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# A Message from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Californians need facts about our vast public education system to make informed decisions about our schools, but it often is difficult to know where to find current information. This resource, *Fact Book 2007*, includes a wealth of data and background about programs in California public schools and at the California Department of Education. The document answers many of the questions that educators, students, parents, elected officials, policymakers, media representatives, and others have about our school system.

Our schools deserve our attention and our support, particularly during these difficult fiscal times. I appreciate your interest in learning more about California's public education system, and I hope you find *Fact Book 2007* useful.

JACK O'CONNELL

*State Superintendent of Public Instruction*

# Acknowledgments

The annual *Fact Book* is a compendium of statistics and information on a variety of subjects and issues concerning education in California. It is designed to serve as a reference for educators, legislators, and the general public and to aid reporters covering education.

This report was prepared by Cindy Cunningham in the Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI), California Department of Education (CDE), with support from Bobby G. Roy in the Office of the SSPI and Jeannette Reyes in CDE Press. It would not have been possible to prepare this document without the additional support and cooperation of the many CDE staff members whose expertise is represented in these pages; their contributions are greatly appreciated.

You are welcome to duplicate this *Fact Book* as needed. If you have any questions or recommendations for future editions, please contact Cindy Cunningham, Executive Office Manager, at (916) 319-0800, or by e-mail at [ccunningham@cde.ca.gov](mailto:ccunningham@cde.ca.gov). Hard copies are available for sale from CDE Press. For additional information, call (800) 995-4099.

# Fingertip Facts on Education in California

## Number of school districts, 2005-06

Unified .....	329
Elementary .....	561
High .....	88
Other .....	76
Total .....	1,054

## Number of public schools, 2005-06

Elementary .....	5,661
Middle .....	1,239
Junior high .....	29
High .....	1,165
K-12 .....	113
Continuation .....	522
Alternative .....	219
Community day .....	343
Special education .....	127
Other .....	139
Total .....	9,557

## Number of students in public schools, 2005-06

Kindergarten and grades one through eight .....	4,306,895
Grades nine through twelve .....	1,953,077
Ungraded programs .....	52,131
Total .....	6,312,103

## Number of students in private schools, 2005-06

Total .....	594,597
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## Number of twelfth-grade graduates, 2004-05

Total .....	355,231
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## Racial and ethnic student distribution in public schools, 2005-06

Students	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native .....	50,758	0.8
Asian .....	517,163	8.2
Pacific Islander .....	40,363	0.6
Filipino .....	165,571	2.6
Hispanic .....	3,003,521	47.6
African American .....	494,957	7.8
White, not Hispanic .....	1,915,449	30.4
Multiple or no response .....	124,321	2.0
Total .....	6,312,103	100.0

## Number of teachers in public schools, 2005-06

Elementary schools .....	158,521
Middle and junior high schools .....	50,582
High schools .....	77,559
Other (includes continuation schools) .....	21,201
Total .....	307,863

## Racial and ethnic teacher distribution in public schools, 2005-06

Teachers	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaskan Native .....	1,826	0.6
Asian .....	14,740	4.8
Pacific Islander .....	719	0.2
Filipino .....	3,960	1.3
Hispanic .....	46,830	15.2
African American .....	14,000	4.5
White, not Hispanic .....	221,822	72.1
Multiple or no response .....	3,967	1.3
Total .....	307,864	100.0

## Average salaries, 2005-06

### Full-time teachers

Common administrative districts .....	\$ 67,093
Elementary districts .....	59,649
High school districts .....	62,544
Unified districts .....	59,437
Statewide average .....	57,604

### School site principals

Common administrative districts .....	\$ 95,326
Elementary districts .....	92,946
High school districts .....	106,862
Unified districts .....	96,705
Statewide average .....	95,968

### Superintendents

Common administrative districts .....	\$ 137,144
Elementary districts .....	119,147
High school districts .....	145,869
Unified districts .....	147,459
Statewide average .....	132,588



# California Department of Education

## **Mission**

The mission of the California Department of Education (CDE) is to provide leadership, assistance, oversight, and resources so that every Californian has access to an education that meets world-class standards.

## **Vision**

Working with our partners, we will create a dynamic, world-class education system that equips all students with the knowledge and skills to excel in college and careers and excel as parents and citizens.

## **Guiding Principles**

1. We believe all students can learn.
  - All students deserve an equitable opportunity to succeed.
  - All students require a safe, healthy environment for learning.
  - All students need physical, emotional, and intellectual support from their schools, families, and communities to succeed.
2. We focus on results. We set high standards.
3. We build the capacity of local agencies and CDE staff to achieve results.
4. We practice timely, two-way communication within and outside the CDE.
5. We foster an environment that promotes responsible decision making throughout the organization.
6. We combine our strengths. By supporting each other in resolving problems, we improve results.
7. We practice wise stewardship of all resources.
8. We act ethically and with integrity and treat everyone with courtesy and respect.

## **Goals**

**Goal 1—Accountability:** Hold local educational agencies accountable for student achievement in all programs and for all groups of students.

**Goal 2—Building Capacity:** Build local capacity to enable all students to achieve state standards.

**Goal 3—Professional Development:** Expand and improve a system of recruiting, developing, and supporting teachers that instills excellence in every classroom, preschool through adult.

**Goal 4—Technology:** Provide statewide leadership that promotes effective use of technology to improve teaching and learning; increase efficiency and effectiveness in administration of kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12) education, including student recordkeeping and good financial management practices; and provide broader and more effective communication among the home, school, district, county, and state.

**Goal 5—Learning Support Systems:** Establish and foster systems of school, home, and community resources that provide the physical, emotional, and intellectual support that each student needs to succeed.

**Goal 6—Adequate Flexible Funding:** Advocate additional resources and additional flexibility, and provide statewide leadership that promotes good business practices so that California schools can target their resources to ensure success for all students.

**Goal 7—Department Management:** Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the CDE.

## **California Department of Education Organization**

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The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is one of eight statewide constitutional officers in California and holds the only such office that is nonpartisan. The Superintendent is accountable to the people of California for administering and enforcing education law and regulations and for continuing to reform and improve public elementary and secondary school programs, adult education, and some preschool and child care programs.

The Superintendent is the executive officer and secretary of the California State Board of Education and the director of the California Department of Education (CDE). The CDE administers California’s public education system at the state level. The Superintendent administers the day-to-day operations of the CDE and also is responsible for two schools for the deaf, one school for the blind, and three diagnostic centers.

In addition to serving as a University of California Regent, the Superintendent serves as an ex officio member of the California State University and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing boards of trustees. The Superintendent also serves as an ex officio member or has representation on more than 100 boards, commissions, and committees established by the Department, the Legislature, or the Executive Branch.

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The Chief Deputy Superintendent is responsible for managing and coordinating the functions of all of the Department's branches. The Chief Deputy Superintendent provides direction for the development and implementation of a statewide educational strategy for CDE and oversees specific program and policy operations. The Chief Deputy Superintendent represents the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in working with the U.S. Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the California Legislature, other state boards and commissions, county offices of education, and local school districts.

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The Assessment and Accountability Branch is responsible for programs designed to promote district and school accountability for improving student achievement.

The Standards and Assessment Division develops and administers state testing programs, such as the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program, the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), and the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). In addition, the division coordinates other K–12 tests, such as the General Educational Development (GED) test and the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP). The Policy and Evaluation Division supports research and evaluation activities and reports both state and federal accountability results under the heading of "Accountability Progress Reporting" (APR). The APR includes the state Academic Performance Index (API) that is used to measure the academic success of a school on the basis of how much it improves annually and the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Program Improvement (PI) reports required by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. In addition to producing the School Accountability Report Card, the division also administers state and federal programs that give awards to teachers and schools.

The School and District Accountability Division oversees the state Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) process. This division also provides technical assistance to meet the educational needs of English learners and exercises policy and program responsibilities for NCLB Title I.

The Data Management Division collects, analyzes, and disseminates data about California's public schools and school districts; promotes the effective use of technology in California's schools; and works to develop and coordinate both the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System and the California School Information Services (CSIS). The division also administers the Consolidated Application.

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The central mission of the Curriculum and Instruction Branch is to support schools and districts so that students achieve academic standards before graduation from high school and make a smooth transition to college or a career. The work of the branch extends from prekindergarten to adult education. Units within the branch support statewide educational reform efforts in standards, accountability, and grade-span initiatives; promote equitable and effective educational programs; support the efforts of educators, families, and members of the community to work together; develop guidelines and handbooks for local educational agencies (LEAs) that support standards-based curricula; and provide technical assistance to help LEAs understand and implement reforms, statutes, regulations, and guidelines.

The branch is organized in the following divisions: School Improvement Division; Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division; Child Development Division; Special Education Division; Secondary, Postsecondary, and Adult Leadership Division; Learning Support and Partnerships Division; and Professional Development and Curriculum Support Division.

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The Finance, Technology, and Administration Branch is responsible for all budget, accounting, and contract support for the California Department of Education (CDE); fiscal policy and monitoring related to the entire state education budget; personnel services to CDE staff and building maintenance and management; apportionment of state and federal resources to LEAs and child nutrition and child development providers; assistance to LEAs for all business aspects of public schools; oversight of all state-administered LEAs under Assembly Bill 1200; and provision of information technology systems and services to the CDE.

The Finance, Technology, and Administration Branch is organized in the following divisions: Technology Services Division, Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, Personnel Services Division, and School Fiscal Services Division.

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The School and District Operations Branch consists of four divisions: State Special Schools and Services Division, School Facilities Planning Division, Charter Schools Division, and Nutrition Services Division. The State Special Schools and Services

Division operates the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind (preschool through grade twelve) and the Diagnostic Centers, which provide assessment services to special education students for all local educational agencies in California. The School Facilities Planning Division assists school districts in creating well-planned, K–12 learning environments in safe, clean, and up-to-date school facilities. The Charter Schools Division is dedicated to ensuring the development of a premier, innovative charter school system that promotes excellence in education. The Nutrition Services Division provides leadership and support for the delivery of good nutrition to enhance the health, development, and educational potential of California's children, adults, and families.

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The Policy Development and External Affairs Branch works with the field and other California Department of Education (CDE) branches to identify educational best practices and develop strategies to better share solutions with practitioners. The branch also attempts to identify and alleviate roadblocks to success that may exist because of current state law or practice.

This branch includes the Communications Division, which is responsible for all public relations and media activities for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) and the CDE in various public and private venues. The division maintains wide contact networks with state and national media as well as public information staff in stakeholder organizations, county offices of education, and school districts. The division reflects the SSPI's views in communication with the media and the public and develops media campaigns on selected educational issues. The Communications Division also produces and distributes news releases, news advisories, certificates, salutations, and commendations.

This branch also includes the CDE Press. The Press provides a full range of creative multimedia services to produce and publish the CDE's world-class resources for educators, parents, and educational entities. Having served as the Department's publishing arm for 43 years, the Press extends its reach to every state in the nation as well as to more than 40 other countries. The Press publishes and distributes more educational resources—resources essential to the educational needs of children—than any other state department in the nation. Press staff members provide such services and materials as writing and editing; layout and design; sales and distribution; and the annual *California Public School Directory*. The Press, which has received numerous state and national awards for excellence in publishing, also provides services to other state agencies. It is the largest entity of its type in California state government.

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The Government Affairs Branch develops and advances the legislative and fiscal policy priorities of the California Department of Education (CDE), the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the California State Board of Education. The branch is responsible for providing information and expertise on state and federal policy and fiscal issues and for advocating before the state Legislature and Congress. The branch also initiates and maintains contact with public interest groups concerning the CDE's goals and programs.

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The Legal and Audits Branch is responsible for advising and representing the California Department of Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the California State Board of Education on legal matters and legislation regarding department operations and the state special schools. The General Counsel coordinates litigation in state and federal courts and in administrative tribunals. The General Counsel oversees the Audits and Investigations Division, including the external audit response program; internal audits, including audits to determine the economy and efficiency of program operations; and the external audits and investigations program. The General Counsel also reviews investigations conducted by the Office of Equal Opportunity.

# State Board of Education

The California State Board of Education (SBE) was established first by statute in 1852, then by amendment to the California Constitution in 1884. Both the Constitution and statutes set forth the SBE's duties. Constitutional duties of the SBE are (1) the appointment of one deputy and three associate superintendents upon nomination of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI); and (2) the adoption of textbooks for use in grades one through eight.

The SBE, by statute, is the governing and policy-determining body of the California Department of Education (CDE). Statute also assigns the SBE a variety of other responsibilities, including:

- **Regulations**—The SBE adopts rules and regulations for its own government, the government of its appointees, and the government of the state's public schools.
- **Standards**—The SBE has approved rigorous statewide academic standards for content and student performance in English/language arts, mathematics, history–social science, science, visual and performing arts, and physical education.
- **Curriculum frameworks**—The SBE adopts curriculum frameworks in reading–language arts, foreign language, history–social science, health, mathematics, physical education, science, and the visual and performing arts. These frameworks are based on previously approved academic standards. In 2007, the SBE adopted a curricular framework for career technical education. The frameworks inform and guide the local development and implementation of specific curricula for kindergarten through high school, as well as serve as the basis for the adoption of instructional materials.
- **Instructional materials**—The SBE adopts instructional materials for kindergarten through grade eight (K–8) in reading–language arts, foreign language, mathematics, science, history–social science, health, and visual and performing arts. The state provides local educational agencies with special funding each year for the purchase of SBE-adopted instructional materials for grades K–8 and locally adopted instructional materials for grades 9–12.
- **Waivers**—The SBE considers requests from local educational agencies to waive statutory and regulatory requirements.
- **Assessment**—The SBE adopts tests and sets policies for the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program and the California High School Exit Examination. The initial California Legislation authorizing the STAR program was signed into law in 1997. Since the initial authorization, the SBE has designated the achievement test, initially the Stanford 9 and currently the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey, and the primary language achievement test, Spanish Assessment of Basic Education, Second Edition (SABE/2); adopted regulations for the program; approved and monitored the development of the California Standards Tests (CSTs) and the California Alternate Performance

Assessment (CAPA); and adopted performance levels for the CSTs each year beginning with the 2003 administration. The SBE also established the test administration window for the STAR Program. The SBE also approves the state's physical performance test, which is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine.

- **School district reorganization**—The SBE reviews and acts on petitions to unify and reorganize school districts, determining whether the petitions meet statutorily established criteria for approval and, if approved, setting the area in which the local election on each petition will be held.
- **Charter schools**—The SBE assigns numbers to petitions to establish charter schools under the Charter Schools Act of 1992. Subject to certain conditions and limitations, charter petitions may be submitted as an appeal following a district and county denial. In the case of all-charter districts, petitions are submitted directly to the SBE and the SSPI, who have joint approval authority. As a charter authorizer, the SBE has monitoring and accountability responsibilities for schools and all-charter districts it has approved.
- **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**—As the officially designated “State Educational Agency” under NCLB, the SBE has the primary responsibility for overseeing the state’s full compliance with the complex provisions of federal law, which includes establishing an assessment and accountability system to demonstrate that all students are making adequate yearly progress toward proficiency in English/language arts and mathematics; ensuring that all English learners will become proficient in English and reach high academic standards; establishing a plan whereby all teachers in the core subject areas meet the “highly qualified teacher” provisions in NCLB; ensuring that all students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug-free, and conducive to learning; and adopting the goal of all students graduating from high school.
- **Funding allocations**—As prescribed by state and federal law, the SBE allocates certain state and federal funding sources.
- **Study and planning**—The SBE is authorized to study educational conditions and needs of the state and make plans for the improvement of the administration and efficiency of the public schools. The SBE, when authorized by statute, approves certain program plans for CDE.

Ten of the SBE’s 11 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year, staggered terms, subject to confirmation by a two-thirds vote of the Senate within one year of appointment. The 11<sup>th</sup> member, also appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation, is a student in a California public high school who serves a one-year term. The student member enjoys full voting rights and all other rights and privileges of membership.

For more information regarding the SBE, please contact the SBE, at (916) 319-0827. Additional information is also available on the SBE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be>.



California State Board of Education Public Roster

<b>Name</b>	<b>Took office</b>	<b>Term expires</b>
Mr. Kenneth Noonan 2006 State Board President	May 11, 2004	January 15, 2009
Ms. Ruth Bloom 2006 State Board Vice President	February 12, 2005	January 15, 2011
Mr. Alan Bersin	May 11, 2005	January 15, 2010
Mr. Jim Aschwanden	September 6, 2006	January 15, 2008
Dr. Yvonne Chan	May 11, 2005	January 15, 2008
Mr. Donald G. Fisher	March 15, 2001	January 15, 2009
Ms. Ruth E. Green	February 25, 2004	January 15, 2008
Dr. David P. Lopez	July 12, 2006	January 15, 2010
Mr. Ted Mitchell	March 21, 2007	January 15, 2010
Mr. Johnathan Williams	February 18, 2004	January 15, 2011
Andrew Estep 2006-2007 Student Member	September 6, 2006	July 31, 2007

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# County Offices of Education

There are 58 county offices of education that provide services to the state's school districts. The county offices have elected governing boards and are administered by elected or appointed county superintendents.

The county superintendent is responsible for examining and approving school district budgets and expenditures. With the passage of Assembly Bill 1200 (1991), the county superintendent has additional powers to enforce sound budgeting to ensure the fiscal integrity of the district. The superintendent is also responsible for calling school district elections and assisting with school district emergencies by providing necessary services.

County offices of education support school districts by performing the tasks that can be done more efficiently and economically at the county level. The county offices provide or help formulate new curricula, staff development and training programs, and new instructional procedures; design business and personnel systems; and perform many other services to meet changing needs and requirements. When economic or technical conditions make county or regional services most appropriate for students, county offices provide a wide range of services, such as special and vocational education, programs for youths at risk of failure, and instruction to youths in juvenile detention facilities.

## Local Control

Although the California public schools system is a statewide system under the policy direction of the Legislature, more local responsibility is legally granted to school districts and county education officials than to other government entities and officials.

Statutes relating to school districts, county boards of education, and county superintendents of schools operate differently from any other California statutes. Because the plenary power to make state policy and law rests with the Legislature, the general rule of law is that an agency of government is permitted to do only that which is authorized by statute; it cannot do or undertake any program or activity simply because it is not prohibited. In 1972, however, the voters amended the California Constitution. As a result, the general rule has been altered only for school districts. Thus, laws relating to local schools occupy a unique constitutional position.

Under this "permissive education code," as long as a statute does not prohibit the program or activity and it is consistent with the purposes for which school districts are established, it can be undertaken. In other words, it is constitutionally unnecessary to enact any statutes that merely allow or permit school districts, at their discretion, to do something.

# Education Statistics

## California Basic Educational Data System

The California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) is a system for collecting and sharing demographic data about students, schools, school districts, and classified and professional education staff in the California public school system in grades kindergarten through twelve. The data are collected once a year on the first Wednesday in October, which is designated as “Information Day.”

The data are collected on three different forms. Each district and county office of education completes a form providing information about classified staff, estimated teacher hires, grading requirements, gifted and talented education (GATE), and interdistrict transfers. Each public school completes a form providing information about classified staff; graduates; dropouts; alternative education; school enrollment by grade level, gender, and ethnic designation; enrollment in selected high school courses; career technical education enrollment; technology; education calendar; and graduate and dropout data for No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Finally, for each certificated staff member, data are collected about age; ethnic designation; gender; highest education level; years of service; employee status; time base; type of teaching credential; authorized teaching areas; and assignment information, which consists of enrollment, grade level, University of California (UC)/California State University (CSU) requirements, and NCLB core and compliant data for each course taught.

A number of alternatives are available to school districts for submitting the required data. Paper submission is an option for small districts submitting certificated staff data. All other districts submit data electronically. For school and certificated staff data submission, data entry assistant programs are available on CD-ROM.

CBEDS was originally designed to produce state and federal reports required by California’s *Education Code* and by federal statutes. CBEDS is also used to compute funding for many of the state programs, including Instructional Materials, Career Technical Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Healthy Start Support Services grants, and the California Technology Assistance Project.

CBEDS data can be viewed in a variety of formats on the CBEDS Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sd/cb:>

- DataQuest lets users create their own reports of demographic data for public schools, districts, counties, or the state.
- Demographic reports are viewable and show trends in demographic data for California public schools, kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12).
- Demographic data files are compressed data files in database format (DBF) that can be downloaded for California public schools, K–12.

For more information regarding education statistics, please contact the Educational Demographics Office, at (916) 327-0219 or by e-mail at [eddemo@cde.ca.gov](mailto:eddemo@cde.ca.gov).

Enrollment in California Public Schools,  
2003-04 Through 2005-06

Grade level	Number of schools, 2005-06*	Enrollment			Percent increase or decrease in enrollment	
		2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	Between 2004-05 and 2005-06	Between 2003-04 and 2004-05
K	5,710	458,440	455,149	456,968	0.7	-0.4
1	5,736	473,239	477,557	481,049	-0.9	-0.7
2	5,752	469,553	474,854	482,633	-1.1	-1.6
3	5,761	471,246	481,280	489,652	-2.1	-1.7
4	5,772	477,828	488,045	493,425	-2.1	-1.1
5	5,761	485,857	492,895	492,472	-1.4	0.1
6	4,157	489,656	491,308	490,284	-0.3	0.2
7	2,630	491,516	492,919	500,412	-0.3	-1.5
8	2,691	489,560	498,806	500,368	-1.9	-0.3
Ungraded elementary	1,071	30,889	32,391	34,584	-4.6	-6.3
<b>Subtotal elementary</b>	<b>7,835</b>	<b>4,337,784</b>	<b>4,385,204</b>	<b>4,421,847</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
9	2,107	546,914	549,471	528,561	-0.5	4.0
10	2,249	515,681	497,206	490,214	3.7	1.4
11	2,228	467,241	459,130	440,540	1.8	4.2
12	2,152	423,241	409,576	395,194	3.3	3.6
Ungraded secondary	330	21,242	21,602	22,418	-1.7	-3.6
<b>Subtotal secondary</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>1,974,319</b>	<b>1,936,985</b>	<b>1,876,927</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>State totals</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>6,312,103</b>	<b>6,322,189</b>	<b>6,298,774</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>

\*Number of schools that reported enrollment in each grade

Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005

Enrollment and Number of California Public Schools,  
by Grade Span, 2005-06\*

Elementary Schools			Kindergarten-Grade 12 Schools			High Schools		
Grade	Number	Enrollment	Grade	Number	Enrollment	Grade	Number	Enrollment
Kdgn.	24	4,570	K-8	8	2,418	6-12	17	9,883
K-1	22	5,152	K-12	55	37,296	7-12	50	36,071
K-2	39	13,457	Other**	50	23,089	8-12	15	21,371
K-3	95	35,700	Total	113	62,803	9-9	16	3,702
K-4	89	44,168				9-10	21	9,805
K-5	1921	1,054,331	<b>Community Day Schools</b>			9-11	26	17,102
K-6	1830	1,052,391	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	9-12	773	1,255,960
K-7	31	13,011	2-6	3	64	10-12	8	5,865
K-8	556	222,475	5-8	3	23	Other**	239	446,399
K-12	6	1,322	6-8	17	244	Total	1,165	1,806,158
1-5	5	2,346	7-8	29	226			
1-6	13	6,011	7-10	2	61	<b>Continuation High Schools</b>		
1-8	3	131	7-11	6	116	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>
2-6	6	3,478	7-12	28	3358	7-12	12	3,004
3-5	25	12,488	8-8	10	22	8-12	11	1,574
3-6	11	4,602	8-11	7	83	9-10	11	328
3-8	3	1,528	8-12	8	359	9-11	6	123
4-5	11	4,283	9-12	37	2162	9-12	210	32,377
4-6	18	7,606	Other**	193	4593	10-12	159	19,097
4-8	16	5,965	Total	343	11,311	11-12	47	3,385
5-6	12	4,837				Other**	66	9,726
Other**	925	591,591	<b>Alternative Schools</b>			Total	522	69,614
Total	5,661	3,091,443	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>			
			K-8	14	3,030	<b>All Other School Types***</b>		
<b>Middle Schools</b>			K-12	24	8,094	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	1-12	7	1,945	Kdgn.	3	49
4-8	21	9235	2-12	2	227	K-8	5	706
5-8	44	34624	7-12	17	3,196	K-12	30	19,533
6-8	660	575841	9-12	56	13,702	1-12	8	1,353
7-8	280	239360	Other**	99	16,039	6-12	10	1,827
Other**	234	282542	Total	219	46,233	7-12	43	6,241
Total	1,239	1,141,602				8-12	19	1,707
						9-12	16	1,602
<b>Junior High Schools</b>						Other**	132	30,303
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>				Total	266	63,321
7-8	14	8786						
7-9	8	5315				<b>State Totals</b>		
Other**	7	5517					<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>
Total	29	19,618				All schools	9,557	6,312,103

\*Grade span is the range of grades for which a school has reported enrollment. It may not represent all grades that a school supports. For instance, a small school may serve grades K-6, but if no kindergartners enrolled in 2005-06, the grade span would be 1-6.

\*\*Represents schools with various grade spans that are less common (five or fewer schools with those particular grade spans).

\*\*\*Includes juvenile hall/court, county community, opportunity, California Education Authority, special education, and state special schools.

Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics Office, October 2005

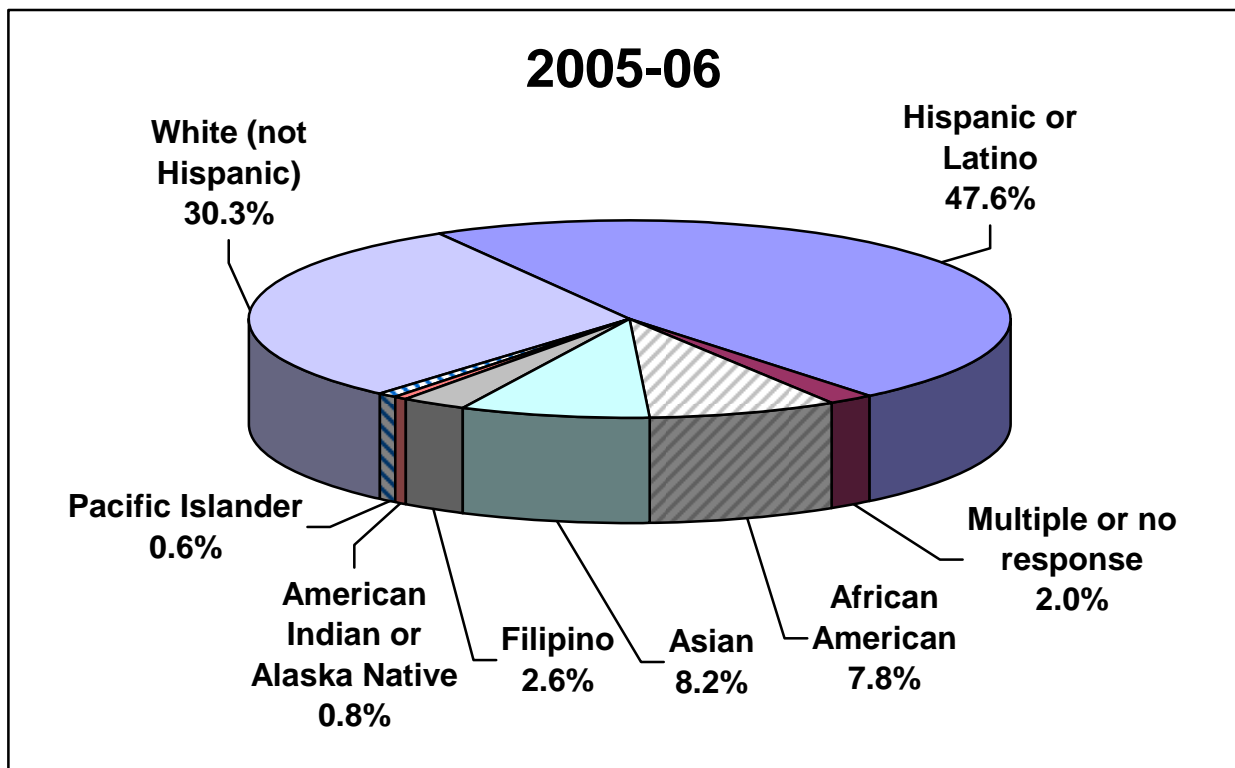
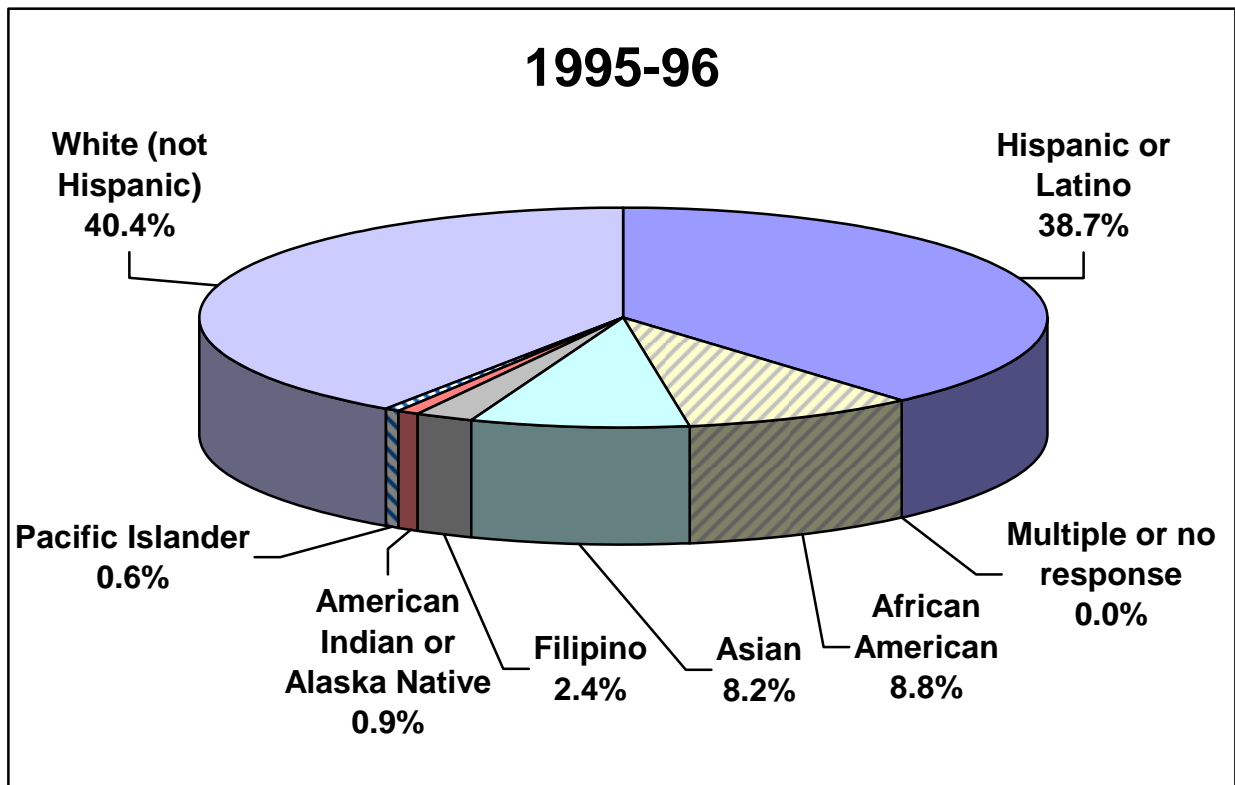
California's Largest and Smallest Public School Districts, 2005-06  
(Includes County Offices of Education)

Rank	County	District	Enrollment	Statewide cumulative enrollment	Cumulative enrollment percent
1	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	727,319	727,319	11.52%
2	San Diego	San Diego Unified	132,482	859,801	13.62%
3	Los Angeles	Long Beach Unified	93,589	953,390	15.10%
4	Fresno	Fresno Unified	79,046	1,032,436	16.36%
5	Sacramento	Elk Grove Unified	60,735	1,093,171	17.32%
6	Orange	Santa Ana Unified	59,310	1,152,481	18.26%
7	San Bernardino	San Bernardino City Unified	58,661	1,211,142	19.19%
8	San Francisco	San Francisco Unified	56,236	1,267,378	20.08%
9	Orange	Capistrano Unified	51,245	1,318,623	20.89%
10	Sacramento	Sacramento City Unified	50,408	1,369,031	21.69%
11	Orange	Garden Grove Unified	49,574	1,418,605	22.47%
12	Sacramento	San Juan Unified	48,325	1,466,930	23.24%
13	Alameda	Oakland Unified	48,135	1,515,065	24.00%
14	Riverside	Corona-Norco Unified	47,510	1,562,575	24.76%
15	Riverside	Riverside Unified	43,052	1,605,627	25.44%
16	San Bernardino	Fontana Unified	41,930	1,647,557	26.10%
17	San Diego	Sweetwater Union High	41,865	1,689,422	26.76%
18	San Joaquin	Stockton City Unified	38,936	1,728,358	27.38%
19	Riverside	Moreno Valley Unified	37,019	1,765,377	27.97%
20	Fresno	Clovis Unified	36,378	1,801,755	28.54%
21	Contra Costa	Mt. Diablo Unified	35,880	1,837,635	29.11%
22	Kern	Kern Union High	35,394	1,873,029	29.67%
23	Los Angeles	Montebello Unified	35,286	1,908,315	30.23%
24	Orange	Saddleback Valley Unified	34,592	1,942,907	30.78%
25	San Bernardino	Chino Valley Unified	33,693	1,976,600	31.31%
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1033	Marin	Laguna Joint Elementary	24	6,311,815	100.00%
1034	Plumas	Plumas Co. Office Of Education	23	6,311,838	100.00%
1035	Santa Barbara	Casmalia Elementary	22	6,311,860	100.00%
1036	Siskiyou	Klamath River Union Elementary	21	6,311,881	100.00%
1037	Kern	Blake Elementary	19	6,311,900	100.00%
1038	Shasta	Indian Springs Elementary	19	6,311,919	100.00%
1039	San Benito	Jefferson Elementary	18	6,311,937	100.00%
1040	El Dorado	Silver Fork Elementary	16	6,311,953	100.00%
1041	Siskiyou	Forks Of Salmon Elementary	15	6,311,968	100.00%
1042	Trinity	Cox Bar Elementary	15	6,311,983	100.00%
1043	Humboldt	Maple Creek Elementary	14	6,311,997	100.00%
1044	Tehama	Elkins Elementary	13	6,312,010	100.00%
1045	Humboldt	Green Point Elementary	12	6,312,022	100.00%
1046	Marin	Lincoln Elementary	12	6,312,034	100.00%
1047	Marin	Union Joint Elementary	12	6,312,046	100.00%
1048	Trinity	Coffee Creek Elementary	12	6,312,058	100.00%
1049	Lassen	Ravendale-Termo Elementary	11	6,312,069	100.00%
1050	Siskiyou	Bogus Elementary	10	6,312,079	100.00%
1051	Sonoma	Kashia Elementary	10	6,312,089	100.00%
1052	Sierra	Sierra Co. Office Of Education	7	6,312,096	100.00%
1053	San Benito	Panoche Elementary	5	6,312,101	100.00%
1054	Alpine	Alpine Co. Office Of Education	2	6,312,103	100.00%

The statewide total enrollment is 6,312,103.

Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005

## California Schools' Changing Ethnic Makeup



Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005

## Teacher Credentials and Experience, 1998-99 Through 2005-06

Credentials													
Year	Number of teachers	Full credential		National Board certification		University intern		District intern		Emergency		Waiver	
			%		%		%		%		%		%
1998-99	283,975	248,535	87.5	129	0.0	2,523	0.9	2,327	0.8	34,194	12.0	3,695	1.3
1999-00	292,012	251,431	86.1	346	0.1	3,710	1.3	2,495	0.9	37,266	12.8	4,220	1.4
2000-01	301,361	258,934	85.9	786	0.3	4,205	1.4	2,179	0.7	34,670	11.5	3,348	1.1
2001-02	306,940	265,201	86.4	1,308	0.4	4,867	1.6	2,384	0.8	32,523	10.6	3,020	1.0
2002-03	309,773	272,464	88.0	1,960	0.6	6,128	2.0	2,587	0.8	26,061	8.4	2,272	0.7
2003-04	305,855	277,716	90.8	2,644	0.9	7,816	2.6	2,452	0.8	15,028	4.9	1,237	0.4
2004-05	306,548	286,149	93.3	3,388	1.1	10,484	3.4	2,884	0.9	10,847	3.5	1,360	0.4
2005-06	307,864	290,025	94.2	3,659	1.2	7,668	2.5	2,690	0.9	9,922	3.2	1,298	0.4

*Note:* Teacher credential data may not have been submitted, or a teacher may hold one or more types of credentials. As a result, percentages shown on this report will not add up to 100%.

Experience				
Year	Average years teaching	Average years in district	Number of first-year teachers	Number of second-year teachers
1998-99	12.9	10.4	24,849	23,636
1999-00	12.7	10.3	23,256	22,627
2000-01	12.6	10.3	24,824	21,005
2001-02	12.7	10.3	21,586	21,202
2002-03	12.7	10.4	17,816	20,139
2003-04	12.7	10.4	18,039	16,513
2004-05	12.7	10.4	19,246	16,200
2005-06	12.7	10.4	20,628	17,458

### Number and Percent of Teachers in Selected Age Groups, 2005-06

Age group	Number of teachers	Percent of teachers
Over 55	63,020	20.5
46 to 55	79,910	26.0
Under 46	164,087	53.3
Not reported	847	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>307,864</b>	<b>100.0</b>

*Source:* CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005



Full-Time Equivalent Pupil Services Staff in California Public Schools,  
1995-96 Through 2005-06

Type of staff	2005-06		2000-2001		1995-96	
	Full-time equivalent staff*	Approximate ratio of staff to students	Full-time equivalent staff*	Approximate ratio of staff to students	Full-time equivalent staff*	Approximate ratio of staff to students
Counselors	6,929	1:911	6,401	1:945	5,121	1:1,068
Psychologists	4,164	1:1,516	3,590	1:1,685	2,771	1:1,973
Librarians	1,132	1:5,576	1,274	1:4,750	805	1:6,792
Social workers	295	1:21,397	223	1:27,134	134	1:40,800
Nurses	2,542	1:2,483	2,469	1:2,451	2,032	1:2,691
Speech/language/hearing specialists	4,442	1:1,421	3,954	1:1,530	1,286	1:4,251
Resource specialists	798	1:7,910	471	1:12,847	768	1:7,119
Other pupil services staff	2,953	1:2,138	2,623	1:2,307	1,880	1:2,908
State totals	23,255		21,005		14,797	

Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005

\*Full-time equivalent staff calculation represents the sum of the full-time positions as a decimal equivalent.

Number of Computers Used for Instruction-Related Purposes  
and Number of Classrooms with Internet Access  
in California Public Schools, 2005-06

Type of school	Number of schools	Enrollment	Number of computers	Number of students per computer	Number of classrooms w/Internet
Elementary schools	5,661	3,091,443	635,001	4.9	166,814
Middle and junior high schools	1,268	1,161,220	255,245	4.5	55,081
High schools	1,165	1,806,158	427,433	4.2	84,775
Continuation and alternative schools	741	115,847	35,768	3.2	6,368
Other schools	722	137,435	36,358	3.8	7,959
State totals	9,557	6,312,103	1,389,805	4.5	320,997

Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005

K-12 High Speed Network Connectivity

Type of entity	Number	Percent
County offices of education	58	100
School districts	887	89
Schools	7,039	74
Students	4,792,263	76

Source: K-12 High Speed Network, *Connecting California's Children: A Status of Connectivity to California Schools* 2005

# Compulsory Education and Minimum School-Admission Age

State law requires all minors ages six years and older to attend school, except for sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds who have graduated from high school or have passed the *California High School Proficiency Examination* and obtained parental permission to leave school.

Children younger than sixteen years of age must attend school full time. Schools are generally required to provide a minimum of 180 instructional days. Further, the law specifies a minimum number of minutes of attendance by grade level. Several full-time and part-time alternatives to regular high school are available to sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds, including “continuation” classes, regional occupational programs, and adult education courses.

## **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten attendance is not required by law, but parents have the right to enroll their eligible children in public kindergarten once they have reached the appropriate age. Schools must admit children who have reached age five on or before December 2 of that school year. Admission must occur at the beginning of the school year or whenever a student moves into the school district.

For more information regarding kindergarten enrollment, visit the Kindergarten Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gk/em/kinderinfo.asp>.

## **First Grade**

In order to enter public school first grade in September, a child must reach age six on or before December 2 of the school year. Some exceptions may apply, but no child may be admitted to first grade who has not attained at least age five. Children who are at least five years old and are enrolled in a public school kindergarten may be placed in first grade at any time if they meet district criteria that demonstrate exceptionally advanced development for age. At the discretion of the receiving district, children transferring from one district to another, or from out-of-state, may be placed in the same grade in the receiving district as they were enrolled in the sending district. Children enrolling in public school after completing one year of a private school kindergarten may be admitted to first grade at the discretion of the district.

For more information regarding compulsory education and enrollment age, please contact the Elementary Education Office, at (916) 327-0857.

# Immunization and Health Checkup

California law requires each child to have up-to-date immunizations. Children are exempt from immunization requirements when (1) their parents sign a statement at the school indicating that such immunization is contrary to their beliefs; or (2) the parents submit a statement from a physician indicating that immunization is not considered safe for the child. An exemption may be temporary or permanent and may be for specific or all vaccines.

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires that schools enroll students who are homeless without requiring proof of immunization. California law requires that schools immediately enroll foster children even if a foster child is unable to produce immunization records normally required for school entry. Once a homeless student or a foster child is enrolled, schools should work with their local health department to ensure these students receive any vaccinations they may need.

State law also requires each child's family to provide, within 90 days of entrance into the first grade, a certificate documenting that the child has received a health checkup within the previous 18 months. Parents may waive the health checkup requirement because they do not want or are unable to obtain a health screening for their child. If the waiver indicates that the parents were unable to obtain such services, the reasons must be included in the waiver. Law requires school districts to exclude any first grader up to five days if the child has neither a health examination certificate nor a parental waiver 90 days after entering the first grade.

Some children may be eligible for a state-paid examination. Referrals to doctors and clinics are provided on request by the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program coordinator of the local health department. Children through age 18 may receive a free checkup funded by CHDP if their families meet specific income guidelines. Most county health departments have a CHDP coordinator who can advise parents regarding eligibility.

All children under eighteen years of age entering a California public or private elementary or secondary school for the first time, or transferring between schools, must present a written immunization record, including at least the month and year of receipt of each dose of required vaccines (or an exemption to the immunization requirements). Otherwise, the child will not be allowed to attend school.

To meet California's school entry requirements, children entering kindergarten will need a total of five DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) immunizations; four polio immunizations; two MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) immunizations; three hepatitis B immunizations; and one varicella (chicken pox) immunization. Students entering seventh grade must show proof of three hepatitis B shots and a second measles (or MMR) shot. Students can be admitted if they have had at least the first in the three-shot hepatitis B series on condition that the remaining shots are completed when due. All

students entering California schools from out-of-state must show proof of varicella immunization.

Contact local county health departments for more specific information on requirements relating to the number of vaccine doses and the ages at which vaccines are to be given. In some cases, in addition to the month and year of the immunization, the day is also required. Some counties now require that students entering school at specific grade levels show the results of tuberculosis skin tests.

For more information regarding immunization and health checkup requirements, please contact your school district, county office of education, or county health department. You may also view the California Department of Health Services Immunization Branch Web site at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup>.

# Public Access

The subjects explained here include some of the most frequently asked questions concerning public access and other California *Education Code (EC)* sections.

## **Public Records Act—Government Code Section 6250 et seq.**

Public records include any writing containing information related to the conduct of the public business that is prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency, regardless of the physical form or characteristics of the public business. Public records are open to inspection at all times during the office hours of the state or local agency. Every person has a right to inspect any public record and obtain a copy for a fee unless, pursuant to specific statutory standards, it may be kept confidential. Agency regulations may be adopted stating the procedures to be followed when making records available.

## **Open Meetings (Brown Act)—Government Code Section 54950 et seq. and EC sections 35145 and 35145.5**

Generally, public agencies are required by law to conduct their business in an open forum. However, the Legislature recognizes the need for these agencies to meet, on occasion, in private forum. For example, certain matters concerning personal privacy of public employees or litigation strategy are more appropriately discussed in a closed, rather than open, session.

Agencies are required to provide agendas at least 72 hours prior to each regular meeting; the agenda must contain a brief description of each item to be considered. Local bodies are required to take steps to ensure public participation in the meetings. Minutes shall be taken and are public records. Boards shall adopt regulations governing the procedures to be followed to (1) ensure that members of the public may place items on the agenda for consideration; and (2) permit the public to address the board regarding items on the agenda as they are deliberated. These regulations shall not preclude the board addressing matters not on the agenda that a member of the public wishes to bring before the board, provided that no action may be taken on such matters at the same meeting at which the testimony is taken.

## **Civic Center Act—EC Section 38130 et seq.**

Every public school facility is considered a civic center where citizens, school-community councils, and clubs, as well as senior, recreation, education, political, artistic, and other organizations, may meet. The school district may grant the use of the school facilities and grounds upon certain terms and conditions deemed proper by the governing board, subject to specified limitations, requirements, and restrictions set forth within the law.

**Pupil Records—*EC* Section 49060 et seq.**

Except for certain directory information, such as a student's name, address, telephone number, and certain other information disclosable by the school district, pupil records are not disclosable without parental consent, except to certain specified governmental entities and school employees. Parents have an absolute right of access to their children's records and may formally challenge the contents. School districts and private schools are required to transfer a pupil's records to each other when the student changes schools. School districts must notify parents of their rights under the pupil records law (*EC* Section 49063).

**Grades—*EC* sections 49066 and 49070(b)**

The grade given to each pupil by the teacher of the course, in the absence of clerical or mechanical error, bad faith, incompetency, or fraud, shall be final. Neither the local governing board nor superintendent shall order a grade changed without first giving the teacher who has assigned the grade the opportunity to state orally or in writing the reasons for which the grade in question was given.

**Promotion and Retention—*EC* sections 48070 and 48070.5**

School districts shall adopt policies regarding promotion and retention of students pursuant to the standards in *EC* Section 48070.5, including an opportunity for the student's parent to consult with the school principal and the responsible teacher(s) before a decision to promote or retain is made and to appeal the decision. There shall be notification when a student is identified as being at risk of retention.

The text of these laws is available on the Legislative Counsel of California Web site at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>.

# Immigration Status of Students—Proposition 187 of 1994\* and Welfare Reform Act of 1996

The issue of illegal immigration in California has resulted in a variety of laws and legal challenges. Critics have suggested that school-age children residing illegally in California should be denied a free public education. Regardless of individual opinion, current law requires:

- Free public K–12 education for all school-age children in California, regardless of alienage
- Compulsory school attendance of each person in California between the ages of six and eighteen, regardless of alienage

Although age and residency must be established, there is no requirement that citizenship be established. As discussed below, even inquiring about citizenship as a condition of enrollment is currently prohibited.

## ***Plyler v. Doe***

On September 27, 1981, the California State Board of Education (SBE) filed an *amicus curiae* brief with the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 US 202 (1982). In arguing against Texas statutes that denied public school enrollment and withheld state funds from local school districts for children “illegally admitted” to the United States, the SBE stated:

As educators concerned with the provision of quality education for all children and for the improvement of society through an educated population, the California State Board of Education believes strongly that there is no rational educational or fiscal purpose in excluding children of illegal aliens from receiving the educational opportunities available to all other children. (*Amicus Curiae* Brief at p. 27)

Consistent with the SBE’s position, the United States Supreme Court held the Texas statute unconstitutional because it violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects “any person,” not just “any citizen.” Because the *Plyler* decision applies to every state and is still valid, the same test of constitutionality applies to any state law that conditions California school attendance on citizenship.

## **Welfare Reform Act of 1996**

Provision of public services to immigrants is addressed in the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Certain public health

and welfare benefits are denied to aliens who are not “qualified” under the terms of the Act. This prohibition does not extend to basic public education. Section 433(a)(2) of Title IV (*U.S. Code*, Title 8, Section 1643[a][2]) specifically states, “Nothing in this title may be construed as addressing alien eligibility for a *basic public education* [emphasis added] as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States under *Plyler v. Doe* (457 U.S. 202)(1982).”

Until and unless the United States Supreme Court reverses its holding in *Plyler*, all districts must offer a free public education, without regard to alienage, to all school-age children whose parent or guardian is currently living within a district’s geographical boundaries.

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\*In 1994 California voters enacted Proposition 187, which placed severe restrictions on benefits provided to illegal immigrants. This proposition was challenged in court. The court later determined that many of the proposition’s provisions were unconstitutional and unenforceable.



# High School Graduation and College Admission Requirements

## Graduation Requirements

To receive a high school diploma, students must fulfill state and district graduation requirements. State-mandated graduation course requirements, which are the state minimums, are as follows: three years of English; two years of mathematics (including Algebra I); three years of social science (including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics); two years of science (including biology and physical science); two years of physical education; and one year of foreign language or visual and performing arts. Students successfully completing Algebra I in middle school must still complete a minimum of two years of mathematics in high school. Recognizing that these 13 years of preparation are state minimums, local school boards often set local graduation requirements that exceed these state-mandated requirements. Beginning in the 2005-06 school year, students are required to pass the California High School Exit Examination to receive a California high school diploma. (Please refer to the Testing section for information on this requirement and two methods of earning a high school diploma or its equivalent: the California High School Proficiency Examination and the General Educational Development test.)

## College Admission Requirements

Students planning to apply to a four-year California public university are required to complete course work that exceeds the state-mandated requirements for high school graduation.

High school students applying to a campus of the California State University (CSU) system or the University of California (UC) must complete four years of college preparatory English; three years of mathematics, including algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra; two years of history–social science; two years of laboratory sciences; two years of the same foreign language; one year of visual and performing arts; and one year of academic electives.

The University of California recommends that students applying for freshman admission complete three additional years of advanced study, one each in mathematics, science, and foreign language. The list of courses at each California high school certified by the UC system as meeting its freshman admission course requirements is located on the University of California Web site at <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list>. For additional information about the specific courses approved for admission by CSU and UC, review the admissions requirements for each system on the California Colleges Web site at <http://www.californiacolleges.edu>. The site also has extensive resources on planning for college.

For more information on high school graduation and college admission requirements, please contact the Intersegmental Relations Office, at (916) 323-6398. You may also view the Graduation Requirements Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/63590>.

# State Board of Education Waivers

A waiver is a grant of authority by the State Board of Education (SBE) to a governing board of a district, county office of education (COE), or special education local plan area (SELPA) to provide an **alternative to a legal mandate or prohibition**.

**General Waiver** (Authority granted to the SBE by California *Education Code* [EC] sections 33050–33054)

The SBE may waive almost all *EC* and *California Code of Regulations (Title 5)* provisions, with the exceptions listed in *EC* Section 33050(a)(1 to 20). Exceptions include many of the attendance accounting and revenue limit sections, class-size reduction programs (kindergarten through grade three), and all Standardized Testing and Reporting testing provisions. Any new law or regulation may be waived under this provision unless the bill adds that particular statute to the list of exceptions or contains specific language that the new statute “may not be waived by the SBE.” The local process for general waivers requires a properly noticed, local public hearing; participation of the local bargaining unit; and participation by any school site council or other advisory body appropriate to the topic.

Any and all general waivers **must be approved, except** when the Board finds *one or more* of the following seven reasons to deny:

- The students’ educational needs are not adequately addressed.
- The waiver affects a program that requires the existence of a school site council, and the school site council did not approve the request.
- The appropriate councils or advisory committees, including bilingual advisory committees, did not have an adequate opportunity to review the request, and the request did not include a written summary of any of these groups’ objections to the request.
- Pupil or school personnel protections are jeopardized.
- Guarantees of parental involvement are jeopardized.
- The request would substantially increase state costs.
- The exclusive representative of employees, if any, was not a participant in the waiver’s development.

If a general waiver is approved for two consecutive years for the same waiver (or for an initial period of two years), the district or COE is given a “permanent” waiver, and it does not need to reapply annually “if information contained on the request remains current” (*EC* Section 33051[c]). However, the SBE may require updated information or rescind these waivers at any time. General waivers (if properly complete and documented) that the SBE has not acted on within two regular meetings are automatically approved “by default” for a period of one year, commencing on the first day of the following month (*EC* Section 33052).

**Specific Waivers** (Authority found in many other *EC* sections)

This type of waiver is usually limited to a specific type of program. For example, most waivers for students with disabilities, which must show a benefit to a child based on his or her individualized education programs, can be granted under the authority of *EC* Section 56101. Some waivers also have specific limitations as to the length of time that they can be granted.

**Federal Waivers** (Authority found in federal statute)

Since 2002, the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Title I, has allowed the SBE to grant waivers of portions of that federal statute. The SBE has been designated as the state educational agency for purposes of these waivers. These waiver authorities are found throughout the entire statute, similar to the specific waivers of California statute.

**Instructional Materials Fund Petitions** (Authority in *EC* sections 60421[d] and 60200[g])

Petitions for expenditure of restricted instructional materials funds on nonadopted instructional materials are very similar to waivers; however, there is a separate process set in statute for such requests.

For further information regarding SBE waivers, contact the CDE Waiver Office, at (916) 319-0824. Additional information is also available on the Waivers Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr/index.asp>.

# Testing

## Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

In 1997, Senate Bill 376 established the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. Beginning with the 1997-98 school year, the STAR Program required that all California public school students in grades two through eleven take a nationally norm-referenced test each spring to measure achievement in basic academic skills. The test designated by the State Board of Education (SBE) for the first five years of the program was the Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition, Form T (Stanford 9).

In 1999, the legislature required that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, with approval of the SBE, provide for the development of an assessment for grades two through eleven that would measure the degree to which students were achieving California's content standards and required the inclusion of a direct writing assessment to be administered once in elementary school and once in middle school.

In 2001, Senate Bill 233 reauthorized the STAR Program for three additional years (2003–2005). Following this reauthorization, the SBE designated the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6 Survey) as the nationally norm-referenced tests to replace the Stanford 9. In 2004, Senate Bill 1448 extended the program through 2010. This reauthorization required that the California Standards Tests (CSTs) in grades three through eleven be administered through January 1, 2011; that the CST in grade two be administered through January 1, 2008; and that the STAR Program's norm-referenced test be administered only in grades three and seven through January 1, 2011.

In 2005, Senate Bill 755 changed the requirements for students taking a designated primary language test. In addition to taking the designated STAR tests in English, Spanish-speaking English learners who either receive instruction in their primary language or have been enrolled in a school in the United States for less than 12 months are required to take a primary language test designated by the SBE.

The current STAR Program has four components: the CSTs, criterion-referenced tests assessing the California content standards in mathematics, English-language arts, science, and history-social science; the CAT/6 Survey, a nationally norm-referenced test; the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), an alternate assessment to the CSTs that is designed to assess the performance of students with significant cognitive disabilities; and the Aprenda, La prueba de logros en español, Tercera edición (Aprenda 3), the designated primary language test in Spanish, a nationally norm-referenced test.

All students, including English learners and students in special education programs, must take the CSTs in English. The CSTs in English–language arts and mathematics for grades two through eleven became part of the STAR Program in 1999. Standards

tests in history–social science and science for grades nine through eleven were added in 2001. Writing tests for grades four and seven, requiring students to write an essay in response to an assigned task, were also added in 2001. In spring 2003, the grade nine history-social science CST was replaced with a grade eight history–social science CST. A grade five science CST was added to the program in spring 2004. A grade eight science CST and a life science CST administered to all grade ten students were added to the program in spring 2006.

The SBE approved five performance levels for reporting results of the CSTs: advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, and far below basic. Performance levels describe student achievement on the California content standards. Individual student and group results for all CSTs are reported using scaled scores and performance levels.

All students in grades three and seven, including English learners and students in special education programs, must also take the CAT/6 Survey in English. Students in these grades are tested in reading, language, spelling, and mathematics. The CAT/6 Survey provides comparisons of the performance of California students to the performance of students throughout the United States.

The California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) was added to the STAR Program during spring 2003. CAPA is an individually administered assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. It is an alternate assessment of the CSTs in mathematics, English–language arts, and science and has alternate achievement standards.

In fall 2005, the SBE designated the Aprenda 3 for use with students whose primary language is Spanish. It replaces the Spanish Assessment of Basic Education, Second Edition (SABE/2). The Aprenda 3 is a norm-referenced achievement test in Spanish that is used to measure English learners' achievement of basic academic skills in reading, language, spelling, and mathematics.

Two new tests are currently under development for grades two through eleven. The Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS) will be criterion-referenced multiple-choice tests in Spanish aligned to California content standards for reading/language arts and mathematics. STS was field tested in grades two, three, and four in fall 2006; operational testing for grades two, three, and four will begin in spring 2007. As each grade-level STS is ready to administer as an operational test, it will replace the Aprenda 3. The California Modified Assessment (CMA) is being developed in response to new federal guidelines for assessing students with disabilities in grades two through eleven. The CMA will have modified achievement standards and is an alternate test to the CSTs. It will fit within the continuum between CAPA and the CSTs. The purpose of the CMA is to provide greater access to the assessment of the state-adopted content standards for students with disabilities. It is anticipated that field testing will occur in fall 2007, and operational testing will occur in spring 2008 for grades two through four.

School, district, county, and state-level reports, disaggregated by students' English-language fluency, gender, economic status, and disability status, must be distributed to

district and county officials by the California Department of Education (CDE) and posted on the Internet by August 15 of each year. Individual, written reports of student performance for the STAR Program must be provided to parents within 20 working days after districts receive the reports. For more information regarding the STAR Program, please contact the Standards and Assessment Division, at (916) 445-8765 or by e-mail at [star@cde.ca.gov](mailto:star@cde.ca.gov). Information is also available on the STAR Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr>.

## California High School Exit Examination

California *Education Code* Section 60850(a), enacted in 1999, authorized the development of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE). The CAHSEE has two parts: English-language arts and mathematics. By law, each part addresses the state academic content standards adopted by the SBE. All students in California public schools must satisfy the CAHSEE requirement to receive a high school diploma. The purpose of the CAHSEE is to (1) improve student achievement in high school; and (2) help ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in state academic content standards for reading, writing, and mathematics.

### **Student Participation**

Districts are required to send notification about the CAHSEE to parents or guardians of ninth-grade students at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term and each year thereafter. Transfer students are to receive notification at the time they transfer.

