety issues. We have developed a School Safety Plan that includes procedures and information for emergency situations. We have also formed a school Crisis Team for emergencies; all staff members have assignments on this team. We conduct safety drills routinely and review the School Safety Plan annually.

All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the main office. Staff members will approach and question any person on campus who is not known or identified.

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	0.0	0.0	1.3	17.2	17.6	11.4
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.3

IV. School Facilities

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

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

Narrative LEA Provided

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	X			
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			
Electrical (interior and 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			

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			
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	LEA Provided			

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

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

Teachers	School			District
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
With Full Credential	6	5	6	201
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	LEA Provided	LEA Provided	LEA Provided	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
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

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

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

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	89.5	10.5
All Schools in District	96.3	3.7
High-Poverty Schools in District		
Low-Poverty Schools in District	95.0	5.0

VI. Support Staff

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

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

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	.25	79
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A

Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist	.15	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse	.23	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist		N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		N/A
Other		N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

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.

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	Language of Literature 2002 – 9 th grade: McDougal Littell Language of Literature 2002 – 10 th grade: McDougal Littell Language of Literature 2002 – American Literature – McDougal Littell Language of 2002 – British Literature- McDougal Littell Houghton Mifflin Legacy of Literature Grades K - 6	0%
Mathematics	Algebra 1 – Prentice Hall CPM Algebra Geometry – Prentice Hall CPM Geometry Algebra II - Prentice Hall CPM Algebra II Pre-Calc/Trig – Houghton Mifflin CPM Analysis Calculus – Houghton Mifflin Calculus/ Single Variable AP Calculus Houghton Mifflin Calculus/ Single Variable Macmillan/McGraw Hill: California Mathematics	0%

	Grades K - 6	
Science	<p>Biology & Ag Biology – Glencoe: Science Biology California Ed.</p> <p>Physics – Glencoe: Science Physics Principles & Problems</p> <p>Chemistry – Science Chemistry Matter & Change</p> <p>Life Science – Holt: Biology California Edition</p> <p>AP Biology – Pearson: AP Edition Biology</p> <p>Anatomy & Physiology: Mosby: Anthony's Textbook of Anatomy & Physiology</p> <p>Macmillan/McGraw Hill: California Science Grades K - 6</p>	0%
History-Social Science	<p>Glencoe: World Geography 2005</p> <p>Prentice Hall: World History: The Modern World 2007</p> <p>AP EURO: Western Civilization</p> <p>AP U.S.: The American Pageant</p> <p>Government: McGraw Hill: Government: Democracy in Action</p> <p>AP Government: Glencoe/McGraw Hill – Government in America</p> <p>Economics: New Ways of Thinking</p> <p>Harcourt: Reflections Grades K – 5</p> <p>TCI: History Alive Grade 6</p>	0%
Foreign Language	Holt, Rinehart and Winston: Allez, Viens McDougal, Littell: En Espanol!	0%
Health	West Educational Publishing: Health Making Life Choices	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Prentice Hall – Art History Meriwether Publishing – Everything About Theatre	0%
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	Adequate	Adequate

VIII. School Finances

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

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

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$ 6,170	\$106	\$3,893	\$58,602
District	N/A	N/A	\$5917	\$57603
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	34.21%	1.70%
State	N/A	N/A	\$5300	\$59271
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	26.55%	1.13%

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.

The state of California is the primary source of funding for the Amador County Unified Schools. The district receives general funds for basic operation based on average daily attendance figures. All student absences, regardless of the reason, result in lost funding to the district and, therefore, to the individual school site. Excessive absences can seriously affect school site budgets. General fund expenditure include salaries, benefits, books, supplies, equipment purchases, maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment, transportation costs, and utilities. The principal and school staff decides on how best to use a portion of the general fund money for site-specific purposes. State and federal programs sometimes designate certain funds for specific purposes.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

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

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$38285	\$37916
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$55175	\$58151
Highest Teacher Salary	\$72681	\$75396
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$79006	\$91086
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$81411	\$95220
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$88920	\$101661
Superintendent Salary	\$128085	\$136091
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	39.3 %	38.5 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.6 %	5.8 %

IX. Student Performance

California Standards Tests

The California Standards Tests (CSTs) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, and 9 through 11; and history-social science in grades 8, and 10 through 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the [Standardized Testing and Reporting \(STAR\) Results](#) Web page.

CST Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

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

Subject	School			District			State		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
English-Language Arts	33	33	37	50	49	52	42	43	46
Mathematics	13	4	14	40	40	43	40	40	43
Science	14	32	23	35	46	58	35	38	46

History-Social Science	12	13	25	34	33	43	33	33	36
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Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

CST Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

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

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*		*
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)	34	14	25	23
Male	45	20	31	29
Female	28	7	14	20
Economically Disadvantaged	25	14	*	
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

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

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

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

Group	English			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	69.2	30.8	0.0	75.0	25.0	0.0
Male	*	*	*	*	*	*
Female	*	*	*	*	*	*
African American	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*
Filipino	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	*	*	*	*	*	*
English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*	*	*

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

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

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the healthy fitness zone on all six fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the [Physical Fitness Testing](#) Web page.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zones
5	*
7	*
9	*

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

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

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

API Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

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

API Rank	2005	2006	2007
Statewide	2	3	3
Similar Schools	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

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

"B" 0330050

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

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

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

API Changes by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

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

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008
All Students at the School	31	2	-3	638
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino				
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adequate Yearly Progress

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

Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics

Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics

API as an additional indicator

Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

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

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

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

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

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2008-09)

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

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		

Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	

XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

Admission Requirements for California Public Universities

University of California

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

California State University

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

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

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

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Dropout Rate (1-year)	10.3	1.0	9.4	3.2	1.4	3.8	3.1	3.5	4.4
Graduation Rate	65.5	90.6	85.0	84.4	91.2	86.1	85.0	83.0	79.5

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

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

Group	Graduating Class of 2008		
	School	District	State
All Students	100%	84.81%	N/A
African American	0%	.60%	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	1.49%	N/A
Asian	0%	.90%	N/A
Filipino	0%	0%	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	7.41%	5.97%	N/A
Pacific Islander	0%	0%	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	81.48%	75.22%	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3.70%	18.81%	N/A
English Learners	0%	.60%	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2007-08)

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

The Career Technical Education Programs are open to enrollment to any student in our school district. Here is a list of classes available for a student to enroll.

Foods and Consumer Econ
 Computer Literacy
 Ag Mechanics
 Early Childhood Education
 ROP Culinary Arts
 ROP Health Career
 Graphic and Visual Arts
 ROP Auto
 Business Education/Marketing

Fashion Design
 Media Technician
 Journalism
 Power, Energy, Transportation Tech
 Ag Construction
 ROP MS Office
 ROP Web Design
 Drafting
 Fire/Police Science

Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays information about participation in the school's CTE programs.

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of the school's pupils participating in CTE	3
Percent of the school's pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	11.11%
Percent of school's CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	5%

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

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

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	44.9
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	.03%

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

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

2007-2008	20 days
2006-2007	12 days
2005-2006	7 days

In order to build our learning environment, we continue to expand our knowledge and use of technology. North Star Independent Study School annually has three days funded by the state for staff training in curriculum and instructional strategies. The school and district provide funds for attendance at conferences. The curriculum office provides additional in-service opportunities. We receive teaching assistance through the district's PAR program. Our teachers also attend grade-level meetings to talk and plan together.