The first opportunity students have to take the CAHSEE is in the second half of grade ten. Students who do not pass one or both parts of the CAHSEE in grade ten have up to two opportunities in grade eleven and up to three opportunities in grade twelve to retake the part(s) of the exam not yet passed. Adult students can take the CAHSEE up to three times per school year. Only the part(s) not passed must be taken again.

Students who are English learners must be permitted to take the CAHSEE with certain test variations if used regularly in the classroom. For example, if regularly used in the classroom, English learners must be permitted to hear the test directions in their primary language or use a translation glossary. Students who are English learners are required to take the CAHSEE in grade ten with all other grade ten students. During their first 24 months in a California school, English learners are to receive six months of instruction in reading, writing, and comprehension in English (*California Education Code [EC] Section 60852*). During this time, they are still required to take the CAHSEE.

Students with disabilities must be permitted to take the exam with any accommodations and/or modifications specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan for use on the CAHSEE or standardized testing or during classroom instruction and assessment. Students who take a part of the exam using accommodations and earn a score of 350 or higher have passed that part of the CAHSEE. Students who take a part of the exam using modifications, receive the

equivalent of a passing score, and have met all other state and local school district graduation requirements may be eligible for a diploma if a waiver of the requirement to pass is granted by the local governing board. For the local board to waive the CAHSEE requirement, several requirements must be met. These requirements are detailed in *EC* Section 60851(c).

### **Exam Content and Format**

The English–language arts (ELA) part of the CAHSEE addresses state academic content standards through grade ten. The ELA part consists of multiple-choice questions and a writing task. The reading and decoding portion covers vocabulary, informational reading, and literary reading. The writing portion covers writing strategies, applications, and conventions. The writing task calls for students to provide a written response to literature, an informational passage, or a writing prompt.

The mathematics part of the CAHSEE addresses state academic content standards through the first part of Algebra I. The math part consists of all multiple-choice questions. It includes statistics, data analysis and probability, number sense, measurement and geometry, mathematical reasoning, and algebra. Students must demonstrate strong computational skills and a foundation in arithmetic, including working with decimals, fractions, and percentages.

### **Reporting and Using Results**

The passing score for the mathematics part of the CAHSEE is approximately 55 percent or a scale score of 350. The passing score for the ELA part of the exam is approximately 60 percent or a scale score of 350.

Districts must provide supplemental instruction aligned to the state content standards to assist students who do not pass the exam. This may include summer school for seniors who do not pass.

For more information regarding the CAHSEE, contact the CAHSEE Office, at (916) 445-9449 or by e-mail at [cahsee@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cahsee@cde.ca.gov). Information is also available on the CAHSEE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs>.

### California English Language Development Test

Federal law (No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, NCLB Title III) and state law (California *Education Code [EC]* sections 313, 60810, and 60812) require a statewide English-language proficiency test that school districts must give to students in kindergarten through grade twelve whose home language is not English. The California English Language Development Test (CELDT) was developed to:

- Identify pupils who are limited-English proficient.
- Determine the level of English-language proficiency of pupils who are limited-English proficient



- Assess the progress of English-proficient pupils in acquiring the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English.

School districts are required to administer the CELDT to all students whose home language is not English within 30 calendar days after they enroll for the first time in a California public school. Districts also are required to administer the CELDT annually to identified English learners (ELs) until they are reclassified to fluent-English proficient (FEP) during the annual assessment window from July 1 through October 31.

CELDT data are used to calculate the annual measurable achievement objectives (AMAOs) 1 and 2 required by Title III. Each local educational agency (LEA) receiving Title III funds is accountable for meeting the AMAOs established by the SBE beginning with the 2003-04 school year. The CDE provides LEAs with annual Title III Accountability Reports.

The CELDT assesses listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English and is aligned to the English-language development (ELD) standards adopted by the SBE. In California, students in kindergarten and grade one are only assessed in listening and speaking.

In March 2006, the SBE approved a new performance-level scale. CELDT performance levels are: beginning, early intermediate, intermediate, early advanced, and advanced. CELDT results show the overall English proficiency level attained by students as well as in each skill area. Individual student reports and student data files are sent to the school district. Districts must inform parents of test results within 30 calendar days of receiving student results from the testing contractor.

The CDE posts three types of reports (all assessments, annual assessments, and initial identification assessments) at four levels (state, county, district, and school) on the Internet annually. Summary results are reported for all students and for a number of reporting categories that include gender, enrollment in specified programs, and primary languages. These results are posted on the CELDT Web site at <http://celdt.cde.ca.gov>.

Reclassification guidelines established by the SBE clarify the *EC* criteria in Section 313(d) to be used in reclassifying a pupil from EL to FEP.

For more information regarding the CELDT, contact the CELDT and Psychometrics Unit, at (916) 445-8420 or by e-mail at [celdt@cde.ca.gov](mailto:celdt@cde.ca.gov). Information is also available on the CELDT Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el>.

## Physical Fitness Testing

Since 1996, California *Education Code (EC)* Section 60800 has required that each district administer a state-designated physical fitness test to all students in grades five, seven, and nine. During the month of February, March, April, or May, the governing board of each school district maintaining any of grades five, seven, and nine shall administer to each pupil in those grades the physical fitness test. The test used is the

FITNESSGRAM<sup>®</sup>, designated for this purpose by the State Board of Education (SBE). The FITNESSGRAM<sup>®</sup>, developed by The Cooper Institute, provides criterion-referenced standards to evaluate fitness. These standards represent a level of fitness that offers some degree of protection against diseases that result from physical inactivity. Achievement of the fitness standards is based upon a test score falling in the Healthy Fitness Zone (HFZ) for each of six tasks that measure a different aspect of fitness. The HFZ represents minimal levels of satisfactory achievement on the tasks. The goal is for students to achieve the HFZ for all six fitness areas of the physical fitness test.

Senate Bill 896, approved in 1998, required the California Department of Education (CDE) to compile the physical performance test results by December 31 and to submit report results to the Governor and Legislature. Statewide data collection is completed electronically. School districts may submit their data to the CDE through the Internet, by diskette or CD-Rom, or by e-mail. Physical fitness test results are reported by school, school district, county, and the state. The results are posted on the Physical Fitness Testing Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf>. These reports are available by gender and race/ethnicity. No individual student data are reported on the CDE Web site.

Schools are required by law to include physical fitness test results in the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) and to provide students with their individual results (EC Section 60800). The most recent physical fitness data are to be reported, including the percentage of students scoring in the healthy fitness zone on all six fitness standards. Data are reported for the state and for each county, school district, and school for the purpose of comparison.

For more information regarding the physical fitness test, contact the Standards and Assessments Division, at (916) 445-9449 or by e-mail at [pft@cde.ca.gov](mailto:pft@cde.ca.gov). Information is also available on the Physical Fitness Testing Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf>.

## California High School Proficiency Examination

The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) is a program established by California law (California *Education Code* [EC] Section 48412). CHSPE provides an opportunity for eligible persons to prove their proficiency in the basic skills and earn a legal equivalent of a California high school diploma.

The CHSPE is given three times each year at approximately 75 sites throughout the state. Registrants must pay an \$85 registration fee. Enrollment in high school at the time the test is given is not a requirement, but at the time the test is taken persons wishing to take the test must (1) be at least sixteen years of age; (2) have completed one year of enrollment in tenth grade; or (3) complete one year of enrollment in tenth grade at the end of the semester during which the next regular administration will be conducted. There is no upper age limit to take the test.

The State Board of Education (SBE) awards each person who passes the CHSPE a Certificate of Proficiency, which is equivalent by law to a California high school diploma.

In other words, institutions that are subject to California law and require a high school diploma for any purpose must also accept the Certificate of Proficiency as satisfying that requirement. However, the Certificate of Proficiency is not equivalent to completing all course work required for graduation from high school.

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) administers the CHSPE program under a contract with the CDE. For general information, including registration, call SCOE at (866) 342-4773 or visit the CHSPE Web site at <http://www.chspe.net>. For information regarding the CHSPE law, regulations, or policies, contact the Standards and Assessment Division, at (916) 445-9441 or by e-mail at [chspe@cde.ca.gov](mailto:chspe@cde.ca.gov). Information is also available on the CHSPE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sp>.

### General Educational Development

The General Educational Development (GED) test is a national test that may be taken in California by persons who are eighteen years of age or older or who meet specific criteria for testing at age seventeen. The GED test is administered statewide throughout the year at approximately 200 testing centers. Topics tested on the GED include language arts/reading, language arts/writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Examinees who pass the test receive a High School Equivalency Certificate and an official report of test results from the State of California. The average fee to take the test varies from \$95 to \$130. In 2004, a total of 48,398 individuals took the test, and slightly more than 72 percent passed.

For more information regarding the GED test, contact the State GED Office, at (916) 445-9438 or by e-mail at [gedoffic@cde.ca.gov](mailto:gedoffic@cde.ca.gov). Information is also available on the GED Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd>.

### National Assessment of Educational Progress

Since 1969, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) has been administered by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to monitor and report on the educational achievement of American students. The NAEP is conducted periodically in reading, writing, mathematics, science, history, geography, and foreign language. California has always been an active participant in NAEP.

The last state NAEP assessment was conducted in the winter of 2005. The assessment included reading, mathematics, and science. Results of the 2005 assessments are available on the NAEP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/nr>. This Web site also contains information about all of the NAEP assessments as well as links to the ED Web sites related to NAEP.

The next state NAEP will be conducted in spring 2007 and will include: reading and mathematics in grade four; reading, mathematics, and writing for grade eight; and reading and writing for grade twelve.

For more information regarding the NAEP, contact the Administrative Support Unit, Standards and Assessments Division, at (916) 445-9441 or by e-mail at [naep@cde.ca.gov](mailto:naep@cde.ca.gov). Information is also available on the NAEP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/nr>.

# Accountability

The primary goal of California's accountability system is to measure and report on the academic achievement of California's 6.3 million public school students enrolled in nearly 10,000 schools in more than 1,000 local educational agencies (LEAs). (An LEA is a school district or a county office of education for purposes of accountability reporting.) The system is based both on state requirements, established by the Public Schools Accountability Act (PSAA) of 1999, and on federal requirements, established by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. State, school, and LEA results are released annually as part of the Accountability Progress Reporting system.

## Accountability Progress Reporting

The California Department of Education (CDE) reports both state and federal accountability results under the general heading of the "Accountability Progress Reporting" (APR) system. The APR includes the state Academic Performance Index (API) Base and Growth Reports, the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report, and the federal Program Improvement (PI) Report, as listed below.

### 2006-07 APR System

<b>State Accountability Requirements</b>	<b>Federal Accountability Requirements</b>
2006 API Base Report (March 2007 release)	2007 AYP Report (August 2007 release)
2007 API Growth Report (August 2007 release)	2007-08 PI Report (August 2007 release)

State Requirements: Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999

State accountability results focus on how much schools are improving in year-to-year academic growth. The API is the cornerstone of the state's academic accountability requirements. Its purpose is to measure the academic performance and growth of schools.

### **Academic Performance Index**

The API is a numeric index (or scale) that ranges from a low of 200 to a high of 1,000. A school's score or placement on the API is an indicator of a school's performance level. The statewide API performance target for all schools is 800. A school's growth is measured by how well the school is moving toward or past that goal.

## **Test Results Used in the API**

The API is based on results of statewide tests at grades two through twelve. The 2006-07 API reporting cycle reflects a school's performance on the following tests that are a part of California's 2006-07 statewide testing administration:

- Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program
  - California Standards Test (CST) in English-language arts (grades two through eleven, including a writing assessment at grades four and seven)
  - CST in mathematics (grades two through eleven)
  - CST in science (grade five and grades nine through eleven)
  - CST in history-social science (grades eight, ten, and eleven)
  - California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics (grades two through eleven)
  - Norm-referenced test (California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition Survey [CAT/6 Survey]) in reading, language, spelling, and mathematics (grades three and seven)
- California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) in ELA and mathematics (grade ten regardless of the results and grades eleven and twelve if the student passed only one of the content areas)

Pending approval by the State Board of Education, the 2006-07 API reporting cycle will include the results of the CST in science, grade eight, and the CST in life science, grade ten, in addition to the tests listed above. The PSAA requires that test results make up at least 60 percent of the API. Other indicators will be added to the API as they become available.

## **API Reporting Cycles**

Because the API measures a school's academic growth, it is reported annually in terms of a base score and the next year's growth score. The Base API, reported after the start of each calendar year, and its corresponding Growth API, based on the following year's test results and reported the following August, constitute an API reporting cycle. API Base reports include API scores, statewide and similar schools rankings, and growth targets. API Growth reports include API scores and show whether the school met its growth targets. A school's Base API is subtracted from its corresponding Growth API to determine how much the school grew in a year. API results focus on schools meeting year-to-year growth in achievement.

## **State API Growth Targets**

Schools must meet annual schoolwide targets and targets for each numerically significant subgroup to meet state API growth targets. The growth target is the amount of improvement a school is expected to make in its API score in a year. It is calculated as five percent of the difference between a school's API Base and the statewide performance target of 800. The minimum growth target is one point. A school with an

API of 800 or more must maintain its API of at least 800. In addition, a school must meet or exceed growth targets for each numerically significant subgroup at the school. LEAs and schools in the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) receive APIs but do not receive API targets.

Since 1999, the growth target for subgroups has been 80 percent of the schoolwide growth target. However, growth targets for numerically significant subgroups will change beginning with the 2006-07 API reporting cycle and will be parallel to the schoolwide target calculation that has been in place since 1999. Specifically, starting with the 2006 API Base Report, each numerically significant subgroup will have to show API growth of at least five percent of the difference between its 2006 API Base and 800. In addition, a minimum target of five points schoolwide and subgroup growth will also begin with the 2006 API Base Report. Schools and subgroups with API scores at or above 800 must maintain an API score of at least 800.

### **Subgroups**

A “numerically significant” subgroup is defined as at least 100 students with valid test scores or 50 or more students who represent at least 15 percent of the students with valid test scores. “Subgroups” include the following categories:

- African American (not of Hispanic origin)
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Filipino
- Hispanic or Latino
- Pacific Islander
- White (not of Hispanic origin)
- Socioeconomically disadvantaged
- English learners
- Students with disabilities

### **API Ranks**

For the API Base Report, schools receive a Base API score, statewide ranking, similar schools ranking, and growth targets. For the rankings, a school’s API score is ranked as one of ten categories (deciles). A ranking in the first decile is the lowest rank, and a ranking in the tenth decile is the highest rank. The statewide ranking compares a school’s API with those of all other schools statewide of the same type (i.e., elementary, middle, or high schools). The similar schools ranking compares a school’s API with those of 100 other schools with similar demographic characteristics of the same type (i.e., elementary, middle, or high schools). LEAs, schools in the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM), and subgroups do not receive ranks.

## **How the API Is Used**

The API is used in meeting state requirements under the PSAA and federal AYP requirements under NCLB. Under state requirements, if a school meets participation and API growth criteria, it may be eligible to become a California Distinguished School or National Blue Ribbon School. If a school does not meet its growth targets and is ranked in the lower part of the statewide distribution, it may be identified for participation in state intervention programs that are designed to help the school improve its academic performance. Under federal NCLB requirements, the API is one of the indicators for AYP.

## **API Use Differs in State and Federal Criteria**

The API is used for both state and federal accountability requirements, but the criteria differ.

Under state requirements, a school must increase its API score by five percent of the difference between the school API and 800 *or* maintain a score of 800 or above. Additionally, each numerically significant subgroup must increase its API score by five percent of the difference between the subgroup API and 800 *or* maintain a score of 800 or above.

Under federal requirements, a school or LEA must have a minimum API of 590 *or* have at least one point growth in the schoolwide API in addition to the other federal AYP schoolwide and subgroup targets (participation rate, percent proficient, and graduation rate).

## **State School Accountability Reporting**

Since November 1988, state law resulting from the passage of Proposition 98 has required all public schools receiving state funding to prepare and distribute a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). A similar requirement is also contained in the federal NCLB. The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and the community with important information about each public school. A SARC can be an effective way for a school to report on its progress in achieving goals. The public may also use a SARC to evaluate and compare schools on a variety of indicators.

Although there is great variation in the design of school report cards, they generally begin with a profile that provides background information about the school and its students. The profile usually summarizes the school's mission, goals, and accomplishments. State law requires that the SARC contain all of the following:

- Demographic data
- School safety and climate for learning information
- Academic data
- School completion rates
- Class sizes



- Teacher and staff information
- Curriculum and instruction descriptions
- Postsecondary preparation information
- Fiscal and expenditure data

In addition, NCLB requires that SARC's contain specific requirements. (See Federal School Accountability Reporting in this section of the *Fact Book*.)

For more information regarding the API, contact the Academic Accountability Unit (AAU), at (916) 319-0863 or by e-mail at [aau@cde.ca.gov](mailto:aau@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is available on the API Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap>. For more information regarding the state SARC's, contact the Evaluation, Research and Analysis Unit, at (916) 319-0869 or by e-mail at [evaluation@cde.ca.gov](mailto:evaluation@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa>.

Federal Requirements: No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Federal accountability results focus on how well schools and LEAs are meeting common standards of academic performance.

### **Adequate Yearly Progress**

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 establishes criteria for meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). NCLB requires that all schools or LEAs of the same type meet the same academic targets. AYP targets increase annually until 2014, when all schools and LEAs must have 100 percent of their students performing at the proficient level or above on state tests. By law, all California schools and LEAs receive annual AYP results. Currently, only Title I-funded schools and LEAs face Program Improvement (PI) consequences for not meeting AYP requirements under NCLB. (See the NCLB section of this *Fact Book*.)

### **Test Results Used in AYP**

The statewide test results used in AYP calculations differ from the results used in API calculations. AYP calculations are only based on results of statewide tests at grades two through eight and grade ten. The 2007 AYP reports will reflect a school's performance on the following tests that are a part of California's 2006-07 statewide testing administration:

- Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program
  - California Standards Test (CST) in English-language arts (grades two through eight, including a writing assessment at grades four and seven)
  - CST in mathematics (grades two through eight)
  - California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics (grades two through eight and grade ten)

- California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) in ELA and mathematics (grade ten)

### Federal AYP Performance Targets

Each year, schools and LEAs must meet four sets of requirements to make AYP. The requirements reflect minimum statewide performance levels and are the same for all schools and LEAs of the same type (see following table). The requirements include (1) student participation rate on statewide tests, (2) percentage of students scoring at the proficient level or above in English-language arts and mathematics on statewide tests, (3) API Growth; and (4) graduation rate (if high school students are enrolled). Numerically significant subgroups at a school or LEA also must meet participation rate and percent proficient requirements.

Statewide AYP Requirements for School Year 2006-07

Type of School or LEA	Participation Rate	Percent Proficient in English-Language Arts	Percent Proficient in Mathematics	API Growth	Graduation Rate (if high school students enrolled)
Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, and Elementary School Districts	95%	24.4%	26.5%	590 OR 1 point growth	N/A
High Schools and High School Districts (with grade levels 9–12)	95%	22.3%	20.9%		82.9% OR
Unified School Districts, High School Districts, and County Offices of Education (with grade levels 2–8 and 9–12)	95%	23.0%	23.7%		+0.1% one-year change OR +0.2% two-year change

### Subgroups

The 95 percent participation rate and the percent proficient requirements must be met at the school and LEA levels and by each numerically significant subgroup at the school or LEA in each content area (ELA and mathematics). A “numerically significant” subgroup is defined as the following:

- Participation Rate

100 or more students enrolled on the first day of testing *or* 50 or more students enrolled on the first day of testing who represent at least 15 percent of the total population

- Percent Proficient

100 or more students with valid test scores or 50 or more students with valid test scores who represent at least 15 percent of the total valid test scores

A subgroup may be numerically significant for calculation of the participation rate but not numerically significant for calculation of percent proficient. The reverse of this may also occur. What is considered numerically significant is determined separately for each purpose. The determination of a numerically significant subgroup for participation rate is based on the number of students enrolled in a subgroup and the number of students enrolled in the school on the first day of testing. However, the determination of numerically significant for percent proficient calculations is based on the number of nonmobile students tested (i.e., valid scores) in a subgroup and the number of nonmobile students tested (i.e., valid scores) in a school. "Subgroups" include the following categories:

- African American or Black (not of Hispanic origin)
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Filipino
- Hispanic or Latino
- Pacific Islander
- White (not of Hispanic origin)
- Socioeconomically disadvantaged
- English learners
- Students with disabilities

Reporting occurs for subgroups with at least 11 valid scores, but schools and LEAs will be held accountable only for numerically significant subgroups. For schools or LEAs with fewer than 100 valid scores, no numerically significant subgroups will need to meet percent proficient requirements.

## **Program Improvement**

Federal accountability results also include information about whether a school or LEA receiving federal Title I, Part A, Basic funds has been identified for Program Improvement (PI) because it has not met AYP targets for two consecutive years within specific areas. Schools and LEAs in PI must implement additional federal requirements. A school or LEA is eligible to exit PI if it makes AYP for two consecutive years. For more information about PI identification and requirements, please refer to the NCLB section of this *Fact Book*.

## **Federal Requirements for English Learners**

NCLB also requires LEAs that receive funds under Title III to meet targets for English learners. Those targets include making annual progress in learning English and attaining English language proficiency on the California English Language Development

Test (test used in California to measure English proficiency). The Title III Accountability Report, released each September, provides results of how well LEAs met the Title III accountability targets.

### **Federal School Accountability Reporting**

NCLB requires local LEAs to prepare annual accountability reports containing a variety of information at the district and school levels. This information is incorporated into the annual state School Accountability Report Cards that are required under Proposition 98 of 1988. The specific reporting elements required by NCLB include the following:

1. Student achievement data at each proficiency level on state academic assessments, disaggregated by various subgroups
2. The percentage of students not tested on state academic assessments, disaggregated by various subgroups
3. Student achievement data by subject area and grade level on state academic assessments, disaggregated by various subgroups
4. Graduation rates (for high schools) according to a formula approved by the U.S. Department of Education
5. The status of AYP as defined by NCLB and a comparison of each school's AYP indicators to the district and the state as a whole
6. The status of Title I PI for both the school and the district, if applicable
7. The professional qualifications of teachers at the school and district level, including the percentage of teachers with emergency or provisional credentials
8. The extent to which "highly qualified" teachers are teaching classes in core content areas, at the school level and in high-poverty and low-poverty schools that are contained within the district

For more information regarding federal AYP and PI requirements and about federal school accountability reporting, contact the Evaluation, Research and Analysis Unit, at (916) 319-0869 or by e-mail at [evaluation@cde.ca.gov](mailto:evaluation@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is available on the AYP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay>. For more information regarding federal AYP calculations, contact the Academic Accountability Unit (AAU) at (916) 319-0863 or by e-mail at [aau@cde.ca.gov](mailto:aau@cde.ca.gov). For more information regarding federal Title III accountability requirements, contact the Language Policy and Leadership Office, at (916) 319-0845 or by e-mail at [amao@cde.ca.gov](mailto:amao@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is available on the Title III Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/t3>.

### **Alternative Accountability System**

The State Board of Education (SBE) in July 2000 approved the framework for an Alternative Accountability System composed of three models to be implemented over a three-year period, which are the (1) Small Schools Model for schools that serve traditional populations but have between 11 and 99 valid test scores; (2) Special Education Schools and Centers Model; and (3) Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) for alternative schools serving a majority of high-risk students, including community day schools, continuation schools, opportunity schools, county community

schools, juvenile court schools, select alternative schools of choice that meet stringent SBE requirements, and Division of Juvenile Justice (formerly California Youth Authority) education programs.

With the enactment of Assembly Bill 1295 (Chapter 887, Statutes of 2001), the Small Schools Model became part of the main statewide accountability system. In January 2001, schools in this model began receiving Academic Performance Index (API) reports with an asterisk to designate the larger statistical uncertainty of an API based on fewer than 100 valid test scores. The 2002-03 API growth report includes these schools in the main API system.

Schools in the Special Education Schools and Centers Model have been held accountable through the individualized education program (IEP) and quality assurance process. The California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) has now been developed and was administered for the first time in 2003. Students in special education schools and centers take either the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey Reading Test, and California Standards Tests or CAPA.

The ASAM is a multiple-indicator system that includes nonacademic and academic indicators of performance selected from a list provided by the SBE. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations and API results are reported separately by the California Department of Education (CDE).

ASAM schools selected two performance indicators in September 2001 and reported data on those indicators in July 2002 and July 2003 through the ASAM Web-based Online Reporting System. In July 2004 they reported on a third indicator selected from an expanded list that includes pre- and post indicators of achievement in writing, reading, and mathematics. Results of data collection for ASAM schools were posted for restricted school review in school years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05. The public reporting of these data has been posted on DataQuest for school years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06.

Each year newly established ASAM-eligible schools apply to participate in the ASAM. The number of schools projected to participate in the ASAM in school year 2006-07 is estimated at 1,080.

For more information regarding the Alternative Accountability System, contact Robert Bakke, Program Consultant, Educational Options Office, at (916) 445-7746 or by e-mail at [rbakke@cde.ca.gov](mailto:rbakke@cde.ca.gov), or Rose Loyola, Program Analyst, Educational Options Office, at (916) 323-2564 or by e-mail at [rloyola@cde.ca.gov](mailto:rloyola@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the ASAM Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/am>.

## State Assistance Programs

### **Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program**

The Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999 established the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) to improve the academic achievement in California's low-performing schools. The statute (California *Education Code* Section 52053 et seq.) called for the annual selection of 430 schools in the lower half of all schools on the Academic Performance Index (API) that failed to meet API growth targets in the preceding year. Participating schools received \$50,000 planning grants during their first year to develop a school action plan aimed at removing barriers that affected student achievement. Upon approval of their plans by the State Board of Education, each school received a grant of \$200 per pupil for two consecutive years to implement the activities prescribed in the plans.

Schools that met their API growth targets during their implementation years exited II/USP. Schools that failed to make any progress during the two years were subject to state sanctions in their third year. II/USP schools that made some progress short of achieving all their targets received a third year of funding. At the end of the third year, those schools (1) exited the program if all targets were reached; (2) continued under annual monitoring if some progress short of the target was achieved; or (3) became subject to state sanctions if no progress was made. No additional funds were provided to schools after the third year of participation in II/USP.

Three cohorts of 430 schools each were funded, beginning with II/USP Cohort 1 in 1999. A number of these schools also participated in the Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) program and/or the High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP). Participation in CSR did not result in an increase of funds or a change in the accountability process. Participation in HPSGP resulted in an increase of funding by \$200 per enrolled student.

In 2004-05, funding ceased for II/USP implementation for Cohorts 1 and 2 and for 333 Cohort 3 schools that did not simultaneously participate in HPSGP. No funds were provided for a fourth cohort.

For more information on the II/USP, contact Martin Miller, Program Assistant, High Priority Schools Office, at (916) 324-3455 or by e-mail at [mamiller@cde.ca.gov](mailto:mamiller@cde.ca.gov). More information is available on the II/USP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/iu>.

### **Comprehensive School Reform**

The federal Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) program was initiated in 1998 to improve the academic performance of low-performing schools by providing grants to implement research-based, school-site reform activities. In addition to school grants of \$200 per pupil, districts with participating schools also received an additional ten percent of the total grant to support administrative, evaluation, and support activities. Because the goals of the CSRD program and Immediate

Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) were quite similar, CSRD (renamed Comprehensive School Reform [CSR] in 2002) was incorporated into California's Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999. As a result, II/USP Cohort 1 included 80 CSRD schools.

CSR schools were funded for up to three years, based on an application that met federal requirements. When more applications were submitted than funds could support, the highest scoring applications were selected. CSR schools were subject to the same accountability provisions as were other II/USP schools except that, since CSR provided three years of implementation funding, no additional funds were provided to CSR schools that made some progress.

CSR Cohorts 1 and 2 were selected from II/USP participants and were subject to the accountability provisions of that program. The results for those schools were included in the descriptions for II/USP schools not participating in HPSGP. Accountability decisions for CSR Cohort 3 schools were determined following their third implementation year and the release of the 2005 API.

In May 2004, a fourth CSR cohort consisting of 84 schools was selected from among 123 applicant schools; a fifth CSR cohort of 56 schools was selected in January 2005 from among 73 applicants.

Federal funding for the CSR program ceased in 2006. In August 2006, schools in Cohorts 4 and 5 that were in deciles 1 and 2 were given an opportunity to convert to and receive funding from the High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP); 92 CSR schools were eligible to convert.

For more information on CSR, contact Lisa R. McClung, Program Consultant, School Improvement Division, at (916) 324-2897 or by e-mail at [lmclung@cde.ca.gov](mailto:lmclung@cde.ca.gov). More information is available on the CSR Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/cs>.

### **High Priority Schools Grant Program**

The High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP) succeeded II/USP and CSR as California's primary effort to assist low-performing schools in improving student academic performance. Schools are invited for participation in this program based on their recent API performance, with the lowest-performing schools receiving the highest priority for invitation. In 2006, the state instituted a second cohort of the HPSGP to assist a new group of low-performing schools. All schools in decile ranks 1 and 2 on the 2005 Base API that have not previously participated in II/USP or CSR, and were not in the first cohort of the HPSGP, were invited to participate in HPSGP Cohort 2.

Key features of the HPSGP include assessing current student and site needs using state-developed assessment instruments, developing a school action plan based on the state's nine Essential Program Components supporting student achievement, and creating an environment conducive to teaching and learning. Program requirements include the use of an external entity with successful expertise specific to the challenges inherent in low-performing schools to work with the school site council, parents, and the

collective bargaining representative to develop the school action plan. Schools are encouraged to incorporate HPSGP school action plan requirements into their Single Plan for Student Achievement to ensure that a cohesive schoolwide plan is in place to guide the improvement process.

An additional feature of the program is that participating school districts report annually on their schools' progress in meeting improvement goals described in their school action plans. These reports and additional data collected by the California Department of Education (CDE) are used to identify key elements that influence school and student achievement. The CDE has developed an online data collection system to streamline the reporting process for participants.

HPSGP schools are eligible for funding for three years and have 24 months to initially meet their API growth targets. Schools that fail to meet growth targets after 24 months are subject to a review by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI). HPSGP schools that fail to make significant progress after 36 months will be subject to interventions by the State Board of Education and the SSPI. Schools that make significant progress after 36 months but do not meet their state API growth targets will continue in the program and are eligible for a fourth year of HPSGP funding. These schools remain in the HPSGP until they meet API growth targets or until they fail to make significant progress and become subject to state interventions. Schools that meet state API growth targets are able to exit the program and are also eligible for a fourth year of funding.

For more information regarding HPSGP, contact Jim Alford, Program Consultant, School Improvement Division, at (916) 319-0226 or by e-mail at [jalford@cde.ca.gov](mailto:jalford@cde.ca.gov). More information is available on the HPSGP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/73697>.

## School Recognition Programs

### **California School Recognition Program**

The California School Recognition Program (CSRP), also known as the Distinguished Schools Program, highlights and reinforces the educational priorities of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education and is coordinated with the No Child Left Behind program. The recognition program rewards schools that are in the upper half of the statewide distribution of Academic Performance Index (API) scores, have met API growth targets and federal Adequate Yearly Progress requirements, and are implementing the priorities of the state and federal accountability programs. The program also identifies exemplary and inspirational public schools to serve as models of achievement for other schools. The recognition program enhances the image of public education by focusing on successful schools selected on the basis of quality indicators. The indicators, or criteria, reflect a consensus of the education community on the elements of an exemplary school. Individual schools also use the evaluation criteria for self-assessment. Elementary and secondary schools are recognized in alternate years. The 2006-07 program focuses on secondary schools. The CSRP is also coordinated with the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.



For more information on the California School Recognition Program, contact Patricia Skelton, Administrator, Awards Unit, Policy and Evaluation Division, at (916) 319-0630 or by e-mail at [pskelton@cde.ca.gov](mailto:pskelton@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the CSRP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/cs>.

### **National Blue Ribbon Schools Program**

Up to 35 schools are nominated annually for the U.S. Department of Education's No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program. To be eligible, schools must demonstrate dramatic growth or high achievement. At least one-third of the schools must have a student body composed of 40 percent or more disadvantaged students.

Recruitment priority is given to the current year's California Distinguished Schools. Nominees must have met current and previous years' Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as well as schoolwide and subgroup Academic Performance Index (API) growth targets. Student growth in English-language arts and mathematics must place schools in one of two categories:

- For schools with at least 40 percent disadvantaged students, the percentage scoring at or above the proficient level ranks the school at or above the 60th percentile when compared to other schools in the state
- For all other schools, the percentage scoring at or above the proficient level ranks the school at or above the 90th percentile when compared to other schools in the state

Nominated schools are required to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Education.

Prior to being named No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools, schools must meet the new year's AYP and API targets. Award-winning schools are honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

For information on the NCLB-Blue Ribbon Schools Program, contact Kimberly Edwards, Blue Ribbon Liaison, Awards Unit, Policy and Evaluation Division, at (916) 319-0866 or by e-mail at [kedwards@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kedwards@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Blue Ribbon Schools Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/br>.

### **State Title I Academic Achievement Awards Program**

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires all states receiving Title I funds to establish a program recognizing Title I schools that exceed their AYP for two or more years *or* that significantly close the achievement gap among numerically significant subgroups. In addition to these federal law requirements, California's program, established in 1984, identifies and honors Title I schools that have also doubled their API growth target for two consecutive years and that meet a designated median Academic Performance Index (API) score in English-language arts and mathematics.

Title I schools that meet these rigorous criteria receive the Title I Academic Achievement Award (AAA) at the annual State Title I Conference. As a result of their accomplishments, awardees are also encouraged to serve as models for and provide support to other schools, especially those Title I schools identified for Program Improvement.

### **National Title I Distinguished School Awards**

Each year, the National Association of State Title I Directors present up to two National Title I Distinguished School Awards per state. The awards go to the state Title I AAA school that has the greatest percentage of students at or above the proficient level for AYP in English-language arts and mathematics and to the Title I AAA school that made the most progress in closing the achievement gap among numerically significant subgroups.

Individual Award/Recognition Programs

### **California Teachers of the Year**

Each year, five teachers are selected to represent the state's teachers, motivate and inspire other educators, and champion the positive contributions of the teaching profession. These teachers are honored at a State Board of Education ceremony and a special recognition dinner. One of the five teachers is chosen to represent California in the National Teacher of the Year Program. Candidates for the honor are submitted by county offices of education, which conduct regional competitions.

Primary sponsors of the program are the Associated General Contractors; California Laborers Union; Apple Computer, Inc.; California Teachers of the Year Foundation; California State Lottery; California Teachers Association; California Masonic Foundation; GTECH; Harcourt Educational Measurement; National Semiconductor; Pearson Educational Measurement; Scholastic, Inc.; Sacramento Kings; SMARTerKids Foundation of Canada; Wells Fargo Bank; California Association of Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association—Central Valley and Northern San Joaquin Valley Chapter; and Toshiba Electronic Components, Inc.

For information on the California Teachers of the Year Program, contact Kimberly Edwards, Coordinator, Awards Unit, Policy and Evaluation Division, at (916) 319-0866 or by e-mail at [kedwards@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kedwards@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the California Teachers of the Year Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/ct>.

### **Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards**

Through a nonprofit program consisting of surprise monetary awards and an educational network, the Milken Family Foundation honors “up-and-coming” educators who demonstrate unusual instructional leadership in spite of being relatively new to the profession. Each year, two to four teachers are selected for this award by the Milken

Family Foundation. State departments of education assist in various aspects of the program in accordance with foundation guidelines.

For information on the Milken National Educator Network, contact Kimberly Edwards, Liaison to the Milken Family Foundation, Awards Unit, Policy and Evaluation Division, at (916) 319-0866 or by e-mail at [kedwards@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kedwards@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is available on the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/ma>.

### **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**

Each year, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Program recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers in kindergarten through grade twelve from across the United States and four U.S. jurisdictions for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspirations to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.

For information on the PAEMST Program, contact Patricia Skelton, Administrator, Awards Unit, Policy and Evaluation Division, at (916) 319-0630 or by e-mail at [pskelton@cde.ca.gov](mailto:pskelton@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the PAEMST Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/pa/index.asp>.

### **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Incentive Award**

A \$20,000 incentive award is available to teachers who have earned National Board certification and agree to teach in high-priority schools for four consecutive years. For additional information, contact Kay Garcia, Consultant, Mathematics and Science Leadership Unit, Professional Development and Curriculum Support Division, at (916) 323-5832 or by e-mail at [kgarcia@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kgarcia@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the National Board Certification Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/73478>.

# No Child Left Behind Act

## Background

On January 8, 2002, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 was passed by Congress. This federal law contains the most sweeping changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) since ESEA was enacted in 1965. NCLB also has made the federal role in education more prominent than ever. It changed the federal government's role in kindergarten through grade twelve education by requiring schools to demonstrate their success in terms of the academic achievement of every student. With Title I as the cornerstone and students of greatest needs as the focus, NCLB emphasizes stronger accountability for results, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on improving teacher quality. NCLB includes the following requirements:

- With academic content standards in place, states must test every student's progress toward those standards by using assessments that are aligned with the standards. The law expands the current requirement that all schools administer tests in each of three grade spans: grades three through five, grades six through nine, and grades ten through twelve. Beginning in the 2005-06 school year, tests must be administered every year in grades three through eight and once in grades ten through twelve in mathematics and reading. Beginning in the 2007-08 school year, science achievement must also be tested.
- Each state, school, and local educational agency (LEA) is expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward meeting state standards. (An LEA is a school district or a county office of education.) Test results are sorted to measure the progress of all students, including students who are economically disadvantaged, are from racial or ethnic subgroups, have disabilities, or have limited English proficiency (see the Adequate Yearly Progress section for more information).
- State, school, and LEA performance is publicly reported in report cards (see the Accountability Report Cards section for further information).
- If a Title I school or LEA fails to make AYP for two or more consecutive years in specific areas, it is identified for Program Improvement (see the Program Improvement section for further information).

## Adequate Yearly Progress

All schools (including charter, alternative, and small schools), districts, and numerically significant subgroups are required to make AYP each year. California's new definition of AYP has four components. In order for any school or district to make AYP, the school or district must have:

1. At least a 95 percent student participation rate in the statewide assessments overall and for each numerically significant subgroup.

2. A targeted proportion of its students performing at or above the proficient level on the statewide assessments (English-language arts and mathematics) overall and for each numerically significant subgroup. The target proportion performing at or above the proficient level increases each year until it reaches 100 percent in 2013-14.
3. A minimum Academic Performance Index (API) growth score or at least one point of growth over the prior year.
4. A minimum graduation rate or an increase of one-tenth of one percent over one year or an increase of two-tenths of one percent over two years (for high schools and for districts with high school students).

For more information regarding AYP, see the Accountability section of this *Fact Book*.

### **Program Improvement**

A Title I school that does not make AYP for two consecutive years in specific areas is identified for Program Improvement (PI). Each newly identified PI school must offer parents a school choice (i.e., parents of students in PI schools have the option of sending their students to schools in the district that are not in PI) and meet other specific NCLB requirements.

NCLB also specifies that LEAs receiving Title I funds be identified for PI if the LEA does not make AYP for two consecutive years in specific areas.

For more information regarding PI, see the *2006 Adequate Yearly Progress Report Information Guide* available on the AYP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay>.

For more information about schools in Years 1 and 2 of PI, contact the Title I Policy and Partnerships Office, at (916) 319-0864 or by e-mail at [pi@cde.ca.gov](mailto:pi@cde.ca.gov). Questions concerning schools in Years 3, 4, or 5 of PI should be directed to the District and School Program Coordination Unit, at (916) 319-0596 or by e-mail at [dspc@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dspc@cde.ca.gov). LEAs in PI should contact the Intervention Assistance Office at (916) 319-0787. Additional information is also available on the PI Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/67557>.

### **Accountability Report Cards**

NCLB requires each state to produce an annual report card that summarizes assessment results of students statewide and disaggregated by student subgroup. The report must also include information on high school graduation rates, teacher qualifications, other indicators used in each state's definition AYP, and the AYP status of all schools and districts in the state. California's report card is available on the State Accountability Report Card Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sc/index.asp>.

NCLB also requires LEAs to prepare annual accountability reports containing information at the district and school levels, similar to what is required in the state report card. For more information about LEA accountability reporting under NCLB, please refer to the Accountability Reporting section of this *Fact Book*.

For more information regarding accountability report cards, contact the Evaluation, Research and Analysis Unit, at (916) 319-0875 or by e-mail at [evaluation@cde.ca.gov](mailto:evaluation@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the State Accountability Report Card Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sc/index.asp>.

### **For More Information Regarding NCLB**

For more information regarding California's NCLB activities, visit the NCLB Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb>. The U.S. Department of Education also has an NCLB Web site at <http://www.nclb.gov>.

For more information regarding NCLB requirements for AYP, contact the CDE's Evaluation, Research and Analysis Unit, at (916) 319-0875 or by e-mail at [evaluation@cde.ca.gov](mailto:evaluation@cde.ca.gov).

For more information regarding AYP reports, contact the CDE's Academic Accountability Unit (AAU), at (916) 319-0863 or by e-mail at [aau@cde.ca.gov](mailto:aau@cde.ca.gov).

### **Title I**

As the largest federal program supporting elementary and secondary education, Title I of the NCLB Act is intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and to reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. Title I provides flexible funding that may be used to provide additional instructional staff, professional development, extended-time programs, and other strategies for raising student achievement in high-poverty schools. The following information describes some of these programs. Other Title I programs are included in the Family Involvement and English Learners sections.

### **Education of Migratory Children**

The Migrant, Indian, and International Education Office plans, implements, and evaluates programs and projects that support the education of migrant students and their families. The purpose is to ensure that migratory students have the opportunity to meet the same challenging state content and performance standards that all children are expected to meet. The program is supported by federal and state laws. Programs include the following:

- Bilingual Education: Implements an international program between Mexico and the United States
- Mini-Corps: Provides tutoring to migratory students
- Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS): Provides academic course work for high school students to make up credit deficiencies
- Migrant State Parent Advisory Council: Provides support for Migrant Education

For more information regarding the education of migratory children, contact the Migrant, Indian, and International Education Office, at (916) 319-0851. Additional information is also available on the Migrant Education Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/me/mt>.

### **Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youths Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk**

This program provides educational and transitional services to neglected, delinquent, and at-risk children and youths who reside in 24 facilities and institutions. The delinquent population is connected to the juvenile justice system and resides in juvenile and adult correctional institutions. The neglected population is made up of children and youths who have been placed in group homes and shelters due to abandonment, neglect, or death of their parents or guardians. Funds are provided to state and local educational agencies to ensure that neglected and delinquent children and youths meet the same state standards that are required of all students in the state. Additionally, transitional programs provide them with the knowledge and skills to become economically self-sufficient and lead productive lives.

### **Education for Homeless Students**

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Subtitle B – Education for Homeless Children and Youth), reauthorized in January 2002, protects the educational rights of children and youths experiencing homelessness. The Act applies to all local educational agencies (LEA) and includes a supplemental, competitive grant program of additional funding for LEAs.

The intent of the law is to make certain that homeless students have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as is provided to other students. Homeless students have the right to enroll in and attend school, participate fully in the school program, and have the opportunity to meet the same challenging academic achievement standards to which all students are held. The law requires every LEA to designate an appropriate staff member as a liaison for students in homeless situations. These liaisons are required to ensure that the rights of homeless children and youths are protected.

For more information regarding the NCLB Act, please contact the NCLB Implementation and Coordination Office, at (916) 319-0651. Additional information is also available on the NCLB Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb>.

# Educational Partnerships

## Family Involvement

California has been an unparalleled leader in advocating partnerships between families, teachers, and schools to help children succeed academically and develop as socially, physically, and emotionally healthy individuals. In 1989, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted, and revised in 1994, a policy on family involvement that encourages school boards to establish comprehensive, long-term efforts to involve families in their children's education.

The State Legislature passed the first parental involvement law in the nation in 1990 (California *Education Code* [EC], Chapter 16, "Programs to Encourage Parental Involvement"). This law requires all school districts to adopt a parental involvement policy approved by their local school boards. In addition, the law requires districts with designated categorical programs to have a parental involvement program.

The California Strategic Plan for Parent Involvement in Education (1992) recommends ways in which all levels of the educational system may comply with state and federal mandates for parental involvement. In addition, the SBE policy recommends that districts and schools initiate partnerships that support six effective roles for families and educators:

- Provide learning opportunities for educators to meet their basic obligation to work effectively with families and for families to meet their basic parenting obligations.
- Ensure systematic, two-way communication (school to home and home to school) about the school, school programs, and students' progress.
- Provide learning opportunities for educators and families to work together so that both can fulfill a wide range of support and resource roles for students and the school.
- Provide educators and families with strategies and techniques for connecting children and learning activities at home and in the community with learning at school.
- Prepare educators and families to participate actively in school decision making and to exercise their leadership and advocacy skills.
- Provide educators and families with the skills to access community and support services that strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning and development.

The Family-School Partnership Act of 1994, expanded by Assembly Bill 47 (1997), permits parents, grandparents, and guardians to take up to 40 hours of leave time from work to participate in their child's licensed day care through twelfth-grade educational activities. Furthermore, a series of "parents' rights" were defined by AB 1665 (Torlakson, 1998) (EC sections 51100—51102). Additional information is available on the Parent Involvement Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/pf>.



Major state and federal education reform efforts emphasize the importance of family and community involvement to increase student achievement and strengthen public schools. The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 requires the adoption of district and site-level family involvement policies to support students in attaining high academic standards and family-school compacts that express the shared responsibilities of schools and parents as partners in students' success. As required by state law, the California Department of Education (CDE) identified model compacts that were approved by the SBE. Samples of family-school compacts are available on the Parent Involvement Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/pf> and are intended to assist school districts and schools in developing and using the compacts to encourage a closer working partnership between home and school.

NCLB also requires a variety of parental notifications that cover topics such as the professional qualifications of the child's teacher; services provided by and qualifications of paraprofessional staff; notification when the child has been taught for four or more weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified; the level of achievement of the child in required state academic assessments; English learner program requirements; the parental involvement policy; and program improvement status and related options, such as choice and supplemental services. A brochure, *Parental Involvement in Title I Schools*, is available from the Title I Policy and Partnerships Office at (916) 319-0854 and on the Title I Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titlelpf.asp>.

The CDE has created a Family Area Network (FAN) to assist educators, families, and community-based organizations, in addition to other governmental agencies, to implement laws and regulations on family involvement; to identify best practices for involving families in the education of their children; and to identify and develop partnership strategies. An e-mail mailing list, *FANmail*, is maintained to disseminate information through e-mail to interested parties who sign up on the *FANmail* Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/pf>. Resources about parental/family involvement are available on the Parent Involvement Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/pf/resources.asp>.

For the second time in as many years, the CDE has been awarded the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) Partnership State Award. The award is conferred for excellent leadership in developing family, school, and community partnership programs, designed to help students succeed in school. The California Department of Education has been a member of NNPS since 1998. The NNPS was established by researchers at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and brings together schools, districts, and states that are committed to developing and maintaining comprehensive programs of school, family, and community partnerships. To obtain more information about the NNPS, visit the NNPS Web site at <http://www.partnershipschools.org>.

#### William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program

The William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program provides low-income families with integrated literacy services for parents and their young children (birth

through age seven). Even Start is primarily a state-administered discretionary grant program. Through a competitive process, states fund integrated family literacy services that include early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education. Local educational agencies, other public entities, and community-based organizations collaborate to provide services in 81 projects in California. Projects may be funded for four years, contingent on adequate annual progress on Even Start performance indicators for adults and children.

The William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program began in 1989 and was reauthorized in 2001 as Title I, Part B, Subpart 3 of NCLB. For more information on Even Start, contact the Child Development Division, Even Start Office, at (916) 319-0848. Additional information is also available on the Even Start Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/op/evenstart.asp>.

### American Indian Education Centers

In 1974, California set an example for the nation in its goal to honor historical obligations to educate American Indian people by establishing the American Indian Education Center Program. Created through legislation (Senate Bill 2264: California *Education Code* Article 6, sections 33380—33383), the program is intended to offer educational services that promote American Indian student academic success by providing community-based programs to address the unique academic and cultural needs of American Indian students in California public schools. American Indian Education Center staff assists schools with professional development, counseling, tutorial services, and parental education. Staff members also provide supplemental and extended-day instructional programs to meet the needs of American Indian students.

For more information on American Indian Education Centers, contact Judy Delgado, Consultant, Migrant, Indian, and International Education Office, at (916) 319-0506 or by e-mail at [judelgado@cde.ca.gov](mailto:judelgado@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is available on the American Indian Education Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ai>.

### Coordinated School Health

Only when students are healthy can schools fully meet their goals. If school-age children are not in good health, they are less attentive, unable to keep up with their demanding schedules, and more likely to miss school due to illness—all factors hindering academic achievement. Therefore, schools need to address health-related concerns and provide students with the knowledge to prevent health-related problems.

Coordinated school health addresses eight different aspects of health and education: health education; physical education; health services; nutrition services; counseling, psychological, and social services; healthy school environment; health promotion for staff; and parent and community involvement. The coordinated school health model promotes collaboration—school staff, families, youths, and communities working together to address these components.

A coordinated approach to school health is a powerful way to reinforce healthy behaviors and empower students with the knowledge, skills, and judgment to help them make smart choices in life. However, schools cannot single-handedly address youths' health-related needs. Creating a school/community environment that truly allows youths to reach their greatest potential can be accomplished only by strong partnerships among youths, families, schools, local government, faith-based organizations, businesses, local health agencies, and others. Districts that successfully implement the coordinated school health model designate a staff person to be the school health coordinator to provide leadership and institute a school health council with a broad base of school, community, and parental involvement. Recommendations on achieving this goal may be found in *Building Infrastructure for Coordinated School Health—California's Blueprint*, a report published by the California Department of Education (CDE). The *Blueprint* is available on the Coordinated School Health Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/cs/documents/blueprintfinal.pdf>.

For more information on coordinated school health, contact the School Health Connections/Healthy Start Office, at (916) 319-0914. Additional information is also available on the Coordinated School Health Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/cs>.

## Healthy Start

The Healthy Start Support Services for Children Act (Healthy Start Initiative) provides comprehensive, school-community integrated services and activities to improve the lives of children, youths, and families. Collaborative planning and operational grants are awarded to local educational agencies and their collaborative partners for locally coordinated, school-linked services. The services include health and dental care, mental health counseling, family support and parenting education, academic support, health education, safety and violence prevention, youth development, employment preparation, and others.

Collaborative planning grants of \$50,000 are awarded over a two-year period, and operational grants provide \$400,000 for up to a five-year period. The grant awards depend upon annual appropriations under the Budget Act. Since its inception in 1991-92, Healthy Start has provided 823 planning grants and 647 operational grants, benefiting more than two million children and their families throughout California.

The results of statewide evaluations for the past several years show increases in test scores, improvements in children's classroom behavior, and greater parent involvement in Healthy Start schools. Findings from a 1999 evaluation of Healthy Start showed that test scores for schools in the lowest quartile improved substantially. Reading scores for the lowest performing elementary schools increased by 25 percent, and math scores increased by 50 percent. Individual students in the lowest quartile showed similar improvement. A major goal of Healthy Start is to build capacity at the school site to sustain these supports and services with other resources when the grant has ended.

For more information on Healthy Start, contact the School Health Connections/Healthy Start Office, at (916) 319-0914. Additional information is also available on the Healthy Start Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/hs>.

## The California Healthy Kids Survey

The California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) is a comprehensive youth self-report data collection system that provides essential health risk assessment and resilience information to schools, districts, and communities. This survey is required for districts receiving Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities and Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funding. The CHKS is easily customized, confidential, voluntary, and anonymous. Targeted at grades five through twelve, it enables schools and communities to collect and analyze valuable data regarding local youth health risks, assets, and behaviors. The survey is designed to be part of a comprehensive data-driven decision-making process to help build more effective health, prevention, and youth development programs.

At the heart of the CHKS is a research-based core module that provides valid indicators of drug use, violence, crime, and physical and mental health. The core, together with the Resilience and Youth Development Module, is used to collect all the student data needed for compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act and allows comparison with state and national data. In addition, there are five supplementary modules to choose from at the secondary school level that ask detailed questions on specific topics. Individual modules assess tobacco use; drug use and violence; diet, physical activity, and general health; and sexual behavior and HIV/AIDS risks. There is also a custom module incorporating additional questions targeting topics of local interest.

Beginning with the 2004-05 school year, schools began administering the Staff School Climate Survey. Its purpose is to obtain staff perceptions of student behavior and attitudes, school programs and policies, and the overall school climate. The survey deals with such issues as truancy, safety, harassment, substance use, school connectedness, and learning supports.

For more information on the California Healthy Kids Survey, contact the Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office at (916) 319-0920, or e-mail Robin Rutherford at [rrutherf@cde.ca.gov](mailto:rrutherf@cde.ca.gov). More information is available on the California Healthy Kids Survey Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/yd/re/chks.asp>.

## Youth Development

Youth development provides youths with the critical supports and opportunities needed to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally even when they are challenged by risk and adversity. Youth development strategies are gaining increasing support as new research demonstrates that “school connectedness” is the primary school-related factor that consistently protects students from engaging in unhealthy behaviors. School connectedness is fostered when students feel a sense of belonging at school and find teachers to be fair and caring.

Youth development shifts the focus from deficits to assets and from fixing negative behaviors to building youths' strengths. Research has found that critical developmental assets for youths include a caring school climate, clear rules and consequences in the school, high expectations from teachers, and bonding to the school.

Resilience is a capacity for healthy development innate to all people. Young people are naturally motivated to want their human needs for love, belonging, respect, identity, power, mastery, challenge, and meaning met. When young people experience school environments rich in opportunities to experience caring relationships, high expectations, and meaningful participation, these needs are met. All schools can measure the extent to which their students experience these assets by using the Healthy Kids Survey's Resilience & Youth Development Module (RYDM). For more information regarding resilience and youth development, visit the WestEd Web site at [http://www.wested.org/pub/docs/hks\\_resilience.html](http://www.wested.org/pub/docs/hks_resilience.html).

Creating a positive school climate, one that fosters students' engagement in learning and connection to school, requires a schoolwide approach that includes:

- An emphasis on caring relationships between adults and youths and prosocial cooperation among students
- Planning and classroom management that involves listening to youth voices, taking their perceptions into account, and providing students with decision-making roles
- Opportunities for peer leadership, peer helping programs, youth advocacy, service-learning, and other forms of meaningful participation
- Training for school staff in youth development concepts, including the critical importance of having high expectations that all students can succeed in a standards-based approach to instruction

The research described above is more fully summarized in the *Getting Results: Updates 1 and 5* that can be found on the *Getting Results* Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fd/gettingresults.asp>.

For more information regarding youth development, contact Greg Wolfe, Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office, at (916) 319-0920 or by e-mail at [gwolfe@cde.ca.gov](mailto:gwolfe@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Youth Development Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/yd>.

## After School Programs

After school programs play an increasingly critical role in providing a safe environment for students during nonschool hours and supporting them in meeting and exceeding state academic standards. Before and after school programs are created through partnerships between schools and local community resources to provide support for literacy, academic enrichment, and safe and constructive environments for students. Grant funding for each fiscal year is contingent upon the availability of funds and the enactment of each respective federal and state Budget Act. When grant funding is

available, the After School Partnerships Office releases a Request for Applications and supportive materials, which are posted on the CDE Web site.

The CDE administers the following after-school programs. Funding source and associated California *Education Code (EC)* authority are also noted.

- After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program (state-funded, defined through *EC* sections 8482—8494.6)
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program for grades kindergarten through middle school (federally funded, defined through *EC* sections 8484.7—8484.8 and Title 20 U.S. Code sections 7171—7176)
- 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) Program (federally funded, defined through *EC* sections 8420—8428, 8484.8[h] and Title 20 U.S. Code sections 7171—7176).

### **After School Education and Safety Program**

The state-funded after school program, established in 1998, was renamed ASES effective with the passage of the After School Education and Safety Act of 2002 (Proposition 49). The passage of Senate Bill 638 in the fall of 2006 triggered the implementation of Proposition 49, increasing ASES funding from \$121 million to \$550 million and establishing a continuous appropriation. Every public elementary, middle/junior high school, and charter school in California serving students in kindergarten and grades one through nine is eligible for ASES program funding. ASES programs are planned through a collaborative process that includes parents, youth, and representatives of participating public schools; governmental agencies, such as city and county parks and recreation departments; local law enforcement; community organizations; and the private sector. ASES programs are funded according to a renewable three-year grant cycle.

### **21st Century Community Learning Centers Program**

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, signed into law on January 8, 2002, authorizes the CDE to administer the California 21st CCLC Program (NCLB Act, Title IV, Part B). California's 21st CCLC Program parallels the program design of the state ASES Program. One key difference is that the California 21st CCLC Program provides funding in five one-year grants with expectations for local sustainability. The 21st CCLC Program serves students in kindergarten through grade twelve. The 21st CCLC funding primarily serves students who attend schools eligible for Title I schoolwide programs or schools that serve a high percentage of students from low-income families. Priority is given to schools designated as in need of improvement.

Eligible 21st CCLC grant applicants include LEAs, cities, counties, community-based organizations, and other public or private entities (which may include faith-based organizations); or a consortium of such entities, agencies, or organizations. NCLB requires all after school programs to implement research-based strategies to assist

students in core academic content areas with academic and educational enrichment activities.

For more information regarding after school programs, contact the After School Partnerships Office, at (916) 319-0923 or by e-mail at [afterschool@cde.ca.gov](mailto:afterschool@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the After Schools Programs Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ba>.

### Cal-SAFE

The California School-Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE) program began in 2000 and currently provides a comprehensive, community-linked school program for expectant and parenting students and their children in 145 local educational agencies. Program goals for enrolled students include an increased number of students graduating from high school and making the transition into postsecondary education or the world of work, decreased dependency on welfare, improved parenting skills, and fewer incidents of repeat births to teen mothers. Female and male students age eighteen or younger who have not graduated from high school may voluntarily enroll in the Cal-SAFE program if they are expectant parents, custodial parents, or parents taking an active role in the care and supervision of their child. Students with an active special education individualized education program (IEP) are eligible regardless of age or grade level, as long as they have not yet graduated. Children of enrolled student parents are eligible for child care and developmental services until five years of age or until the child is enrolled in kindergarten, whichever occurs first.

For more information regarding Cal-SAFE, contact the School Health Connections/Healthy Start Office, at (916) 319-0914. Additional information is also available on the Cal-SAFE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/pp>.

### CalServe

The California Department of Education's CalServe Initiative, established in 1990, funds partnerships of local educational agencies and community-based organizations to support kindergarten through grade twelve service-learning. Service-learning is an instructional strategy that actively involves youths in academic programs through community service. Students and participants learn through participation in thoughtfully organized service that meets community needs, fosters civic responsibility, enhances the students' academic achievement, and provides structured time for students to reflect on the service experience. CalServe is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Learn and Serve America.

For more information regarding CalServe, contact the Counseling, Student Support, and Service-Learning Office at (916) 323-2183. Additional information is also available on the CalServe Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/sl>.

## State School Attendance Review Board

The California Legislature created the State School Attendance Review Board (State SARB) to coordinate statewide policy and personnel training on the operation of county and local School Attendance Review Boards (SARBs). SARBs provide intensive guidance and community services to meet the special needs of students with school attendance or school behavior problems. The State SARB is appointed annually by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and makes annual recommendations regarding strategies to reduce the number of dropouts in the state's public education system. The State SARB is a partnership that includes representatives from school districts, parent groups, county probation departments, county welfare departments, county superintendents of schools, law enforcement agencies, community-based service centers, school guidance personnel, the health care profession, and state associations interested in youths with school attendance or behavioral problems. State SARB meetings are open to the public, and the representative of the California Department of Education is the chairperson.

The SARB handbook is available on the SARB Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb/documents/sarb02.pdf>.

For more information regarding SARBs, contact the Counseling, Student Support, and Service-Learning Office at (916) 323-2183. Additional information is also available on the SARB Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb>.



# Counseling and Student Support

## School Counseling Programs

School counseling programs are comprehensive in scope, preventive in design, and developmental in nature. The purpose is to impart specific skills and learning opportunities in a proactive, preventive manner, ensuring that all students, prekindergarten to adult, achieve success in school. The goal of a school counseling program is to increase student learning and achievement by advancing student academic development, career development, and personal and social development.

A counseling program is an integral component of the educational system and is vital in preparing and assisting students to be successful, lifelong learners. School counselors and other members of the student support team (school psychologists, school social workers, child welfare and attendance supervisors, and school nurses) assist students in making decisions, managing emotions, coping with crises, overcoming barriers to learning, and seeking access to the core curriculum. School counselors and members of the support team help students set short-term and long-term goals, improve attendance, reduce and resolve conflicts, and prevent youth suicide. This support team works to create a positive learning environment; teaches self-management skills; acts as advocates for youths; and provides relevant academic, career, and personal/social counseling to enable them to make informed decisions toward their future goals.

School counselors are trained educators possessing a valid credential with a specialization in pupil personnel services (California *Education Code* [EC] Section 49600). As specialists in child and adolescent development, school counselors coordinate the objectives, strategies, and activities of a comprehensive counseling program.

The following list of resources is available on the Counseling Resources Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/re>. These resources provide valuable direction to school districts and county offices of education in developing program standards and accountability systems in school counseling programs.

- The *Support Personnel Accountability Report Card* (SPARC), developed by the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the CDE, is a continuous improvement tool that is modeled after the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). It assists schools in promoting their counseling and student support program, improving their program's accountability, and implementing the *National Model for School Counseling Programs*.
- The *National Model for School Counseling Programs*, developed by the American School Counselor Association, connects school counseling programs with current educational reform movements. The *National Model* reflects a comprehensive approach to program foundation, delivery, management, and accountability. The model provides the mechanism through which school counselors and school

counseling teams can design, coordinate, implement, manage, and evaluate their programs for students' success. It provides a framework for the program components that includes the school counselor's role in implementation and the underlying philosophies of leadership, advocacy, and systemic change.

- The *National Standards for School Counseling Programs*, developed by the American School Counselor Association, assists school counselors, counselor educators, and school leaders in developing comprehensive school counseling and guidance programs. The standards will also assist school districts in developing methods for evaluating the effectiveness of their comprehensive school counseling programs.
- The *Tenth-Grade Counseling Program* (EC sections 48431.6 and 48431.7) requires school districts receiving certain funds to provide a systematic review of each student's academic progress and provide counseling regarding educational options available during the final two years of high school. The purpose of the program is to provide a checkpoint for assessing student progress toward meeting graduation requirements and to broaden the educational and career options for students. It is also intended to give priority for counseling to students who are not progressing satisfactorily toward graduation or who are not motivated to set educational and career goals appropriate to their ability.

This program is included in Assembly Bill 825, the Pupil Retention Block Grant, which combines eight separate appropriations in the Budget Act of 2004. This bill took effect on July 1, 2005.

Signed into law in 2006, AB 1802 authorized \$200 million to augment counseling services to all students in grades seven to twelve inclusive. In addition, the law provides for additional counseling services to those students in grades seven to twelve who are far below basic achievement on the English or mathematics portion of the California Standards Tests, in jeopardy of not graduating from high school, or who have not passed one or both parts of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE). This is the largest single allotment of money ever awarded to counselors in the State of California.

The California Results-Based School Counseling and Student Support Guidelines were written by the staff of the Counseling, Student Support, and Service-Learning Office and are scheduled for publication in the spring of 2007. This is the first update to the original publication in 25 years. The guidelines use the framework of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), National Model combined with specific information to address the unique population of California. This document will provide guidance to school counselors who want to improve existing school counseling programs or want to implement a new school counseling program.

For more information regarding school counseling programs, contact George Montgomery, Consultant, Counseling, Student Support, and Service-Learning Office, at (916) 319-0540 or by e-mail at [gmontgomery@cde.ca.gov](mailto:gmontgomery@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Counseling and Student Support Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg>.

## Student Support Programs

The following programs focus on providing schoolwide student support programs that not only help prevent students from dropping out of school but also provide the school climate enrichment strategies that will make all students at the school more successful. These programs are embedded in Assembly Bill 825, the Pupil Retention Block Grant, which combines eight separate appropriations in the Budget Act of 2005. This bill took effect on July 1, 2005.

- **Comprehensive Student Support Program.** This is a combination of student support programs and strategies that identifies obstacles to academic and school success and provides a richer, more supportive school environment. Research has proven that this strategy not only assists in dropout prevention by making students more successful, but also creates a climate that promotes better morale for students, parents, and schools. This program, based in regular schools, relies on an integration of early identification and early prevention school strategies, efforts that promote resiliency, formal coordination of services and resources, and a reward-and-incentive focus at the site to support all students, particularly those in high-risk situations. Significant program components include outreach to local resources and services, parental involvement, and the active involvement of the school site council. This program is located in 336 schools throughout California.
- **Alternative Education Outreach Consultant Program.** This districtwide dropout recovery program works with dropouts and potential dropouts. Program staff members recruit, assess, and counsel students in alternative education settings. The program encourages students to complete their education and provides a variety of educational options to secure the best practical result for students who have not been successful in a traditional comprehensive school site. The program is located in 50 school districts throughout California.
- **Educational Clinics.** This dropout recovery program serves students who have been out of school for at least 45 days or who have been expelled from school. This program does outreach, initial intake, and basic skills testing. It also provides a basic skills curriculum to assist the dropout or expelled student to return to a more traditional education placement.

For more information regarding student support programs, visit the Dropout Prevention Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/dp>.

## Foster Youth Services Programs

Foster Youth Services (FYS) programs provide support services to reduce the traumatic effects students suffer from being displaced from family and school and to increase the stability of placements for foster children. FYS programs have the ability and authority to ensure that health and school records are obtained to establish appropriate placement and coordinate instruction, counseling, tutoring, mentoring, vocational training, emancipation services, training for independent living, and other related services. These programs increase the stability of placements for foster children and youths. Their

services are designed to improve the children's educational performance and personal achievement, directly benefiting the children as well as providing long-range cost savings to the state.

FYS programs work through interagency collaboration with social workers, probation officers, group home staff, school staff, and community service agencies to influence foster children's day-to-day routines, both during and after school. FYS programs may also collaborate with, complement, and supplement a variety of existing support services to help ensure delivery of comprehensive support services to foster children and youths. These services include Title I, Neglected and Delinquent Youth (Public Law 103-382) program services, Healthy Start Services, services provided by special education local plan areas (SELPAs), and Independent Living Programs, to name a few. FYS programs are funded through a noncompetitive grant process. Eligible applicants include county offices of education or a consortium of counties as a single applicant. There are FYS grant-funded programs in 57 of California's 58 counties. Chapter 862, Statutes of 2004 (Assembly Bill 490, Steinberg) includes a provision that requires all districts to appoint an educational liaison with prescribed duties to ensure appropriate and timely educational placement and equal opportunities for foster youths.

In addition to the 57 countywide FYS programs operated through county offices of education, there are district FYS programs operated through six core districts as specified in California *Education Code* Section 42920. All FYS programs provide educational and support services to foster youths residing in licensed foster homes. Chapter 75, Statutes of 2006, contains a new provision for education-based services to foster youths in county-operated juvenile detention facilities.

For more information regarding the FYS program, contact the Counseling, Student Support, and Service-Learning Office, at (916) 323-2183 or by e-mail at [fosteryouth@cde.ca.gov](mailto:fosteryouth@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the FYS Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy>.

# Safe Schools and Violence Prevention

All California Department of Education (CDE) programs have an effect on the learning environment and therefore on school safety. The programs described below are the primary activities that have the improvement of school safety as their principal goal.

- **School Safety Block Grant.** This program provides approximately \$95 million annually for a block grant to school districts serving youths in grades eight through twelve, based primarily on student enrollment. Another \$1 million is allocated to county offices of education, also based on enrollment. These funds may be used for all violence-prevention strategies, including implementing science-based violence-prevention programs, hiring personnel trained in conflict resolution, providing on-campus communication devices, establishing staff training programs, and establishing cooperative arrangements with law enforcement.
- **Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (S&DFSC).** This program, funded by the No Child Left Behind Act, provides approximately \$32 million annually for school- and community-based alcohol-, drug-, and violence-prevention programs. The two primary elements of the program are (1) the maintenance of a statewide leadership program operated through county S&DFSC coordinators who provide training, technical assistance, and leadership to school districts in the implementation of a prevention program; and (2) CDE leadership of the statewide transition to the use of research-based prevention programs. The program is administered by the Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office. For more information regarding the S&DFSC, visit the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/51969>.
- **School Community Violence Prevention (SCVP).** Assembly Bill 825 of 2004 created a new school violence-prevention grant program by collapsing all previous appropriations for school violence-prevention grants into one program. Grants are for as much as \$500,000 spread over a five-year period, and they may be used to address any violence-prevention needs. Successful applications will have demonstrated:
  1. A strong collaborative process that includes school staff, local law enforcement, families, students, and community members;
  2. Significant school safety needs as identified by a needs analysis conducted by the collaborative group;
  3. A plan, created by the collaborative, which uses prevention programs of demonstrated effectiveness to address the identified needs; and
  4. Coordination of the SCVP grant with existing school safety activities funded by other fund sources.
- **School/Law Enforcement (S/LE) Partnership.** Since 1983 the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Attorney General have unified their efforts and resources through the S/LE partnership. The S/LE Partnership highlights collaborative programs that involve members of the entire school

community, especially local law enforcement. The partnership offers information to all local educational agencies through publications, training, and conferences as well as training in school safety and crisis-response planning provided by law enforcement and education professionals.

For more information regarding safe schools and violence prevention, contact the Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office, at (916) 319-0920. Additional information is also available on the Safe Schools Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>.

# Child Care and Development Programs

California has long been a leader in the nation in recognizing the value of quality child care and development programs for infants, toddlers, prekindergarten children, and school-age children. For more than 62 years, the California Department of Education (CDE) has developed and funded agencies throughout the state so that families can find safe, healthy, and educationally enriched environments for their children that are staffed by competent, caring adults. Funding is provided for services to low-income families, including welfare recipients, in licensed center-based programs; licensed family child care homes; and license-exempt settings, such as a family's own home or the home of a relative or neighbor.

The three major trends that have recently focused public attention on the value of children's preschool education are (1) the unprecedented labor force participation of women with young children, which is creating a pressing demand for child care; (2) an emerging consensus among professionals and, to an even greater extent, among parents that young children should be provided with educational experiences; and (3) the accumulation of convincing evidence from research that young children are more capable learners than current practices reflect and that good educational experiences in the preschool years can have a positive impact on later school learning.

In California, preschools, particularly publicly funded ones, have had a long, successful history. Today, well over half (62 percent) of all California's young children attend preschool or Head Start programs prior to kindergarten.

In August 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 172 creating a new prekindergarten and family literacy program. The new program will be offered to eligible children the year before kindergarten enrollment. Programs must be located within the attendance area of elementary schools in deciles 1 to 3, inclusive, based on the 2005 Academic Performance Index. The new prekindergarten and family literacy programs will provide age- and developmentally appropriate activities for children that are designed to facilitate their transition to kindergarten and opportunities for parents and legal guardians to work with their children on interactive literacy activities. The 2006 Budget Act includes funding for the new program as follows: \$45 million for prekindergarten services, \$5 million for literacy activities, and \$5 million to provide full-day services. The new program is expected to serve over 12,000 children annually.

The child care and development system administered by the CDE continues to be the largest, most culturally diverse, and most comprehensive in the nation, with funding at over \$2.3 billion for fiscal year (FY) 2006-2007. The CDE maintains approximately 1,540 service contracts with approximately 788 public and private agencies supporting and providing services to 510,192 children (state FY 2004-05). Contractors include school districts, county offices of education, cities, local park and recreation districts, county welfare departments, other public entities, community-based organizations, and private agencies.

The CDE works collaboratively to develop a streamlined and consolidated state plan for early care and education services that meets the needs of California's families and children. This collaboration includes Head Start and Early Head Start through a federal grant to support the California Head Start-State Collaboration Office housed in the CDE. The CDE also works collaboratively with First Five California to improve the quality and availability of child care and development programs statewide.

Three other programs connect early childhood education, parental involvement, and family literacy services for families in California. These include the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy, Migrant Education Even Start, and American Indian Early Childhood Education programs.

Currently, more than a dozen CDE-administered programs are designed to meet the varied needs of California's families. The eligibility for federal- and state-subsidized services continues to be based primarily on income and need, with additional criteria depending on program type and funding source. The CDE is committed to maximizing parental choice of care and to improving the availability and quality of infant, preschool, and before- and after-school services. Services to children at risk of abuse and neglect and children receiving protective services through county welfare departments remain a top priority. The CDE has also implemented several initiatives to support and assist child care and development programs to create welcoming and inclusive environments for children with exceptional needs.

For more information regarding child care and development programs, please contact the Child Development Division, at (916) 322-6233. Additional information is also available on the Child Development Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd>.

#### Child Care and Development Program Appropriations, 2006-07

	State General Fund	Federal Child Care and Development Fund	Total
State Preschool	\$413,644,000	-	\$413,644,000
General (Center-Based) Programs	677,120,000	\$85,263,000	762,383,000
Migrant Child Care	33,028,000	5,411,000	38,439,000
Alternative Payment (AP) Program	98,757,000	144,779,000	243,536,000
AP-Stage 2 CalWORKs	56,089,000	369,120,000	425,209,000
AP-Stage 3 CalWORKs	39,323,000	294,817,000	334,140,000
Resource and Referral	18,596,000	-	18,596,000
Extended Day Care (Latchkey)	34,005,000	-	34,005,000
Bay Area Handicapped Program	1,892,000	-	1,892,000
California Child Care Initiative	250,000	-	250,000
Quality Initiatives	15,320,000	50,248,000	65,568,000
Local Planning Councils	599,000	5,750,000	6,349,000
Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)	-	7,900,000	7,900,000
Carryover	4,000,000	-	4,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,392,623,000</b>	<b>\$963,288,000</b>	<b>\$2,355,911,000</b>



Family Literacy Program Appropriations, 2006-07

	<b>State General Fund</b>	<b>Federal Child Care and Development Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program	–	\$11,910,594	\$11,910,594
Migrant Education Even Start	–	5,992,142	5,992,142
American Indian Early Childhood Education	\$630,000	–	630,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>	<b>\$17,902,736</b>	<b>\$18,532,736</b>

# Nutrition Services

The California Department of Education (CDE) provides leadership and support of nutrition services to enhance the health, well-being, development, and educational potential of California's children, adults, and families.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has made nutrition, health, and physical education a top priority during his tenure. His commitment to these issues is outlined in *Healthy Children Ready to Learn*, which is available on the Healthy Children Ready to Learn Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/51114>. In addition, the CDE has actively pursued creative approaches to addressing childhood obesity and other health issues and has produced reports by the Superintendent's Task Force on Obesity, Type II Diabetes, and Cardiovascular Disease and the Advisory Committee on Nutrition Implementation Strategies.

## Meal Programs

In California, more than 4.5 million nutritious meals are served on average each day at approximately 45,000 locations funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Summer Food Service, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. The CDE disburses approximately \$1.6 billion in federal and state funds to support schools, child care centers, family day care homes, adult care centers, park and recreation centers, and other eligible agencies in providing nutritious meals and snacks. In addition, the CDE distributed \$90 million in USDA-donated food to eligible public and private nonprofit agencies throughout the state for use in preparing meals.

The CDE also administers the:

- Special Milk Program, which assists schools, summer camps, and eligible agencies in providing over 4.3 million one-half pint servings of milk to children annually.
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which monthly provides 53,000 low-income, breast-feeding mothers, pregnant women, children under age five, and the impaired elderly with USDA-donated foods designed to meet their nutritional needs.

The CDE provides nutrition and food service education and training to child nutrition program operators and educators, collaborates with numerous education, health, and nutrition-allied organizations, and is affiliated with advocacy and professional organizations.

A new federal law required districts participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program to adopt a local school wellness policy by the beginning of the 2006-07 school year, and the CDE is providing leadership and resources to support implementation and evaluation of this new law. At a minimum, the policy must include:

- Goals for nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness
- Nutrition guidelines for all foods available on each campus during the school day
- A plan for measuring implementation of the wellness policy

The law further requires that parents/guardians, students, school food service professionals, school administrators, school board members, and members of the public be involved in the development of the policy.

In addition, the CDE is promoting the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by providing \$18.2 million in funding for school breakfast programs through the California Fresh Start Pilot Program. Over half of eligible schools are approved for participation.

For more information regarding nutrition services, contact the Nutrition Services Division, at (916) 445-0850 or (800) 952-5609. Additional information is also available on the Nutrition Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>.

# English Learner Students

In the 2005-06 school year, there were nearly 1.6 million English learners in California public schools, nearly the same level as in 2004-05. The California Department of Education provides assistance to local schools and districts to achieve the following goals:

- Offer instruction to promote the English language development (ELD) of English learners so that these students reach levels of proficiency commensurate with native speakers of English.
- Eliminate the academic gap that separates English learners from their native English-speaking peers.
- Support English learners to help them achieve, within a reasonable period of time, the same rigorous grade-level academic standards that are expected of all students.

## **Basic Facts—California Language Census, Spring 2005**

English learners constitute a significant portion of California public school students:

- The 1,571,463 English learners constitute almost 25 percent of the total enrollment in California public schools.
- 2,695,428 students speak a language other than English in their homes. This represents about 42 percent of the state's public school enrollment.
- The majority of English learners (about 67 percent) are enrolled in the elementary grades, kindergarten through grade six. Thirty-three percent are enrolled in the secondary grades, seven through twelve.

English learners come from many language groups, but approximately 95 percent speak one of the top ten languages in the state:

- The top ten language groups in rank order are (1) Spanish, 85.4 percent; (2) Vietnamese, 2.2 percent; (3) Cantonese, 1.4 percent; (4) Hmong, 1.4 percent; (5) Pilipino (Filipino or Tagalog), 1.4 percent; (6) Korean, 1.0 percent; (7) Mandarin, 0.8 percent; (8) Punjabi, 0.6 percent; (9) Armenian, 0.6 percent; and (10) Khmer, 0.5 percent, and Cambodian, 0.5 percent.

English learners are placed in specific instructional settings in accord with the statutes and regulations established by Proposition 227:

- 737,337 (47 percent) English learners are enrolled in structured English immersion settings.
- 106,055 (7 percent) English learners have been placed in an alternative program (e.g., bilingual instruction) as a result of a parental waiver.

- 625,421 (40 percent) English learners are placed in mainstream classrooms and are receiving additional services as a result of meeting the criteria for possessing a reasonable level of English proficiency.
- 104,603 waivers were requested; 101,369 were granted.
- 70,749 (4.5 percent) English learners are placed in classes or instructional settings other than those explicitly authorized by Proposition 227. Some of these pupils are receiving customized English learner services specified in a special education individualized education program (IEP), but others are not receiving any English learner instructional services.
- 31,901 (2 percent) English learners are placed in mainstream classrooms at the request of their parents, even though the pupils have not met the criteria for possessing a reasonable level of English proficiency.

The 1,571,463 English learners receive various combinations of different instructional services regardless of program placements:

- 168,129 receive only ELD instruction in addition to the regular school program.
- 803,706 receive at least one period of ELD and two periods of specially designed academic instruction in English (SDAIE) and sheltered instruction in subjects such as mathematics or social science, in addition to the regular school offerings.
- 331,733 receive, in addition to ELD and SDAIE, at least two periods of subject matter instruction facilitated by primary language support.
- 95,155 receive, in addition to ELD, and often in combination with SDAIE and/or primary language support, at least two subject matter periods taught through primary language instruction.
- 138,170 receive English learner instructional services other than those described above.
- 34,570 do not receive any instructional services required for English learners.

English learners are taught by a wide range of instructional staff:

- 4,606 teachers hold a bilingual teaching authorization and are assigned to provide primary language instruction.
- 160,577 teachers hold a Cross Cultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD) or Senate Bill 1969/395 certificate and are assigned to provide SDAIE and/or ELD instruction.
- 337 teachers were in training for a bilingual teaching authorization.
- 13,696 teachers were in training for a CLAD credential or a SB 1969/395 certificate.
- 12,881 bilingual paraprofessionals were assigned to teachers for providing primary language support or instruction to English learners.

For more information regarding English learner students, contact the Language Policy and Leadership Office, at (916) 319-0845. Additional information is also available on the English Learner Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el>. To access the California Department of Education's database containing demographic information on language

minority students, visit the DataQuest Web site at <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest> and look for reports related to English learners.

Number of English Learner Students in California Public Schools,  
2001-02 Through 2005-06

Language	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03	2001-02	Percent increase between 2001-02 and 2005-06
<i>Albanian</i>	119	140	163	150	119	0.00
<i>Arabic</i>	7,876	7,646	7,556	7,751	7,545	4.39
<i>Armenian</i>	8,655	9,698	10,660	11,727	11,946	-27.55
<i>Assyrian</i>	595	650	656	706	791	-24.78
<i>Bengali</i>	474	381	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Bosnian</i>	N/A	N/A	264	247	253	N/A
<i>Burmese</i>	456	422	432	536	562	-18.86
<i>Cantonese</i>	22,756	22,475	22,867	24,004	24,945	-8.78
<i>Cebuano (Visayan)</i>	445	395	389	417	545	-18.35
<i>Chaldean</i>	541	543	649	668	638	-15.20
<i>Chamorro (Guamanian)</i>	44	41	48	64	59	-25.42
<i>Chaozhou (Chaochow)</i>	568	589	573	696	754	-24.67
<i>Croatian</i>	N/A	N/A	181	159	185	N/A
<i>Dutch</i>	185	184	152	163	196	-5.61
<i>Farsi (Persian)</i>	5,442	5,565	5,650	5,643	5,558	-2.09
<i>Filipino (Pilipino or Tagalog)</i>	20,556	20,939	20,895	20,650	19,813	8.33
<i>French</i>	1,022	1,007	962	1,023	980	4.29
<i>German</i>	643	625	639	708	829	-22.44
<i>Greek</i>	162	173	187	204	214	-24.30
<i>Gujarati</i>	1,123	1,175	1,153	1,155	1,132	-0.80
<i>Hebrew</i>	957	1,004	948	902	784	22.07
<i>Hindi</i>	3,859	3,994	4,172	4,251	4,548	-15.15
<i>Hmong</i>	21,907	22,776	23,423	25,199	26,801	-18.26
<i>Hungarian</i>	179	195	178	191	203	-11.82
<i>Ilocano</i>	1,208	1,296	1,387	1,730	1,572	-23.16
<i>Indonesian</i>	1,049	1,002	1,043	1,186	1,234	-14.99
<i>Italian</i>	305	288	290	294	288	5.90
<i>Japanese</i>	4,673	4,582	4,764	4,814	5,122	-8.77
<i>Khmer (Cambodian)</i>	8,469	9,563	10,011	11,360	13,475	-37.14
<i>Khmu</i>	127	137	160	155	172	-26.16
<i>Korean</i>	16,091	16,463	17,132	17,627	18,002	-10.62
<i>Kurdish (Kurdi, Kurmanji)</i>	316	324	332	351	331	-4.53
<i>Lahu</i>	299	311	357	386	452	-33.85
<i>Lao</i>	3,710	4,055	4,573	5,120	5,745	-35.40
<i>Mandarin (Putonghua)</i>	12,452	11,825	11,347	12,105	11,793	5.59
<i>Marshallese</i>	132	122	126	128	111	18.92
<i>Mien (Yao)</i>	2,101	2,443	2,837	3,429	3,947	-46.77
<i>Mixteco</i>	743	720	666	603	500	48.60
<i>Pashto</i>	796	762	732	717	697	14.20
<i>Polish</i>	290	281	296	323	352	-17.61
<i>Portuguese</i>	2,020	2,096	2,021	2,267	2,383	-15.23
<i>Punjabi</i>	9,138	9,259	8,977	8,751	8,914	2.51
<i>Rumanian</i>	1,019	1,078	1,208	1,057	1,204	-15.37
<i>Russian</i>	7,547	7,678	7,654	7,980	7,977	-5.39
<i>Samoan</i>	1,479	1,648	1,574	1,676	1,748	-15.39
<i>Serbo-Croatian (Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian)</i>	562	663	249	349	363	54.82
<i>Somali</i>	999	928	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Spanish</i>	1,341,369	1,357,778	1,359,792	1,348,934	1,302,383	3.00
<i>Taiwanese</i>	277	299	301	316	334	-17.07
<i>Thai</i>	1,430	1,417	1,535	1,657	1,643	-12.96
<i>Tigrinya</i>	414	393	356	348	371	11.59
<i>Toishanese</i>	202	244	250	272	240	-15.83
<i>Tongan</i>	1,672	1,678	1,716	1,801	1,984	-15.73
<i>Turkish</i>	318	298	280	269	275	15.64
<i>Ukrainian</i>	2,464	2,548	2,391	2,477	2,364	4.23
<i>Urdu</i>	2,558	2,587	2,620	2,753	2,797	-8.54
<i>Vietnamese</i>	34,263	34,333	34,444	36,574	37,797	-9.35
<i>Other non-English languages</i>	11,368	11,809	14,317	14,519	13,278	-14.16
<b>State totals</b>	<b>1,570,424</b>	<b>1,591,525</b>	<b>1,598,535</b>	<b>1,599,542</b>	<b>1,559,248</b>	<b>0.78</b>

Source: Language Census, March 2006, Educational Demographics

Note: The term *English learner (EL)* has replaced the term *limited-English-proficient (LEP)*.

# Special Education

California provided special education services to 683,178 individuals, newborn through twenty-two years of age, in 2005-06. California provides specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of each child with a disability. This instruction is provided in a variety of settings that allow infants and their families, preschoolers, students, and young adults to be educated with their peers as much as possible; that is, in the least restrictive environment (LRE). Special education services are available in a variety of settings that might include day care settings, preschool, a regular classroom, a classroom that emphasizes specially designed instruction, the community, and the work environment. The California Department of Education (CDE) works with colleges and universities to deliver staff development and training to ensure that teachers and other service providers are qualified to work with children with disabilities.

The CDE provides state leadership and policy direction for school district programs and services for students who have a disability. This leadership includes providing families with information on the education of a child with a disability. The CDE works cooperatively with other state agencies in providing family-centered services for infants and preschool children and planned steps for transition from high school to employment and quality adult life. These efforts are supported by evaluation of student outcomes and analysis of current research. The CDE responds to consumer complaints and administers the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the No Child Left Behind Act for students with disabilities in California.

The 13 disability categories and enrollment breakdown in California for individuals, newborns through twenty-two years of age, receiving special education services are (1) Mental Retardation, 44,263; (2) Speech or Language Impairment, 176,265; (3) Visual Impairment, 4,798; (4) Emotional Disturbance, 27,912; (5) Orthopedic Impairment, 15,321; (6) Other Health Impairment, 35,650; (7) Specific Learning Disability, 328,381; (8) Deafness, 4,462; (9) Hard of Hearing, 7,608; (10) Deaf-Blindness, 266; (11) Multiple Disabilities, 5,926; (12) Autism, 29,370; and (13) Traumatic Brain Injury, 1,747.

## Advisory Commission on Special Education

An Advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE) is mandated by both state and federal laws. The ACSE is required to study, assist, and provide recommendations at least annually to the Governor, the Legislature, the State Board of Education, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction on issues related to the education and unmet needs of individuals with disabilities. There are 15 public members of ACSE, who are appointed as follows: three by the Speaker of the Assembly; three by the Senate Committee on Rules; four by the Governor; and five by the State Board of Education. In addition ACSE includes two members from the State Legislature, one from the Assembly and one from the Senate.



## Selected Projects/Programs

The CDE has many projects and programs, including California Services for Technical Assistance and Training (CalSTAT), Resources in Special Education (RISE), California Deaf-Blind Services (CDBS), Technical Assistance with Least Restrictive Environment, Supporting Early Education Delivery Systems (SEEDS), and Special Education Early Childhood Administrators Project (SEECAP). These special projects provide services that vary from technical and research to training, conferences, and services to many California students.

The CDE also certifies more than 1,000 nonpublic schools and agencies that provide special education services to students with disabilities. For more information regarding Special Education, contact the Special Education Division, at (916) 445-4613. Additional information is also available on the Special Education Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se>.

## State Special Schools and Services Division

The State Special Schools and Services Division (SSSSD) provides a variety of direct services to individuals with special needs, parents, and local educational agencies (LEAs) through programs it operates at the California Schools for the Deaf in Fremont and Riverside; the California School for the Blind in Fremont; and three Diagnostic Centers in Fremont, Fresno, and Los Angeles. The SSSSD employs 1,100 staff. Its schools and centers occupy nearly 150 acres of land and 23 acres of buildings.

For more information regarding the SSSSD, contact Ron Kadish, Director, SSSSD, at (916) 327-3850 or by e-mail at [rkadish@cde.ca.gov](mailto:rkadish@cde.ca.gov).

### **Schools for the Deaf**

The two Schools for the Deaf provide instructional programs to more than 1,000 deaf students in California. In addition, both schools serve as a resource to educational and community service agencies. The School for the Deaf in Fremont was established in San Francisco in 1860 and the School for the Deaf in Riverside opened its doors in 1953.

Students are enrolled in either a day or a residential program, depending upon their individual needs and the residence of their parent or guardian. Both Schools for the Deaf have earned national and international reputations for the quality of services provided. They are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf. The schools use the state curriculum frameworks and adopted or standards-aligned instructional materials as the basis of instruction. Students are referred through the LEA. Beyond the academic and vocational/career education programs, both schools offer comprehensive support services and extracurricular activities. Outreach and technical assistance are provided to parents, LEAs, consumers, and the business and the professional communities.

Both Schools for the Deaf operate an outreach office that can be contacted by parents and community members who wish to learn more about deafness, infant/preschool programs, comprehensive school activities, and enrollment procedures.

For more information regarding the Schools for the Deaf, please contact Henry Klopping, Superintendent, California School for the Deaf, Fremont, at (510) 794-3666 or by e-mail at [hklopping@cddf-cde.ca.gov](mailto:hklopping@cddf-cde.ca.gov), or Mal Grossinger, Superintendent, California School for the Deaf, Riverside, at (951) 782-6500 or by e-mail at [mgrossinger@cddf-cde.ca.gov](mailto:mgrossinger@cddf-cde.ca.gov).

### **Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Unit**

Numerous reports, studies, and commissions conducted over the past 40 years have all concluded that the present status of education for deaf persons in the United States is unsatisfactory. As a result, the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Unit was established within the California Department of Education. The unit is responsible for implementing many of the recommendations of the California Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education Advisory Task Force convened by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Further, this office receives all calls for the Newborn Hearing Screening Program established in California.

For more information regarding the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Unit, please contact Nancy Grosz Sager, Consultant, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Unit, at (916) 327-3850 or by e-mail at [nsager@cde.ca.gov](mailto:nsager@cde.ca.gov).

### **School for the Blind**

The California School for the Blind provides educational programs for approximately 130 blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind students in residential as well as day school programs. The school was founded in San Francisco in 1860. Students range from five through twenty-two years of age. Preparation for adult life and mainstreaming into the home community are long-term goals for each student. The School for the Blind also provides local educational agencies with a variety of staff development programs to assist with local efforts in areas of Assistive Technology and instruction of blind students.

For more information regarding the California School for the Blind, please contact Stuart Wittenstein, Principal, California School for the Blind, at (510) 794-3800 or by e-mail at [swittenstein@csb-cde.ca.gov](mailto:swittenstein@csb-cde.ca.gov).

### **Diagnostic Centers**

First established in 1947, the Diagnostic Centers have evolved into regionalized programs for all LEAs by providing various assessment services for individuals with special needs who range in age from three through twenty-two years. Referrals are made by the LEA after it first exhausts its local resources. All assessments are individualized to match the student's needs and LEA-parent questions and concerns. Nearly 66 percent of all assessments occur at the student's local school; all others

occur at the Diagnostic Center. Teams of specialists in the fields of special education, school psychology, clinical psychology, speech/language pathology, motor development, and developmental pediatrics conduct the assessment programs. Parental involvement is emphasized throughout the student's assessment. Transition services are also provided to special education students ages fourteen through twenty-two.

Each of the Diagnostic Centers also offers a variety of staff development and training as well as consultation services to LEAs, parents, and other service agencies. Training topics are developed according to the LEA's changing needs.

For more information regarding the Diagnostic Centers, please contact Deborah Holt, Director, Diagnostic Center, Southern California (Los Angeles), at (323) 222-8090 or by e-mail at [dholt@dcs-cde.ca.gov](mailto:dholt@dcs-cde.ca.gov); Carole Bence, Director, Diagnostic Center, Central California (Fresno), at (559) 243-4047 or by e-mail at [cbence@dcc-cde.ca.gov](mailto:cbence@dcc-cde.ca.gov); or Mary Anne Nielsen, Director, Diagnostic Center, Northern California (Fremont), at (510) 794-2500 or by e-mail at [mnielsen@dcn-cde.ca.gov](mailto:mnielsen@dcn-cde.ca.gov).

## Clearinghouse for Specialized Media and Technology

The Clearinghouse for Specialized Media & Technology (CSMT) is a unit of the Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division, Curriculum and Instruction Branch, California Department of Education (CDE). The mission of the CSMT, which is federally funded through the Special Education Division of the CDE, is to make instructional resources accessible and meaningful to students with disabilities.

The California Instructional Materials Fund (IMF) finances the CSMT's production/conversion of the textbooks, workbooks, literature books, and assessment books into a variety of specialized media, including braille, large print, recordings, American Sign Language (ASL) videos, and computer files. The distribution of the various specialized formats to public schools enables students with disabilities to access the general education curricula. The CSMT also maintains an inventory of the federally funded American Printing House for the Blind (APH) materials and equipment designed for students who are blind and visually impaired. Through the use of its Instructional Materials Ordering and Distribution System (IMODS), the CSMT receives and fills orders from eligible educational agencies for both the specialized instructional materials and APH materials.

The CSMT also administers programs like the (1) Reader Services for Blind Teachers; (2) High School Braille Reimbursement Program; and (3) Low Vision Reimbursement Program, which helps California public schools acquire large-print books, video magnifiers, and nonprescription optical aids.

For more information regarding the CSMT, contact the CSMT Unit, at (916) 319-0881. Additional information is also available on the CSMT Web site at <http://csmt.cde.ca.gov>.

# Career Technical Education

An important part of the work of the California Department of Education (CDE) is to strengthen the relationship between a strong kindergarten through adult education and California's workforce development and economic future. That future depends on the state's ability to develop a competitive workforce for the knowledge-based, global economy of the twenty-first century. The CDE's perspective has broadened from the traditional vocational (now career technical) education curriculum to a multifaceted concept incorporating career preparation and workforce development. Elements include integrating academic and career technical education (CTE) curricula, adding or modifying workforce development programs, and expanding partnerships linking education with business and industry.

The focus of CTE has expanded from the traditional occupation-specific job entry preparation within subject matter areas—agriculture, arts and communications, business, health careers, home economics, and industrial and technology education—to an “industry sector” approach. For example, industrial and technology education is now composed of the following industry sectors: building trades and construction, energy and utilities, transportation, manufacturing and product development, and engineering and design. These are five of the fifteen industry sectors in California.

This approach provides integrated, sequential programs of instruction designed to build on the academic preparation of students as well as on their experiences, interests, skills, and prior knowledge of practices and procedures. Partnerships between business and industry sectors and various educational levels are emphasized, as are learning strategies that connect across the disciplines. The CDE also works with professional and student organizations in offering technical assistance and professional development.

The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 provides funding to improve CTE programs in secondary and postsecondary schools. Through the Perkins State Plan, California articulates state policy that drives CTE planning and programs in public schools. That state policy is built on high standards for all students. California has made great progress in defining basic academic and employability skills that every student should master in order to earn a high school diploma. The underlying premise is that all students should develop these basic competencies to become productive workers, contributing members of the community, lifelong learners, and successful family members. The State Board of Education adopted CTE Model Curriculum Standards in May 2005 and adopted the Instructional Framework for CTE in January 2007.

Current systemic programs and initiatives include:

**Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCPs)** have constituted the state's largest workforce preparation system for over 30 years. The 74 ROCPs in California provide over 500,000 high school and adult students with CTE so students can

(1) enter the workforce with skills and competencies to succeed; (2) pursue advanced training in higher educational institutions; and (3) upgrade existing skills and knowledge. In addition to the specific skills and comprehensive career education offered, ROCPs also offer students employment survival skills in many aspects of each of the fifteen industry sectors as well as placement assistance, counseling and guidance services, and other critical support services. ROCPs collaborate with an estimated 50,000 businesses and industry, numerous public and private agencies, and associations to develop industry-based curriculum and offer instructional classes and programs to meet local business and industry needs. Students receive training at a variety of venues from high school classes to actual on-site business and industry facilities, such as hospitals. ROCPs offer courses throughout the regular school day, in the late afternoon and evenings and, in many cases, during the summer months. ROCPs award certificates of completion and/or state or national industry-based certification upon successful completion of courses. ROCPs also serve the employment training needs of eligible California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipients. A recent CDE-funded study shows that ROCP students have higher pay rates, obtain more promotions on the job, stay in school, and attend postsecondary schools at the same rate as other students.

**Apprenticeship Programs** in California are designed to prepare an individual for a career in the skilled crafts and trades. Apprentices develop technical skills, experience the sharing of assignments, and see how technical tasks relate specifically to theoretical knowledge and interpretation taught in the classroom. Currently, there are more than 850 apprenticeable occupations in the United States and over 200 active, registered apprenticeable occupations in California. Apprentices earn a wage while learning. Apprenticeship programs usually require one to five years to complete, depending upon the occupation. The apprenticeship training system is unique in that its basic foundation is a partnership between industry, education, and government. Industry-funded and industry-driven, the apprenticeship training system provides an effective balance between on-the-job training and theoretical practical classroom instruction in an effort to develop workers with marketable skills. The classroom instruction is known as related and supplemental instruction (RSI). The CDE and cooperating regional occupational centers and programs and adult programs provide ongoing technical support for apprenticeship programs across the state.

**The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act** is a \$140 million per year federal grant program to strengthen and improve CTE programs in California. More than 500 secondary school districts, community college districts, county offices of education, regional occupational centers, and state institutions utilize the funds for equipment, supplies, professional development, program design, curriculum development, and other strategies to enhance their CTE programs. Included within the Perkins Act is the Tech Prep program, which provides an additional \$11.2 million annually to articulate career paths across a minimum of grades eleven to fourteen and to integrate academic and career content. The goal is to provide a seamless education experience so that students should not have to repeat work already achieved.

**Career Development** is a key component of any comprehensive guidance and counseling program, helping students explore career options, develop career self-management skills, and identify educational paths to preferred careers. The CDE promotes career development in secondary education through policy development and assistance in field trials of career exploration and life skills programs. The CDE works with the California Career Resource Network to develop and disseminate career development resources and training for school counselors, teachers, administrators, and career guidance paraprofessionals in the state's educational agencies.

**Partnership Academies** is a three-year program for students in grades ten through twelve. Structured as a school-within-a-school, academies create a close family-like atmosphere, integrate academic and CTE, and establish viable business partnerships that provide support for the program. Emphasis is placed on student achievement and positive postsecondary outcomes. Academies have been carefully evaluated and have been shown to have positive impacts on school performance. There are 290 funded programs throughout California.

For more information regarding CTE, contact the Secondary, Postsecondary, and Adult Leadership Division, at (916) 445-2652. Additional information is also available on the CTE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct>.

# Adult Education

Adult education provides educational opportunities and services to equip adults with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate effectively as citizens, workers, parents, and family and community members. Instructional programs ensure that adults have the education and skills required for a competitive economy and a better quality of life.

Adult students are served by school districts, community colleges, community or faith-based organizations, volunteer literacy organizations, public or private nonprofit agencies, public libraries, correctional facilities, and state agencies.

The California Department of Education serves over one million adult learners annually by allocating state and federal funds through its adult education provider network. For more information, contact the Adult Education Office at (916) 322-2175. Additional information is also available on the Adult Education Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ae>.

## Populations

Adult education serves an increasingly diverse student population, including the following specialized groups:

**Adult Immigrants**—Adults who need language instruction and learning experiences that will permit them to communicate with English speakers; learn the cultures and customs of the United States; and prepare them for employment, citizenship, parenthood, and self-sufficiency.

**Adults with Disabilities**—Individuals with cognitive, physical, sensory, or medical disabilities or mental disorders. Adult education provides modified equipment, materials, and instructional strategies to teach literacy, workplace, and family literacy skills.

**Disadvantaged Adults**—Low-income and hard-to-serve adults who demonstrate basic skills deficiency below the eighth-grade level. Adult education provides basic skills training, preparation for the General Educational Development (GED) test, preparation toward earning a high school diploma, and job skills training opportunities.

**Homeless Adults**—Persons living in extreme poverty who often cannot afford to travel to adult education programs. Adult literacy services provide life skills instruction, linkages to community resources, self-esteem support, and preparation for employment.

**Incarcerated Adults**—Individuals who are convicted of any criminal offense. Incarcerated adults represent a significant portion of the hard-to-serve or dropout segment of the educational system. The correctional education programs provide educational and job training services in technology, English as a second language, high school credit, and basic education programs to prepare inmates to become responsible citizens and to successfully integrate into society.

**Single Parents and Displaced Homemakers** (unemployed or underemployed individuals who have been providing unpaid services to family members)—Adult education provides linkages and collaborates with agencies to ensure that students receive needed services, such as child care, career counseling, vocational evaluation, and educational counseling. Use of distance-learning programs is a priority in working with these students.

## **Programs**

**Adult Basic Education (ABE)**—The classes in ABE are below the high school level. The primary objective is to teach basic literacy skills (e.g., reading, writing, computation, problem solving, and interpersonal skills) to enable adults to read, write, and speak in English; acquire a high school diploma; and get a job and become productive citizens.

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**—The focus of instruction is to enable students with limited English proficiency to learn competency-based English. Students may use this learning to gain basic life and employment skills, progress to vocational or academic programs, and contribute to their communities.

**Citizenship Preparation**—Classes offer instruction in history, geography, and government to prepare students for the oral and written citizenship tests.

**Adult Secondary Education (ASE)**—Secondary basic subjects for adults consist of courses in mathematics, reading, history, science, government, language arts, and other courses leading to a high school diploma. General Educational Development (GED) preparation classes include instruction in writing, science, social studies, literature and the arts, and mathematics.

**Career Technical Education (CTE)**—These classes offer a variety of successful career training programs and deliver the customized curriculum needed to meet the diverse training and development needs of businesses.

**Adults with Disabilities**—Classes are designed to meet the needs of the students, offering an environment that builds self-esteem and encourages access and participation.

**Parenting, Family, and Consumer Awareness**—Classes support adults who want to learn more about parental skills. Courses are offered that promote the healthy development of children, high-quality family relationships, and children's success in school. In parent cooperative classes, experiences are structured so that parents and children learn together. Classes in this area also help individuals and families meet the challenges of daily living and improve the quality of home and family life. In addition, courses are provided on health and safety and physical and mental well-being.

**Older Adults**—Educational classes are designed specifically for the older population. These classes provide intellectual, physical, and social stimulation regardless of ability or circumstance.



Adult Education Learner Distribution by Instructional Program,  
2002-03 to 2005-06

Program	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Enrollment	Percent of Total	Enrollment	Percent of Total	Enrollment	Percent of Total	Enrollment	Percent of Total
Adult Basic Education	67,493	5.6	73,137	5.9	64,965	5.3	62,410	5.4
ESL	496,345	41.1	503,616	40.7	492,914	40.3	481,881	41.6
Citizenship Preparation	5,178	0.4	3,638	0.3	3,300	0.3	3,261	0.3
High School/GED	207,668	17.2	214,724	17.3	215,703	17.6	198,995	17.2
Career Technical Ed.	171,102	14.2	172,658	13.9	177,195	14.5	158,652	13.7
Adults with Disabilities	31,990	2.6	32,198	2.6	33,613	2.7	30,831	2.7
Health and Safety	23,759	2.0	26,557	2.1	24,700	2.0	24,943	2.2
Home Economics	20,782	1.7	21,059	1.7	19,570	1.6	17,924	1.5
Parent Education	52,234	4.3	57,496	4.6	56,193	4.6	50,436	4.4
Older Adults	131,929	10.9	133,355	10.8	136,108	11.1	128,669	11.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,208,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,238,438</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,224,261</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,158,002</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System 2007

# Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Adoption Processes

## Curriculum Commission

The Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission (Curriculum Commission) was established in 1927 as an advisory body to the California State Board of Education (SBE). The Curriculum Commission is responsible for advising the SBE on matters related to curriculum and instruction. California *Education Code (EC)* Section 60204 provides that the Curriculum Commission shall recommend curriculum frameworks to the SBE; develop criteria for evaluating instructional materials submitted for adoption; study and evaluate instructional materials submitted for adoption; recommend to the SBE instructional materials that it approves for adoption; and “recommend to the State Board of Education policies and activities to assist the department and school districts in the use of curriculum frameworks and other available model curriculum materials for the purpose of guiding and strengthening the quality of instruction in the public schools.”

The Curriculum Commission is composed of 18 members: 13 members appointed by the SBE; one member appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; one member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee; one State Senator; and one State Assembly member. With the exception of legislative members, commissioners serve a four-year term.

For more information regarding the Curriculum Commission, contact Tom Adams, Executive Director, Curriculum Commission, at (916) 319-0881 or by e-mail at [tadams@cde.ca.gov](mailto:tadams@cde.ca.gov).

## Curriculum Frameworks Adoption Process

The California State Board of Education (SBE) adopts curriculum frameworks for kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12) in accordance with California *Education Code (EC)* Section 51002, which calls for the development of “broad minimum standards and guidelines for educational programs.” Curriculum frameworks in the core curriculum areas of reading/language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science are aligned to the SBE-adopted academic content standards. In addition, the SBE has adopted content standards in visual and performing arts and physical education and content standards in health and foreign language are under development. The SBE adopts curriculum frameworks on a six-year or eight-year cycle. The SBE approved the current history–social science framework in 2000; the foreign language framework in 2001; the health framework in 2002; the science and visual and performing arts frameworks in 2004; the mathematics framework in 2005; and the reading/language arts framework in 2006. The development of a new physical education framework began in 2006.

The Curriculum Commission develops the curriculum frameworks submitted for SBE approval. *EC* Section 33538 gives the Curriculum Commission the authority to provide instructional guidelines: “The (Curriculum) commission shall study problems of courses of study in the schools of the state and shall, upon request of the State Board of Education, recommend to the State Board of Education the adoption of minimum standards for courses of study in preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools.”

The Curriculum Commission makes recommendations to the SBE about the development of a curriculum framework and appointments to the Curriculum Framework and Criteria Committee (CFCC). Curriculum frameworks are developed in a public manner; all Curriculum Commission and CFCC meetings are open to the public and include the opportunity to comment. The CFCC develops a draft document, and the Curriculum Commission prepares the draft framework for field review and holds public hearings on the document. The Curriculum Commission is responsible for the draft framework that is recommended to the SBE. The SBE also holds a public hearing prior to considering the framework for adoption. After adoption, the frameworks are available for purchase through the California Department of Education (CDE) and are available on the Curriculum Frameworks Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/index.asp>.

Curriculum frameworks have drawn state and national recognition for focusing directly on the curriculum and for contributing substantively to the improvement of teaching and learning. The content standards describe what educators and professionals in the field expect K-12 students to know. Based on current research in education and the specific content area, the frameworks provide a firm foundation for curriculum and instruction by describing the scope and sequence of knowledge and the skills that all students are expected to master. The frameworks’ overarching dedication is to the balance of factual knowledge, fundamental skills, and the application of knowledge and skills.

In addition, the frameworks establish criteria to evaluate instructional materials. These criteria are used to select, through the state adoption process mandated in *EC* sections 60200—60206, instructional materials for kindergarten through grade eight. Frameworks also guide district selection of instructional resources for grades nine through twelve. Although curriculum frameworks cover the K–12 educational program, their effect can be seen in preschool programs, child care centers, adult education programs, higher education instruction, and university entrance requirements.

For more information regarding the curriculum frameworks adoption process, contact the Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division, at (916) 319-0881. Additional information is also available on the Curriculum Frameworks Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/index.asp>.

## Instructional Materials Evaluation and Adoption Process

The State Board of Education (SBE) has constitutional authority to adopt textbooks for grades one through eight (Article IX, Section 7.5 of the California Constitution). California *Education Code (EC)* sections 60200—60204 describe the process for the

adoption of instructional materials for kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) and mandate that submitted materials be evaluated for consistency with the criteria and standards in the SBE's curriculum frameworks. The Curriculum Commission serves as an advisory body to the SBE in the evaluation and adoption process. Instructional materials are broadly defined to include textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational materials, and tests. The SBE traditionally adopts only basic instructional materials programs (i.e., programs that are designed for use by pupils and their teachers as a principal learning resource and meet in organization and content the basic requirements of a full course of study, generally one school year in length).

Primary adoptions, which are the first adoptions following the approval of new state frameworks, are conducted every six years for the four core curriculum areas of reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science. *EC* Section 60200.1(a)(2) reset the base-year schedule for these adoptions as follows: history-social science (1999), science (2000), mathematics (2001), and reading/language arts (2002). The next set of core curriculum adoptions is as follows: history-social science (2011), science (2012), mathematics (2007), and reading/language arts (2008). Primary adoptions in foreign language, visual and performing arts, and health are to be conducted every eight years. In all cases, a follow-up adoption (using the same evaluation criteria) is to be scheduled between adoptions. Follow-up adoptions were conducted in 2005 in mathematics, reading/language arts, and foreign language.

As with the framework development process, the adoption process is designed to ensure broad public participation. The adoption process involves three concurrent steps:

- *Legal compliance review.* The legal compliance review, also known as the social content review, is conducted to ensure that all instructional resources used in California public schools comply with *EC* sections 60040—60044 as well as SBE guidelines contained in *Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content* (2000 edition). Resources not in compliance with the standards must be revised or be withdrawn. For grades K–8, the California Department of Education (CDE) conducts social content/legal compliance reviews. School districts may also conduct their own reviews.
- *Public review and comment.* Samples of instructional resources submitted for adoption are available for public review at the 22 Learning Resources Display Centers located throughout the state. Written comments on the resources are forwarded to the Curriculum Commission and the SBE for consideration. In addition, three separate public hearings are held prior to adoption: one before the appropriate Subject Matter Committee of the Curriculum Commission, one before the full commission itself, and one before the SBE.
- *Education content review.* The education content review is based on the SBE-adopted framework and the content standards it embodies. Evaluation criteria based on the framework are developed by the Curriculum Commission and adopted by the SBE. After a statewide recruitment and application process, the Curriculum Commission recommends and the SBE appoints two panels: the Instructional Materials Advisory Panel (IMAP) and the Content Review Panel

(CRP). IMAP is composed primarily of classroom teachers (but also includes other participants, such as administrators, curriculum specialists, university faculty, and parents) who evaluate materials according to all categories of the criteria. CRP is composed of subject-matter experts who review materials according to the content criteria and ensure that the materials are accurate, aligned with SBE-adopted content standards or curriculum frameworks, and based on current and confirmed research. CRP members review only those materials or parts of them that pertain to their area of expertise. CRP members work with IMAP.

Both panels receive training on the SBE-adopted criteria and individually review submitted programs. CRP and IMAP members prepare a joint report of findings and formulate a recommendation on each submission. The IMAP/CRP recommendations are forwarded to the Curriculum Commission. Commissioners consider the report of findings and also conduct their own individual and independent review of the submitted programs. The commission then develops a written report containing its recommendation on each submission, which is forwarded to the SBE for action.

The SBE considers the recommendations, related documents, and public comments prior to adopting or not adopting each submission. The commission's report is modified as necessary to reflect the SBE's action, and the final document is widely distributed and posted on the Internet.

### Standards Maps for Grades Nine Through Twelve

Standards map templates were developed so that school districts can determine the extent to which instructional materials, or a combination of instructional materials, for students in grades nine through twelve (9–12) align with the content standards adopted by the SBE. Publishers are invited to include completed standards maps with materials offered for sale in the four core content areas in grades 9–12, citing where their materials align with the content standards. The standards maps are also a tool for local educational agencies to use when evaluating instructional materials for alignment with content standards, as the local school boards must certify that materials are aligned with the California content standards. Copies of the standards maps are located on the Standards Maps Templates Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/gr912stmap.asp>. For more information, contact the Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division, at (916) 319-0881. Additional information is also available on the Curriculum Frameworks Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf>.

### Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program

The Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) took effect on January 1, 2003. It replaced three previous funding sources for instructional materials: K–8 Instructional Materials Fund, 9–12 Instructional Materials Fund, and Schiff-Bustamante Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials Fund, kindergarten through grade 12 (K–12).

The funds appropriated under IMFRP are to be allocated based on the prior year K–12 enrollment as reported by the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) count.

The IMFRP (*EC* Chapter 3.25, sections 60420—60424) provides that:

1. Districts or county offices of education must use funds to ensure that each pupil, grades K–12, is provided with a standards-aligned textbook or basic instructional materials.

For grades K–8, the standards-aligned instructional materials must come from the state standards-aligned adoption lists for reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history–social science.

For grades 9–12, the materials must be adopted by the local governing board and aligned to the state academic content standards.

2. Once a local governing board certifies that it has provided each pupil with standards-aligned instructional materials, the district or county office of education may use 100 percent of any remaining IMFRP funds to purchase other instructional materials consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks.
  - For grades K–8 the local educational agency may purchase instructional materials from other state-adopted materials lists.
  - For grades 9–12 the local educational agency may purchase instructional materials adopted by the local governing board in any other subject area covered by a state curriculum framework.

3. The local governing board is required to hold an annual public hearing (pursuant to *EC* Section 60119) and make a determination by resolution as to whether each pupil in the district has sufficient instructional materials in reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history–social science that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks. This hearing is required in any year in which the statewide base revenue limit increases by at least one percent. Governing boards are also required to make written determination as to whether pupils enrolled in foreign language or health courses have sufficient instructional materials and whether there is sufficient science laboratory equipment for grades 9–12 science laboratory classes. The findings regarding foreign language, health, and science equipment are not a condition of receipt of funds.

If the governing board determines there are insufficient instructional materials, the board must take the following actions:

- Provide information on the reasons for insufficient materials.
- Take measures to ensure that each pupil will have sufficient materials within a two-year period by the second month of the academic year.

4. The governing board must also certify that the standards-aligned instructional materials in history–social science, mathematics, reading/language arts, and science were provided by the beginning of the school term that starts no later than 24 months after those materials were adopted.

For grades K–8 this requirement applies to State Board adoptions in the four core standards-aligned subject areas that take place after the implementation of this law. The first adoption that this time frame applied to under IMFRP was the history–social science adoption in 2005. Other state and federal programs may have their own deadlines for the purchase of standards-aligned instructional materials.

For grades 9–12 this 24-month time frame applies to all local governing board adoptions of standards-aligned instructional materials that take place following implementation of this law. For example, if a local governing board adopted materials in October 2003, the district would have needed to provide all pupils in those classes with the adopted materials by the start of the fall 2005 school term.

5. After the local educational agency has met all of the above requirements, then 100 percent of any remaining annual allocation for IMFRP may be spent for other purposes as stated in *EC* Section 60242(a). These other purposes are as follows:
  - To purchase “at the district’s discretion, instructional materials, including, but not limited to, supplementary instructional materials and technology-based materials, from any source.” These instructional materials must be reviewed and approved for compliance with the legal and social requirements of *EC* sections 60040—60045 and 60048 and the SBE guidelines in *Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content* (revised 2000). The legal and social compliance review may be done locally or at the state level.
  - To purchase tests.
  - To purchase classroom library materials for kindergarten through grade four (K–4).
  - To bind basic textbooks that are otherwise usable and are on the most recent list of basic instructional materials adopted by the State Board.
  - To fund in-service training related to instructional materials.

For more information, contact the Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division at (916) 319-0881. Additional information is also available on the Instructional Materials Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf>.

# School Libraries

## The School and Library Improvement Block Grant

State funding for California school libraries began with passage of the California Public School Library Act of 1998, which brought the first ongoing allocation for planned, methodical development of school library collections across the state. The passage of Assembly Bill 825, Chapter 871, moved the state library funding into a new categorical block grant in 2005-06 called the School and Library Improvement Program. For information about the block grant, visit the School Library Funding Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb/libraryfunding.asp>. A historical overview of California school library funding is also provided.

## The Importance of School Libraries

Substantial research indicates that a school library with appropriate staffing, adequate funding, and a rich collection of materials in various formats makes a positive impact on improved literacy as well as on overall academic achievement. Summaries of current research related to school libraries are available on the Library Research Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb/research.asp> and the American Library Association Web site at <http://www.ala.org/aas/resources/achievement.html>.

The school library plays an important role in preparing students to live and learn in a world of information. Since 1988, the mission of school library media programs across the country has been to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information by taking the following steps:

- Providing intellectual and physical access to materials in all formats
- Providing instruction to foster competence and stimulate interest in reading, viewing, and using information and ideas
- Working with other educators to design learning strategies to meet the needs of individual students (*Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning*, American Library Association, 1998)

At the heart of state funding for school libraries is acknowledgment of the critical need for more and better books for students to read. The English–Language Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools calls for students to read extensively on their own (one-half million words annually by grade four; one million words annually by the end of middle school; and two million words annually by the end of grade twelve).

## Statistical Snapshot of California School Libraries

The California Department of Education (CDE) Online School Library Survey collected 2004-05 information about school libraries. The following statistics are based on those data as well as data collected by the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS). When possible, national data are provided for comparison.



- **Number of libraries.** Among California public schools, 99 percent have a place designated as the library, although staffing, collections, and programs range from exemplary to substandard.
- **Staffing.** Approximately 23 percent of California schools have a credentialed library media teacher on campus part time or longer; the majority of professional staffing is found at the high school level. A library media teacher has both a California teaching credential and a California library media teacher services credential. Although the average national ratio of library media teachers to students in the fall of 2002 was 1:889, California ranks fifty-first in the nation with a current ratio of 1:5,965 (2004-05 CBEDS Report and *Digest of Education Statistics* Tables and Figures, National Center for Education Statistics, 2005, [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d05\\_tf.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d05_tf.asp)). In 2004-05, 90 percent of the schools reported classified staff in the library.
- **Library books.** The latest figure for the average number of school library books per kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12) student in California is 17.2. In 1986 the number reported per student was ten. Nationally, school libraries average 22 books per student.
- **Age of collection.** The age of the library books is as important as the number of books available to students. In 1995 the average copyright date of a California school library nonfiction book was 1972. In 2004-05 the average copyright date rose to 1993. For a current chart of the number and age of California school library books, visit the School Library Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb>.
- **Book costs.** The average cost of a children's and young adult hardcover book in 2005 was \$20.52, an increase of \$1.21 over the 2004 average. Annual *School Library Journal* reports indicate that over the last five years, the average book price has increased by 14.4 percent. For a chart comparing the average cost of a children's and young adult's book with the state funding for school libraries, visit the School Library Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb>.
- **Funding.** The primary source of library funding for 54 percent of California schools is still the California Public School Library Act of 1998, a categorical program that ended in 2004-05. Fundraising activities provide the second-most important source of funding.
- **Electronic access to resources.** Ninety percent of the 5,652 responding school libraries reported the use of an electronic catalog and automated circulation system. Seventy-nine percent reported providing access to the Internet. Internet access increases with grade levels: 74 percent of school libraries reported offering access at the elementary school level, 95 percent at the middle school level, and 99 percent at the high school level (CDE Online School Library Survey for 2004-05).
- **Need for books.** The Internet does not replace the need for books and often increases the demand for up-to-date library materials. Library resources come in various formats—both print and electronic—and are selected based on the best format for the intended user and use.
- **Library hours.** The average number of hours that a California school library is open to students is 28 hours per week. Seventy-six percent of school libraries reported being open during breaks, 70 percent during lunch, and 59 percent

before school. Only 12 percent of schools reported having the library available during summer school.

### For Additional Information

- Academic achievement and school libraries. For links to current research reports, summaries, and articles, including studies conducted in Colorado, Pennsylvania, Alaska, and Massachusetts, visit the American Library Association Web site at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/resources/achievement.html>.
- *Check It Out! Assessing School Library Media Programs: A Guide for District Education Policy and Implementation Teams* (1998) is designed by the CDE to help districts and schools assess their school libraries and the policies that guide them. It is available for purchase from CDE Press at (800) 995-4099.
- Comparative analysis of school libraries nationwide:
  - Biennial statistical research project. Drs. Marilyn L. Miller and Marilyn L. Shontz.

Part I, "How Do You Measure Up: Expenditures for Resources in School Library Media Centers, FY 1997-98," *School Library Journal*, October 1999, pp. 50–59.

Part II, "Location Is Everything," *School Library Journal*, October 2000, pp. 50–60.

- Survey and analyses conducted by Drs. Marilyn L. Miller and Marilyn L. Shontz. "The SLJ Funding Survey: While Funding Takes a Hit, Libraries Expand Their Services," *School Library Journal*, (October 2003). Prior studies include:

Part I, "Small Change, Expenditures for Resources in School Library Media Centers, FY 1995-96," *School Library Journal*, October 1997, pp. 28–37.

Part II, "More Services, More Staff, More Money: A Portrait of a High-Service Library Media Center," *School Library Journal*, May 1998, pp. 28–33.

Part III, "The Wired School Library, Plug It In," *School Library Journal*, October 1998, pp. 27–31.

- "Information Literacy Standards for Student Learning," developed as part of Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning by the American Association of School Librarians and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology. Visit the American Library Association Web site at [http://www.ala.org/aasl/ip\\_toc.html](http://www.ala.org/aasl/ip_toc.html).
- Library media teacher credential information. Visit the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Web site at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/library-media.html>.

- Locations of effective school library media programs in California. Visit the School Library Web site at <http://schoollibrary.org/pub/goodideas.htm> and view recent issues of "Good Ideas."
- No Child Left Behind Act and school libraries. A new brochure, "Your School Library Media Program and No Child Left Behind," was mailed to more than 78,000 elementary and middle school principals/administrators of public and private schools in the United States in late 2004. Developed by the American Association of School Librarians, the brochure describes the school library media teacher's role in helping schools meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind. To download a copy, visit the American Library Association Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aaslbucket/aaslncldb brochure.htm>.
- Planning for strong school library programs. For links to planning guides, rubrics, and related articles, visit the American Library Association Web site at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/resources/assessment.html>.

For more information on school libraries, contact Barbara Jeffus, School Library Consultant, Curriculum Frameworks Unit, at (916) 319-0445 or by e-mail at [bjeffus@cde.ca.gov](mailto:bjeffus@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the School Libraries Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb>.

# Educational Options in Public Schools

In 2005-06 California's public education system had 3,090 schools with one or more educational options programs—1,211 of these schools offered educational options exclusively. Approximately 455,000 students were enrolled in educational options. This is the number of students reported for the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) on a single day in October. However, because of the significant turnover of students in some educational options, this number significantly understates the actual number of students served in a given year.

Educational options include programs or schools of choice and programs or schools to which students are referred involuntarily. Many of the major educational options in California public schools are highlighted below.

The California Department of Education (CDE) Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo> provides more complete information on educational options, including contacts for particular types of schools and programs. You may also call the Educational Options Office at (916) 322-5012 to find out more about the schools and programs covered in this section.

Some educational options and alternative programs are administered by other CDE offices and are described elsewhere in this *Fact Book*. A significant number of charter schools also serve as alternatives, and information about them may be found in the Charter Schools section.

CDE services for alternatives and options consist of (1) assisting districts to identify and make effective use of models that meet local requirements; (2) explaining legal options and rights; (3) processing requests for waivers; and (4) assisting with applications for new schools and for appropriate funding.

## Alternative Schools and Programs of Choice

California *Education Code (EC)* Section 58500 et seq. provides for district establishment of alternative schools and programs of choice that are entirely voluntary. Districts can seek waivers of any provision of the *EC* for these schools and programs from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Alternative schools and programs of choice can vary from open to structured and take many forms.

These schools and programs are often characterized by (1) responsiveness to learning and instructional style differences; (2) the positive consequences of being a school of choice; (3) low rates of violence, vandalism, and antisocial behavior; and (4) small unit size. The effective use of such instructional strategies as independent study, community-based education, focused or thematic education, and flexible scheduling enhances attendance and improves performance.

## Magnet Programs and Schools

In 2005-06 magnet programs were offered in 519 schools throughout California for 197,847 students. Magnets are programs in schools or an entire school that students and parents and guardians may choose instead of attending their local school. Many, but not all, magnet programs reflect a district strategy to achieve racial and ethnic balance by offering special opportunities in curriculum and instruction, generally with the benefit of federal funding.

## Diploma Plus High Schools

Diploma Plus high schools are based on an alternative/small school model designed and administered by the Center for Youth Development and Education at the Commonwealth Corporation (CommCorp). The CommCorp has successfully managed the development of sixteen Diploma Plus high schools in four states. A Gates Foundation grant awarded to CommCorp supports the addition of three to five Diploma Plus high schools in California.

The CommCorp, New Ways to Work, and California Department of Education are working together to expand the Diploma Plus model in California. A formal application process, conducted from fall 2005 through June 2006, resulted in the selection of the first two Diploma Plus high schools. These schools are in the planning grant phase and will open their doors in September 2007. The second application process will begin in November 2006 with selection of two more schools occurring in June 2007. These schools will open in September 2008.

Diploma Plus high schools are public schools that offer high school diplomas and comply with all graduation requirements set forth in the California *Education Code*, including passing the California High School Exit Examination. These schools serve youth ages 15 through 19 who have not experienced success in the traditional high school setting. These youth may have dropped out and want to reenter school or may still be enrolled and underachieving. The Diploma Plus model provides these students with two to four or more years of education service, depending on their individual needs, and improves academic rigor as well as the transition to postsecondary opportunities. Students gain strong academic and life skills, valuable work experience, and college credits that can be applied to a future college degree.

## Community Day Schools

Community day schools (CDSs) are operated by school districts and county offices of education. CDSs serve mandatorily and other expelled students, students referred by a School Attendance Review Board, and other high-risk youth. CDSs are expected to operate in an environment of high-level expectations from staff and students. The 360-minute minimum instructional day includes academic programs that provide challenging curriculum, individual attention to student learning modalities and abilities, and school-to-career and other “real world” connections. CDS programs also focus on the development of prosocial skills and student self-esteem and resiliency. CDSs are

intended to have low student-teacher ratios. Students benefit from learning support services that include school counselors and psychologists, academic and vocational counselors, and pupil discipline personnel. Students also receive collaborative services from county offices of education, law enforcement, probation, and human services agency personnel who work with at-risk youths. CDSs are supported by supplemental apportionments for CDS attendance, in addition to base revenue funding. The laws specific to CDSs are in California *Education Code (EC)* sections 48660—48667. More information is available on the CDE Community Day Schools Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/cd> and at the Community Day Schools Network Web site at <http://www.cdsnetwork.org>.

In October 2005, the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) reported that 244 districts and 17 county offices of education operated CDSs. While CBEDS shows that 11,182 students were enrolled in 338 CDSs on the reporting day, there is a significant turnover in CDS students as they transition in and out of CDSs throughout the year. Approximately 30,000 students actually were served in CDSs during the 200-06 school year. Also, the number of CDSs continues to grow. Approximately 370 CDSs are expected to be in operation during the 2006-07 school year.

### Continuation Education

Continuation education, an educational option for students since 1919, is a high school diploma program to meet the needs of students sixteen through eighteen years of age who have not graduated from high school, are not exempt from compulsory school attendance, and are deemed at risk of not completing their schooling. The Model Continuation High School Recognition program is a partnership between the California Department of Education and the California Continuation Education Association that identifies outstanding schools and creates a list of quality programs for school visitations.

Students enrolled in continuation education programs are often credit deficient. They may need a flexible educational environment because they are employed or fulfilling family obligations. An attendance day is 180 minutes. However, many continuation high school programs provide a wide spectrum of courses that exceed the minimum daily requirement. In addition to academic courses, the program emphasizes an occupational or a career orientation or a work-study schedule. Supplemental programs may include independent study, regional occupational programs, career counseling, and job placement and apprenticeship programs. In October 2005 there were 525 continuation high schools reporting an enrollment of 69,601.

### County Community Schools

County community schools are operated by county offices of education to serve students who are expelled from their regular schools, who are referred by a School Attendance Review Board or at the request of the pupil's parent or guardian, who are referred by probation (pursuant to sections 300, 601, 602, 654 of the *Welfare and*

*Institutions Code*), who are on probation or parole and are not in attendance in any school, or who are homeless.

A minimum day program for county community schools is 240 minutes. Students are provided with learning opportunities in academic skills, independent life skills, positive self-concepts, and effective relationships with others. Although many students graduate from county community schools, the programs are designed to help students transition to an appropriate educational, training, or employment setting upon the completion of their attendance in the county community school.

### High-Risk Youth Education and Public Safety Program

The High-Risk Youth Education and Public Safety Program provides after-school programming for students who have been incarcerated or are first-time offenders, The Transitioning High-Risk Youth Program serves youths who have had a commitment to a youth facility for six months or more and have served at least 90 days of incarceration. The First-Time Offender Program serves youths fifteen years of age or younger who have been placed on probation for their first offense. The use of the funds for this program is now at the discretion of the administration in each county office of education and school district that receives funds for the Pupil Retention Block Grant.

### Home and Hospital Instruction

Home and Hospital Instruction helps students maintain continuity of instruction during a period of temporary disability. Any student with a temporary disability that makes attendance in the student's regular classes or other education program impossible or inadvisable must receive individual instruction provided by the student's school district.

"Temporary disability" means a physical, mental, or emotional disability incurred while a student is enrolled, after which a student can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or an educational options program without special interventions.

"Individual instruction" means instruction provided to a student in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding instruction in state hospitals, in the student's home, or under other circumstances prescribed by the State Board of Education.

### Independent Study

Independent study was used by more than 107,650 full-time kindergarten through grade twelve students in 2005-06. It is an alternative instructional strategy that responds to individual student needs and learning styles. Students are required to follow the district-adopted curriculum, and work is governed by a written agreement signed by the student, teacher, parent, and relevant others. Independent study is a voluntary option authorized under California *Education Code* sections 51745—51749.3 and other sections, including 46300(e).

Independent study is available to students from kindergarten through high school as well as to students in adult school who are taking courses to meet the requirements for

a high school diploma. Independent study serves a wide variety of students, ranging from child actors and aspiring Olympic athletes to students at risk of dropping out. The flexibility of independent study makes it possible for some students to stay in school—students with health problems and students who are parents or who need to work. Other students choose independent study because it allows them to accelerate or move more slowly in some subjects, to make up ground they have missed in the classroom, or to delve more deeply into areas of special interest. In 2005-06, nearly 21,700 independent study students graduated from high school or passed a high school equivalency exam.

The California Department of Education (CDE) encourages students and parents to consider independent study through the local public school system if they are looking for an alternative to classroom instruction. In October 2005, 1,401 schools reported students engaged in independent study. For more information regarding independent study program matters, contact the Educational Options Office, at (916) 322-5012. Questions about attendance accounting should be directed to the School Fiscal Services Division, at (916) 322-3024.

The CDE has published the *Independent Study Operations Manual* to provide information about legal requirements and program guidelines. Contact the CDE Press Sales Office at (800) 995-4099 to purchase a copy.

### Juvenile Court Schools

Juvenile court schools provide an educational placement for students who are under the protection or authority of the juvenile court system and are incarcerated in juvenile halls, juvenile homes, day centers, juvenile ranches, juvenile camps, or regional youth educational facilities. Students are placed in juvenile court schools when they are referred and incarcerated by the juvenile court, including students who have been expelled from their school. County boards of education operate the juvenile court schools. A minimum day program for juvenile court schools is 240 minutes.

### Opportunity Education Program

Opportunity Education schools, classes, and programs provide support for students who are habitually truant, irregular in attendance, insubordinate, disorderly while in attendance, or failing academically. Opportunity Education provides a supportive environment with specialized curriculum, instruction, guidance, and counseling; psychological services; and tutorial assistance to help students overcome barriers to learning. It is not a permanent placement but is a short-term intervention to ensure that students will succeed when they return to their regular classrooms. The use of the funds for this program is now at the discretion of the administration in each school district that receives funds from the Pupil Retention Block Grant.

For more information regarding opportunity education programs, contact Dan Sackheim, Consultant, Educational Options Office, at (916) 445-5595 or by e-mail at



[dsackhei@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dsackhei@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Opportunity Education Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/oe>.

Statewide Enrollment in Educational Options Schools and Programs,  
2001-02 Through 2005-06

<b>Program or School</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2001-02</b>
Continuation Schools	K-8	328	537	566	416	637
	9-12	69,273	69,679	67,933	66,415	67,012
Community Day Schools	K-8	2,598	2,791	2,664	2,735	2,823
	9-12	8,584	8,402	8,347	7,236	6,346
County Court and Community Schools	K-8	3,563	3,791	3,796	4,023	4,207
	9-12	26,227	26,360	26,390	26,527	27,477
Opportunity	1-8	2,945	3,556	3,486	4,422	5,251
	9-12	5,352	5,810	5,103	7,101	6,431
Magnet	K-8	127,086	123,091	120,335	121,981	128,045
	9-12	70,761	65,781	65,580	59,993	67,066
Independent Study	K-8	28,115	30,219	27,555	25,831	22,434
	9-12	79,535	78,802	71,040	70,506	63,582
Other Programs	K-8	9,228	9,268	7,433	12,612	10,720
	9-12	21,788	22,896	23,642	25,603	22,038
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>K-8</b>	<b>173,863</b>	<b>173,253</b>	<b>165,835</b>	<b>167,997</b>	<b>169,910</b>
	<b>9-12</b>	<b>281,520</b>	<b>277,730</b>	<b>268,035</b>	<b>237,778</b>	<b>237,914</b>

*Notes:* These figures are based on CBEDS data, reflecting the number of students enrolled on a single day in October, when CBEDS data are reported each year. Because of the turnover that occurs as students transition into and out of educational options schools and programs throughout the year, the enrollment numbers in this table undercount, to an unknown but probably significant extent, the number of students actually served by these schools and programs.

*Note regarding table modifications:* This year, the school enrollment numbers were updated using reports obtained from CDE's DataQuest. In addition, the category "Continuation Classes" was changed to "Continuation Schools" with the enrollment numbers updated accordingly. Prior to 2003-04, the "County Court and Community Schools" category was not used. The enrollment for these schools was included in "Community/Experience Based" and "Other Programs." The state totals for years prior to 2003-04 do not include the "County Court and Community Schools" enrollment numbers due to duplicate count issues. State totals for 2003-04 through current year include all enrollment numbers.

# Charter Schools

A charter school is a public school that may provide instruction in any combination of grades, kindergarten through grade twelve. Parents, teachers, or community members may initiate a charter petition, which is typically presented to and approved by a local school district governing board. The law grants chartering authority to county boards of education and the State Board of Education under certain circumstances, such as the appeal of a petition's denial by a school district governing board or for direct approval of statewide benefit charter schools.

The specific goals and operating procedures for a charter school are detailed in the agreement between the authorizing entity and the school's organizers (the charter). Charter status frees the school from many of the state statutes and regulations that apply to school districts. The purposes of charter schools are to improve student learning, encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods, create new professional opportunities for teachers, provide parents and students with expanded educational opportunities within the public school system, and improve student achievement. Charter schools may set admissions standards under the following conditions:

- An existing private school may not be converted to a charter school.
- A charter school must be nonsectarian.
- A charter school may not discriminate, nor can it charge tuition.
- No pupil can be required to attend a charter school, nor can teachers be required to work in a charter public school.
- A charter school must have highly qualified credentialed teachers in all core subjects.

California adopted public charter school legislation in 1992, becoming the second state in the nation to do so. Charter schools are rapidly growing in popularity in this state. Currently, over 600 charter schools and eight all-charter districts are operating in California. Approximately 16 percent of these are conversions of existing schools, and 84 percent are new start-up schools. Charter schools are located throughout the state in 49 of California's 58 counties and in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Student populations are diverse and tend to reflect the student populations of the districts in which the charter schools are located. The number of students enrolled in charter schools is approximately 220,000.

Innovative charter schools are providing programs that offer everything from an emphasis on foreign languages to performing and fine arts. Some charter schools develop partnerships with other public agencies (such as the California Conservation Corps, county government agencies, and local community colleges), and some provide specialized programs (such as a program to place students in work experience settings or a program of comprehensive family services). While most charter school students attend site-based programs with the look and feel of a traditional classroom, other

students participate in programs with research-based alternative learning modalities (such as the Montessori methods) or programs that are tailored to the needs of the individual student (such as nonclassroom-based or independent and virtual programs). In some cases, charter schools focus on dropout recovery, providing a second chance to students who wish to pursue a California high school diploma and who have not been successful in other settings.

All charter schools must participate in the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program and other state assessments. Charter schools receive an Academic Performance Indicator like all other public schools. An interactive Web-based map on the Charter Schools in California Counties Web page, which affords the public easy access to specific information on charter schools, can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/cs/ap1/imagemap.aspx>.

For more information regarding charter schools, contact the Charter Schools Division, at (916) 322-6029 or by e-mail at [charterschools@cde.ca.gov](mailto:charterschools@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Charter Schools Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cs> and the U.S. Charter Schools Web site at <http://www.uscharterschools.org>.

# Private Instruction

## Private Schools

Children who are instructed in a private, full-time day school are exempt from public school attendance (California *Education Code* [EC] Section 48222). Private schools must offer instruction in the several branches of study required in the state's public schools.

The California Department of Education is not empowered to license, evaluate, recognize, approve, or endorse any private elementary or secondary school or course. The State of California does not accredit public or private schools. Some schools, however, have elected to be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). For information regarding whether a specific private school has been accredited by WASC, contact WASC, at (650) 696-1060. Additional information is also available on the WASC Accrediting Commission for Schools Web site at <http://www.acswasc.org>. Private school owners/administrators are subject to local city and county ordinances (e.g., health, safety, zoning, business license, and so forth) that may be applicable to the operation of private schools.

There is no requirement in the *EC* for a teacher in a private school to hold a state teaching credential. Private school authorities are required to obtain a criminal record summary on every applicant for employment in a position requiring contact with minor pupils except a parent or legal guardian working exclusively with his or her children. Private school authorities cannot employ a person before the criminal record summary is received, and they cannot employ an applicant who has been convicted of a serious or violent felony unless the applicant has a certain certificate of rehabilitation and a pardon. Private schools are also prohibited from hiring any person who would be prohibited from employment by a public school district pursuant to any provision of the *EC* because of his or her conviction for any crime. On and after July 1, 1999, no person who would be prohibited from employment by a private school because of his or her criminal conviction record may own or operate a private school offering instruction on the elementary or high school level. (*EC* Section 44237, as amended, provides further information regarding these restrictions on hiring and private school ownership or operation.) Persons possessing a valid California teaching credential, and certain others specified in the statute, are exempt from this requirement because the criminal record check is part of the credentialing process.

California private schools serving kindergarten through grade twelve are required by state law to file an informational affidavit with the School Improvement Division of the CDE each year between October 1 and October 15. Full-time private schools with physical addresses in California should file on the Private Schools Affidavit Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/rq/affidavit.asp>. In the 2005-06 school year, 3,724 private elementary schools and high schools (with six or more students), enrolling 594,597 students, filed affidavits. This affidavit is not a license. The affidavit is necessary for the

pupil's exemption from public school and for the school to be eligible to receive the appropriate records from the pupil's last school of attendance. School districts have the responsibility to ensure that all school-age children in the district either are in attendance at a public school or are legally exempt. For further information, contact the Elementary Education Office, at (916) 319-0878.

The California Private School Directory lists all private schools with an enrollment of six or more students that have filed the informational affidavit. It is published annually on the Private Schools Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/rq>.

## Tutoring

Tutoring is a statutory exemption from the compulsory public school attendance law (EC sections 48200 and 48224). The tutor (who may be any person, including a parent/guardian) must have a valid teaching credential for the grade level being taught, and instruction must be in the branches of study required in the public schools. Tutoring must be provided for at least three hours per day for at least 175 days per year.

For more information regarding private instruction, contact the Elementary Education Office, at (916) 319-0878 or by e-mail at [privateschools@cde.ca.gov](mailto:privateschools@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Private Schools Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps>.

### Private School Enrollment as a Percent of Total Enrollment in California Schools, 1995-96 Through 2005-06

Year	Total	Enrollment		Private school enrollment as percent of total
		Public school	Private school*	
2005-06	6,906,693	6,312,096	594,597	8.6
2004-05	6,913,275	6,322,217	591,056	8.5
2003-04	6,898,379	6,298,774	599,605	8.7
2002-03	6,897,391	6,298,905	598,486	8.7
2001-02	6,853,886	6,244,403	609,483	8.9
2000-01	6,778,994	6,147,375	631,619	9.3
1999-00	6,699,459	6,050,895	648,564	9.7
1998-99	6,592,414	5,951,612	640,802	9.7
1997-98	6,472,857	5,844,111	628,746	9.7
1996-97	6,349,968	5,727,303	622,665	9.8
1995-96	6,227,976	5,612,965	615,011	9.9

Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005 and 2005-06 Private School Affidavits  
\*Includes only private schools with six or more students.

# School Facilities

During the past ten years, California's school-age population grew by more than one million students, an increase of 20 percent. To provide schools for this increased number of students and modernize older schools, districts have funded school facilities through a combination of several sources, including state bonds, local bonds, special taxes (Mello-Roos and parcel taxes), developer fees, and the federal Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program (QZAB).

## Public School Data 2005-06

Number of public schools	9,553
Number of classrooms	296,897
Number of classrooms over 25 years old	213,766 (72%)

## Public Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (K–12) Enrollment Growth 2006-2011

(Based on Department of Finance 11/05 estimates of graded enrollment)

Estimated Public School Enrollment				
	2006-07	2011-12	Five-Year Change	Per Year
K–6	3,295,393	3,378,738	83,345	16,669
7–8	975,587	915,553	-60,034	-12,007
9–12	1,963,087	1,892,358	-70,729	-14,146
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,234,067</b>	<b>6,186,649</b>	<b>-47,418</b>	<b>-9,484</b>

## New Construction and Modernization Needs 2006-2011

	Five-Year Need	Per Year
Construction needs (50% state share)	\$8.6 billion	\$1.72 billion
Modernization needs (60% state share)	<u>3.27 billion</u>	<u>0.65 billion</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.93 billion</b>	<b>\$2.37 billion</b>

## New Classrooms Needed 2006-2011

**27,750**                      **5,550**

(Total of new classroom construction needs; based on 25 pupils per K–6 class and 27 per 7–12 class)

(15 per day)

## Basic Construction Data

These are average costs based on the allowances provided in the state's School Facility Program. Costs will vary by location, the local building economy, and the type of facilities needed to support a district's educational program.

	Cost per student*	Students per school	Construction cost per school	Square feet per student	School site size (acres)**	Cost per square foot	Land cost at 25% of construction cost	Total cost (millions)
Elementary	\$14,774	600	\$8,864,400	71	9.6	\$208	\$2,216,100	\$11.05
Middle	\$15,990	1,000	\$15,990,000	85	21.9	\$188	\$3,997,500	\$19.99
High	\$20,059	1,800	\$36,106,200	92	44.5	\$218	\$9,026,550	\$45.13

\*Costs based on twice the state share (as of September 28, 2006) provided in the "School Facility Program." Includes design fees, furniture, equipment, and construction.

\*\*Based on the number of students per school and the guidelines in *School Site Analysis and Development, 2000 Edition*.

## State General Obligation Bond History

<b>1982</b>	\$500 million	<b>1992</b> (Nov)	\$900 million
<b>1984</b>	\$450 million	<b>1994</b> (June)	\$1 billion (failed by .4%)
<b>1986</b>	\$800 million	<b>1996</b> (Mar)	\$2 billion
<b>1988</b> (June)	\$800 million	<b>1998</b> (Nov)	\$6.7 billion (for 4 years)
<b>1988</b> (Nov)	\$800 million	<b>2002</b> (Nov)	\$11.4 billion
<b>1990</b> (June)	\$800 million	<b>2004</b> (Mar)	\$10 billion
<b>1990</b> (Nov)	\$800 million	<b>2006</b> (Nov)	\$7.33 billion
<b>1992</b> (June)	\$1.9 billion		

## Proposition 1D

In November 2006, the state's voters approved Proposition 1D, authorizing \$10.4 billion in bonds for the repair and modernization of kindergarten to university school facilities.

Proposition 1D was approved by 56.6 percent of the voters.

The funds from Proposition 1D for K–12 public schools break down as follows:

Project Allocations	Proposition 1D
New Construction	\$1.9 billion
Modernization	\$3.30 billion
Charter School Facilities	\$0.5 billion (\$500 million)
Career Technical Education	\$0.5 billion (\$500 million)
Joint Use Projects	\$0.029 billion (\$29 million)
Severely Overcrowded Schools	\$1 billion
High Performance Schools	\$0.1 billion (\$100 million)

The state bond funds are allocated to K–12 school districts and county offices of education through the State Allocation Board (SAB). The Office of Public School

Construction (OPSC) in the Department of General Services functions as staff to the SAB. Information regarding the allocation of Proposition 1D for K–12 schools can be accessed on the OPSC Web site at <http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov>.

The higher education funds are administered by the California Community College, California State University, and University of California systems.

### **Local School Bonds**

Prior to the enactment of Proposition 39 on November 7, 1999, local school bonds had to be approved by two-thirds of a district's voters. Proposition 39 added the ability of districts to also seek local voter approval of 55 percent of the district's voters. Since the enactment of Proposition 39, the voters in school districts have approved over \$15.62 billion in local school bonds. Of this amount, \$10.18 billion was approved under the 55 percent vote requirements.

For more information regarding school facilities, contact the School Facilities Planning Division, at (916) 322-2470. Additional information is also available on the School Facility Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/sf>.



# Year-Round Education

As of October 2005, 19 percent of kindergarten through grade twelve public school students were attending 1,430 schools that operated year-round schedules in 156 school districts.

The effect, in terms of new school construction dollars saved as a result of multitrack, year-round education operation, is impressive. If 20 percent of the 700,141 multitrack, year-round education students are housed in excess of capacity at their school sites, then more than \$2.2 billion in construction costs is avoided by the state and local school districts.

Year-round education is an alternative way to construct the school calendar. Both traditional and year-round school calendars have approximately 180 days of instruction, or the same number of instructional minutes, but year-round calendars spread instructional and vacation periods throughout the year. For example, the most typical instructional/vacation year-round pattern is called the "60/20 calendar," 60 days of instruction followed by 20 days of vacation, repeated three times during the school year.

Year-round education can be single-track or multitrack. A single-track, year-round calendar simply changes the instructional/vacation sequence of the school year. All the students and staff are in school or on vacation at the same time. But a multitrack, year-round calendar does something quite different. It divides the entire student body and staff into four or five different tracks. A school using a four-track system has, at any one time, three of the four tracks attending school while the fourth track is on vacation. When the fourth track of students returns from vacation, another track leaves. Thus, the student population rotates in and out of school, one track replacing another on vacation, which allows the enrollment of the school to exceed its capacity.

It is possible to have a three-track, multitrack, year-round education calendar, called a Concept 6 calendar. Because this calendar has only 163 instructional days per year, schools presently using Concept 6 have until 2012 to find alternative ways to house students in excess of capacity. Schools not using Concept 6 calendars cannot adopt this calendar.

Possible advantages associated with single-track, year-round education include its potential to (1) improve academic achievement by eliminating summer regression; (2) relieve teacher and student burnout; (3) provide new opportunities for teacher training; and (4) offer frequent remedial and enrichment programs during intersessions. However, as administrators try to achieve these potential benefits, they are faced with a number of challenges. For example, coordinating family vacations, maintaining full extracurricular and athletic programs, and lengthening the instructional year require sophisticated and sensitive planning.

## Summary of Year-Round Education (YRE) Programs for 2006

Number of school districts in California	1,054
Number of school districts utilizing YRE programs	156
Number of public schools utilizing YRE programs	1,430

## Statistical Information on Kinds of Year-Round Programs

Number of single-track schools	740
Enrollment in single-track schools (7% of state enrollment)	487,974
Number of multitrack schools	690
Enrollment in multitrack schools (11% of state enrollment)	700,141
Total enrollment (19% of state enrollment)	1,188,115
Number of districts with single-track programs	112*
Number of districts with multitrack programs	74*

## Number of Public Schools Utilizing YRE Programs, by Grade Level

Elementary	1,127
Middle/junior high	146
High	90
Other	67

## Percentage of Public School Students Enrolled in YRE Programs

1989 – 8%	1998 – 23%
1990 – 13%	1999 – 23%
1991 – 23%	2000 – 22%
1992 – 25%	2001 – 22%
1993 – 18%**	2002 – 22%
1994 – 20%	2003 – 22%
1995 – 21%	2004 – 21%
1996 – 21%	2005 – 20%
1997 – 22%	2006 – 19%

\*Districts may use both plans.

\*\*Reflects conversion of Los Angeles Unified School District's single-track schools to traditional calendars.

For more information regarding YRE, contact Thomas Payne, Consultant, School Facilities Planning Division, at (916) 322-6249 or by e-mail at [tpayne@cde.ca.gov](mailto:tpayne@cde.ca.gov).

# Class Size

A major reform implemented in California public schools in 1996 was class size reduction (CSR) for kindergarten through grade three (K-3). In addition, the Morgan-Hart CSR program for high schools, which began in 1989 to serve a limited number of high schools (grades nine through twelve), was amended in 1998 to fund all ninth graders in two core subject areas. These programs continue to be voluntary. Penalties exist for schools that exceed maximum class size limits.

## K-3 Class Size Reduction (State Program)

The K-3 CSR program was implemented to increase student achievement, particularly in reading and math, by decreasing class size. It is an incentive program in which districts decide whether and how much to participate.

In the 2006-07 school year, there is \$1.7 billion available for the state CSR program. There are two CSR implementation options:

- **Option 1: Full day**

- One certificated teacher for each class of 20 or fewer pupils
- \$1,024 per pupil

- **Option 2: Half-day**

- One certificated teacher for every 20 pupils for at least one-half of the instructional minutes offered per day, with the primary focus on instruction in reading and mathematics
- \$512 per pupil

The state CSR program also has the following key elements:

- Each class must average 20.44 (using daily enrollment) or fewer pupils from the first day of school through April 15.
- Classes must have certificated teachers only—no aides.
- Four grades may participate at each school (K-3).
- Priority order must be followed: first priority is grade one; second priority is grade two; third priority is kindergarten and/or grade three.
- Staff development must be provided for newly participating teachers.
- Districts are subject to an annual independent audit process.
- Districts with only one school serving K-3 pupils and no more than two classes per grade level may have up to 22 pupils per K-3 class as long as the average for all participating classes at that school is 20 pupils and the district's governing board has certified that the school has no other option.

For more information regarding the K–3 Class Size Reduction Program, contact Lynn Piccoli, Consultant, School Facilities Planning Division, at (916) 323-3926 or by e-mail at [lpiccoli@cde.ca.gov](mailto:lpiccoli@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Class Size Reduction Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cs>.

## Class Size Reduction, Grade Nine

This program provides incentive funding for school districts to reduce grade nine class size to an average of 20 students to one teacher in English classes and in one additional subject (mathematics, science, or social studies). Individual schools within the district may select the second core subject area.

The Morgan-Hart high school class size reduction (CSR) program was established in 1989; it was amended by Senate Bill 12 (Chapter 334) of 1998 to focus on grade nine. Funding is determined annually in the state Budget Act, which provides \$204 per student for 2006-07. Districts must reapply each year.

Participating courses must count toward completion of high school graduation requirements as described in California *Education Code* Section 51225.3(a). Each participating school must certify that CSR classes have an average ratio of 20 students (or fewer) to one teacher. Special education pupils enrolled in special day classes on a full-time basis and pupils enrolled in necessary small schools are excluded from this program. In addition, county boards of education and county superintendents of schools are not eligible to participate.

For more information regarding the CSR program, please contact John Merris-Coots, Consultant, High School Initiatives/Career Education Office, at (916) 310-0461 or by e-mail at [jmerris@cde.ca.gov](mailto:jmerris@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the High School CSR Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cs/mh>.

## Class Size Penalties

California *Education Code (EC)* sections 41376 and 41378 prescribe the maximum class sizes and penalties for districts with any classes that exceed the following limits:

- Kindergarten—average class size not to exceed 31 students; no class larger than 33 students
- Grades one through three—average class size not to exceed 30 students; no class larger than 32 students
- Grades four through eight—current fiscal year average number of pupils per teacher not to exceed the greater of the statewide average number of pupils per teacher in 1964 (29.9) or the district's average number of pupils per teacher in 1964

The intent of these laws is to encourage the reduction of class size and the ratio of pupils to teachers. In the past, school districts that incurred a class size penalty were able to submit waiver requests to the State Board of Education (SBE) and, if the SBE approved the waiver, the penalty was adjusted. *EC* Section 41344 (Chapter 78, Statutes

of 1999) established an audit review panel that makes the waiver review process far more stringent.

Class size penalties are determined from information in the California Department of Education (CDE) report entitled *Report of Regular Day Classes and Enrollment for Kindergarten and Elementary Grades*, found in the principal apportionment attendance software located on the Finance Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/sf>. The report includes enrollment information through the last full school month ending on or before April 15 and is due to the CDE by early May.

Class size penalties will be applied at the Second Principal Apportionment in June. Penalty computations result in the amount of average daily attendance multiplied by the district's base revenue limit. The resulting dollar amount is reduced from the Second Principal Apportionment.

For more information regarding class size penalties, contact Shelley Goode, Analyst, Principal Apportionment Unit, at (916) 324-4530 or by e-mail at [sgoode@cde.ca.gov](mailto:sgoode@cde.ca.gov).

Number of Teachers and Average Class Size in  
California Public Schools, by Grade, 2005-06

	<b>Kinder- garten</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>
<b>Average class size*</b>	20.5	19.4	19.2	19.7	28.9	29.3	29.5
<b>Number of full-time- equivalent teachers</b>	21,0002.5	22,465.3	22,129.6	21,906.8	14,746.6	14,490.9	6,877.3

\*Self-contained classrooms only.

Source: CBEDS data collection, Educational Demographics, October 2005

# Administrator-Teacher Ratio

California *Education Code (EC)* sections 41401—41407 limit the ratio of administrators to teachers in public school districts and require that compliance be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to *EC* Section 41020. This section does not apply to a school district that has one or fewer administrators. Based on the findings of the audit, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to impose a financial penalty on those school districts that employ more administrators than allowed, unless the penalty is waived by action of the State Board of Education. The number of administrators allowed in any school district varies by the type of school district. The statutory maximum ratios of administrative employees to each 100 teachers are as follows:

<b>Type of School District</b>	<b>Administrators Allowed</b>
Elementary	9 administrators
Unified	8 administrators
High	7 administrators

The financial penalty for exceeding the allowed ratio is calculated by computing the ratio of total general fund state revenue to the district's total general fund revenue, then multiplying that ratio by the average administrative salary, and finally multiplying the product by the number of excess administrative employees.

For more information regarding administrator-to-teacher ratio limits, contact Cynthia Wong, Manager, School Fiscal Services Division, at (916) 323-1314 or by e-mail at [cwong@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cwong@cde.ca.gov).

# 2006-07 Education Budget

On June 30, 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the Budget Act of 2006, Assembly Bill 1801 (Chapter 47, Statutes of 2006). Several budget trailer bills were also enacted, some with the Budget Act and some following through July and August. The Budget Act, along with the budget trailer bills, sets the conditions for allocating state funds for California public schools through June 30, 2007.

The budget authorizes a total spending plan of \$127.9 billion, including \$101.3 billion from the state General Fund. Although the projected operating budget shortfall for 2006-07 is smaller than in prior years, the state's ongoing structural budget problem remains. The Legislative Analyst's Office projects the year-end operating shortfall to be approximately \$6.9 billion. With a combination of higher-than-predicted revenues and budgetary actions such as program savings and fund shifts, the state experienced a projected year-end 2005-06 reserve of \$9.5 billion. This will cover the ongoing operating deficit in the current budget and provide a projected year-end reserve of \$2.1 billion.

## K–12 Education Highlights

Table 1 and Chart 1 summarize the total funding for kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12) education from all sources in 2006-07. The table shows that the budget projects total funding of \$67.1 billion. Including all fund sources, the budget provides funds of \$10,748 per pupil in 2005-06 and \$11,264 per pupil in 2006-07, an increase of \$516, or 4.8 percent, over the revised 2005-06 per-pupil amount.

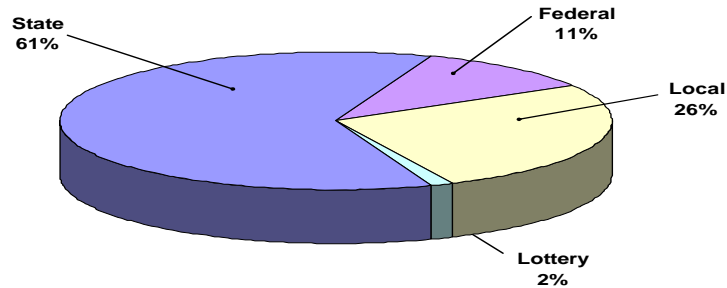
**Table 1 - Funding for K–12 Education**

**All Sources and Proposition 98 (in millions)**

<b>Sources of Funding</b>	<b>Funding from All Sources<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Proposition 98 Sources</b>
State General Fund	\$40,769.4	\$37,140.6
State Lottery	1021.8	—
Other State Funds	164.5	—
Federal Funds	7,403.3	—
Local Property Tax	12,231.9	11,973.2
Local Debt Service Tax	1,660.3	—
Other Local Funds	3,855.4	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,106.6</b>	<b>\$49,113.8</b>

1. Note: Includes funds for California Department of Education state operations, state special schools, state school facilities bond repayments, state contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System, State Library, and Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

**Chart 1 • Sources of Funding for California Schools**

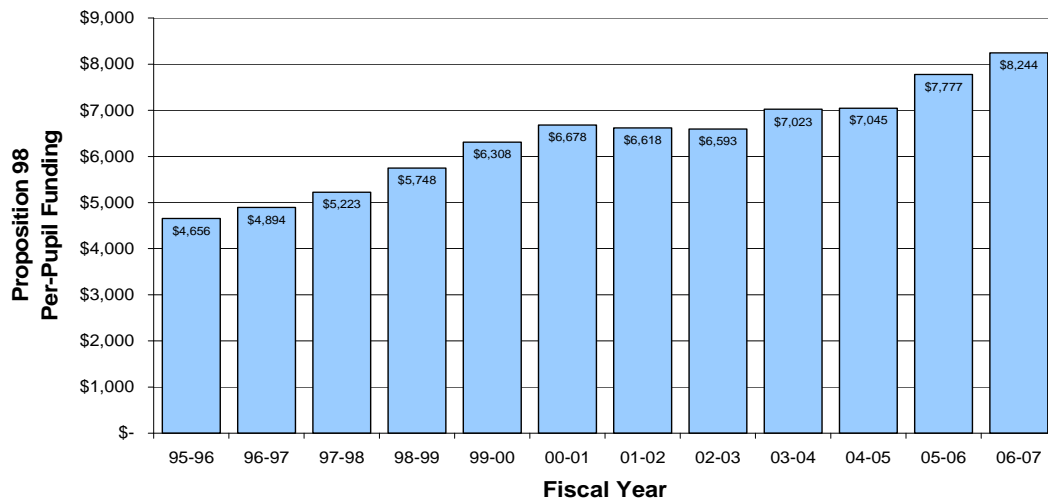


Focusing on Proposition 98 funding for K–12 education, the budget assumes spending of \$46.5 billion (state and local funds) in 2005-06 and provides \$49.1 billion in 2006-07.

On September 29, 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 1133 (Chapter 751, Statutes of 2006) to implement the settlement of the lawsuit *CTA and O’Connell v. Schwarzenegger*, which will restore education funding for Proposition 98 shortfalls in 2004-05 and 2005-06. Totalling \$3 billion, these funds will be targeted to low-performing schools, beginning with \$300 million in 2007-08 and \$450 million each year thereafter through 2013-14.

Chart 2 shows the trend in Proposition 98 funding per pupil in K–12 schools from 1995-96 through 2006-07. The chart shows that, under the Budget Act of 2006, schools will receive Proposition 98 funds averaging \$7,777 per pupil based on average daily attendance (ADA) for 2005-06 and \$8,244 in 2006-07. This is an increase of \$467 per ADA, or 6 percent above the revised 2005-06 level.

**Chart 2 • Proposition 98 Funding per Pupil**





## Changes to Ongoing Proposition 98 Funds

The major 2006-07 changes in ongoing funding are shown in Table 2. They include:

- \$2.6 billion to fund a 5.92 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for revenue limits and most categorical programs.
- A net decrease of \$150 million in revenue limit funds as a result of statewide declining enrollment.
- \$426 million for after school programs from the trigger of Proposition 49 (2002).
- \$350 million in revenue limit equalization funds to reduce inequities in general purpose allocations and spending among school districts.
- \$350 million in economic impact aid, including a revised distribution formula for calculating the allocations to school districts.
- \$309 million for deficit factor reduction to eliminate the remaining prior years' deficit factors.
- \$200 million to create a supplemental school counseling program for students in grades seven through twelve.
- \$105 million for a new arts and music block grant to provide local educational agencies with funds to hire staff, provide professional development, and purchase equipment and supplies for arts and music programs.

**Table 2 - Changes to Ongoing Proposition 98 Funds**

<b>2006-07 Budget Compared to 2005-06 Enacted Budget (in millions)</b>	
<b>Revenue limit changes</b>	
Cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)	\$1,924
Growth adjustment	-263
Deficit factor reduction	309
Revenue limit equalization	350
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,320</b>
<b>Categorical programs changes</b>	
COLA	672
Growth adjustments	112
Proposition 49 after school programs	426
Economic Impact Aid	350
Counselors (grades 7 through 12)	200
Arts and music block grant	105
Child care eligibility limits	67
Preschool expansion	50
Increased support for high school exit examination	50
Physical education teacher incentive grants	40
Professional development for teachers of English learners	25
Certificated staff mentoring	11
Other miscellaneous	48
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,156</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,476</b>

## One-time Funds

The budget provides \$2.5 billion in one-time K–12 education funds as shown in Table 3. The one-time funds are primarily due to state revenue collected above the level anticipated in 2005 and the first six months of 2006. This additional revenue helped prompt the Governor to settle the dispute over the Proposition 98 funding guarantee due to K-12 education. The allocations shown in Table 3 include:

- \$927 million for unfunded prior years' mandate claims from 1995-96 through 2005-06.
- \$534 million for a discretionary block grant. School sites, including adult education programs and regional occupational centers and programs, will be allocated 75 percent of the funds. These funds may be used for instructional materials, classroom and laboratory supplies and materials, library materials, educational technology, deferred maintenance, professional development, and one-time expenditures designed to close the achievement gap. The remaining 25 percent will be allocated to school districts for the same expenditures, as well as home-to-school transportation and one-time fiscal obligations of the district.
- \$500 million for arts, music, and physical education equipment grants. Funds must be spent on supplies, equipment, and professional development.
- \$137 million for school facility emergency repairs in accordance with the *Williams* lawsuit settlement in 2004.
- \$100 million for instructional materials, school and classroom library materials, and one-time educational technology costs.

**Table 3 - K–12 Spending from One-time Funds**

(in millions)

<b>Program or Activity</b>	
Payment of K–12 mandate claims from prior years	\$927
Discretionary block grant	534
Arts, music, and physical education equipment	500
School facilities emergency repairs ( <i>Williams</i> )	137
Instructional materials	100
Preschool facilities	50
Teacher recruitment	50
Career technical education equipment	40
Mandate claims—current year	30
English learners supplemental instructional materials	30
English learner best practices	20
Parent involvement	15
School gardens	15
California School Information Services	11
Other miscellaneous	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,533</b>

## **2006-07 Federal Funding Change**

In February 2006, President Bush signed Senate Bill 1932, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which included an across-the-board one percent reduction in federal programs to help mitigate the federal deficit. Reflecting the federal budget and the effects of federal carryover funds, the 2006-07 state budget includes the following significant increases or decreases in federal funds spending authority:

- \$28.3 million increase in Migrant Education
- \$13.7 million increase in Child Care and Development Block Grant
- \$10.8 million increase in child nutrition programs
- \$46.5 million decrease in Title I Basic Grants
- \$29.8 million decrease in Title I School Improvement Grants
- \$29.7 million decrease in educational technology grant programs
- \$18.3 million decrease in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers
- \$13.9 million decrease in Comprehensive School Reform grants
- \$10.5 million decrease in State Grants for Innovative Programs

For more information regarding the education budget, contact the Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, at (916) 445-0541. Additional information is also available on the Education Budget Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/fr/eb>.

# State Lottery

Since the California State Lottery began in 1985, 50 percent of the sales revenue from the lottery has been distributed as prizes. Less than the legal maximum of 16 percent has been used to administer the games. Public education from kindergarten through graduate school has received more than the required minimum 34 percent. The law authorizing the lottery requires school districts to use lottery funds “exclusively for the education of pupils and students and no funds shall be spent for acquisition of real property, construction of facilities, financing of research, or any other non-instructional purpose.”

Although the public still perceives the lottery as making a significant difference in the funds available for education, the lottery actually provides about one percent of the total kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12) funding. While the lottery revenue is appreciated, it is a minor source that cannot be expected to provide major improvements in K–12 education.

In March 2000, voters passed Proposition 20, known as the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000. Proposition 20 provides that, beginning in fiscal year 1998-99, one-half of statewide growth in lottery funds for education over the level set in the 1997-98 fiscal year must be allocated to school districts and community colleges for the purchase of instructional materials.

In the 2005-06 fiscal year, the amount apportioned to schools was \$126.66 per pupil in average daily attendance (ADA) for unrestricted lottery revenues and \$28.96 per ADA for Proposition 20 revenues. It is estimated that a total of \$154 per ADA will be provided to schools for 2006-07, of which \$126 per ADA will be unrestricted and \$28 per ADA will be restricted for Proposition 20.

For further information on lottery funds for schools, contact Stephanie Lo, Education Fiscal Assistant, School Fiscal Services Division, at (916) 323-6195 or by e-mail at [slo@cde.ca.gov](mailto:slo@cde.ca.gov). Additional information is also available on the Lottery Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lo>.

## K-12 Lottery Revenue Allocations

### *Prior-Year Apportionments*

Fiscal Year		Total K-12 payments	Amount per ADA
1985-86		\$555,457,022	\$125.67
1986-87		\$410,880,929	\$89.68
1987-88		\$647,361,315	\$138.78
1988-89		\$843,557,516	\$176.08
1989-90		\$783,026,959	\$154.47
1990-91		\$645,693,335	\$128.64
1991-92		\$400,869,886	\$76.55
1992-93		\$495,625,449	\$92.51
1993-94		\$556,290,312	\$101.63
1994-95		\$642,689,584	\$115.83
1995-96		\$691,363,263	\$120.71
1996-97		\$610,907,801	\$105.10
1997-98		\$675,117,674	\$113.67
1998-99	Non-Proposition 20	\$701,247,002	\$114.69
	Proposition 20	<u>\$ 26,386,933</u>	<u>\$ 4.50</u>
	Total	<u>\$727,633,935</u>	<u>\$119.19</u>
1999-00	Non-Proposition 20	\$723,561,511	\$115.45
	Proposition 20	<u>\$ 45,846,953</u>	<u>\$ 7.53</u>
	Total	<u>\$769,408,464</u>	<u>\$122.98</u>
2000-01	Non-Proposition 20	\$788,283,761	\$123.41
	Proposition 20	<u>\$113,586,258</u>	<u>\$ 18.07</u>
	Total	<u>\$901,870,019</u>	<u>\$141.48</u>
2001-02	Non-Proposition 20	\$754,825,838	\$116.13
	Proposition 20	<u>\$ 98,921,311</u>	<u>\$ 15.24</u>
	Total	<u>\$853,747,149</u>	<u>\$131.37</u>
2002-03	Non-Proposition 20	\$724,398,500	\$110.81
	Proposition 20	<u>\$ 81,987,888</u>	<u>\$ 12.55</u>
	Total	<u>\$806,386,388</u>	<u>\$123.36</u>
2003-04	Non-Proposition 20	\$757,542,932	\$114.79
	Proposition 20	<u>\$115,444,731</u>	<u>\$ 17.44</u>
	Total	<u>\$872,987,663</u>	<u>\$132.23</u>
2004-05	Non-Proposition 20	\$798,071,559	\$119.94
	Proposition 20	<u>\$150,062,564</u>	<u>\$ 22.47</u>
	Total	<u>\$948,134,123</u>	<u>\$142.41</u>
2005-06	Non-Proposition 20	\$ 841,786,817	\$126.66
	Proposition 20	<u>\$ 192,458,191</u>	<u>\$ 28.96</u>
	Total	<u>\$1,034,245,008</u>	<u>\$155.62</u>

*Note:* Amounts for some prior years do not match figures found in previous *Fact Books*. The methodology was changed to reflect adjustments for prior year revenues and actual ADA.

*Source:* California Department of Education, School Fiscal Services Division, October 2006

# Statewide 2004-05 Average Salaries and Expenditure Percentages

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) is required by California *Education Code (EC)* Section 41409(c) to provide annually to each school district, for use in the School Accountability Report Card (SARC), the statewide salary averages for teachers and administrators and the statewide percentage of expenditures spent on personnel in the following categories:

1. Beginning, midrange, and highest salary paid to teachers
2. Salaries of school-site principals
3. Salaries of district superintendents
4. Percentage of expenditures allocated to salaries of teachers
5. Percentage of expenditures allocated to salaries of administrative personnel

Existing law also requires the SSPI to group the statewide salary averages and percentage of expenditures by district type (elementary, high, and unified) and by size based on regular annual average daily attendance.

Every school district, except for kindergarten through grade twelve districts with a single school, must include in its SARC (*EC* Section 41409.3) the statewide averages and expenditure percentages provided by the SSPI along with its salaries and expenditure percentages for comparative purposes.

For more information regarding statewide average salary fiscal information, contact the Office of Financial Accountability and Information Services, at (916) 322-1770 or by e-mail at [sacsinfo@cde.ca.gov](mailto:sacsinfo@cde.ca.gov). Questions concerning program information should be directed to the Policy and Evaluation Division, at (916) 319-0875 or by e-mail at [sarc@cde.ca.gov](mailto:sarc@cde.ca.gov). Additional information on the SARC is also available on the SARC Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa>.

## Elementary School Districts

2004-05 Statewide Average Salaries and Expenditure Percentages  
for the School Accountability Report Card

Statewide Averages	Elementary School District		
	Small ADA < 1,000	Medium ADA 1,000 to 4,999	Large ADA ≥ 5,000
Beginning Teacher Annual Salary	\$35,546	\$37,797	\$38,554
Midrange Teacher Annual Salary	\$51,472	\$57,601	\$62,649
Highest Teacher Annual Salary	\$62,511	\$71,233	\$76,437
School-Site Principal Annual Salary (Elementary)	\$78,512	\$88,676	\$95,882
School-Site Principal Annual Salary (Middle)	\$82,123	\$91,944	\$98,355
District Superintendent Annual Salary	\$94,827	\$127,179	\$150,227
Percentage Allocated for Administrative Salaries	6.4%	5.8%	5.4%
Percentage Allocated for Teacher Salaries	38.9%	42.1%	43.8%

## High School Districts

2004-05 Statewide Average Salaries and Expenditure Percentages  
for the School Accountability Report Card

Statewide Averages	High School District		
	Small ADA < 1,000	Medium ADA 1,000 to 3,999	Large ADA ≥ 4,000
Beginning Teacher Annual Salary	\$36,024	\$37,616	\$37,671
Midrange Teacher Annual Salary	\$49,290	\$57,650	\$63,121
Highest Teacher Annual Salary	\$64,251	\$75,786	\$78,630
School-Site Principal Annual Salary (Middle)	\$65,439		\$101,801
School-Site Principal Annual Salary (High)	\$84,898	\$98,570	\$111,909
District Superintendent Annual Salary	\$105,232	\$127,039	\$163,061
Percentage Allocated for Administrative Salaries	4.9%	6.0%	5.2%
Percentage Allocated for Teacher Salaries	32.4%	37.0%	37.8%

## Unified School Districts

2004-05 Statewide Average Salaries and Expenditure Percentages  
for the School Accountability Report Card

Statewide Averages	Unified School District				
	ADA < 1,500	ADA 1,500 to 4,999	ADA 5,000 to 9,999	ADA 10,000 to 19,999	ADA ≥ 20,000
Beginning Teacher Annual Salary	\$33,023	\$36,796	\$37,730	\$37,172	\$37,540
Midrange Teacher Annual Salary	\$49,273	\$54,062	\$59,397	\$58,436	\$59,426
Highest Teacher Annual Salary	\$64,426	\$68,679	\$72,979	\$73,583	\$73,925
School-Site Principal Annual Salary (Elementary)	\$77,267	\$83,916	\$90,266	\$93,347	\$96,377
School-Site Principal Annual Salary (Middle)	\$80,130	\$86,752	\$95,759	\$97,873	\$100,144
School-Site Principal Annual Salary (High)	\$82,721	\$92,915	\$103,395	\$105,556	\$109,130
District Superintendent Annual Salary	\$99,982	\$121,387	\$143,489	\$159,227	\$185,251
Percentage Allocated for Administrative Salaries	6.5%	5.8%	5.6%	5.3%	5.3%
Percentage Allocated for Teacher Salaries	36.1%	40.2%	41.6%	42.1%	40.9%

## Average Salaries of Public School Teachers, 2004-05

2002-03 Rank	2003-04 Rank	2004-05 Rank	State	Average Annual Salary	2002-03 Rank	2003-04 Rank	2004-05 Rank	State	Average Annual Salary
11	2	1	District of Columbia	\$58,456*	22	22	26	North Carolina	\$43,348
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>\$57,876*</b>	28	27	27	Arizona	\$42,905*
2	1	3	Connecticut	\$57,737	21	28	28	Virginia	\$42,768
4	4	4	Michigan	\$56,973*	29	29	29	South Carolina	\$42,189
3	5	5	New Jersey	\$56,682*	31	30	30	Idaho	\$42,122*
5	6	6	New York	\$56,200	33	33	31	Tennessee	\$42,076
6	7	7	Illinois	\$55,421	30	31	32	Florida	\$41,590
9	8	8	Massachusetts	\$54,679	32	32	33	Texas	\$41,011
8	10	9	Rhode Island	\$53,473*	35	34	34	Kentucky	\$40,522
7	9	10	Pennsylvania	\$53,258*	36	36	35	Wyoming	\$40,497
12	11	11	Alaska	\$52,424	43	37	36	Arkansas	\$40,495
13	12	12	Maryland	\$52,331	37	35	37	Maine	\$39,610*
10	13	13	Delaware	\$50,595	41	42	38	Nebraska	\$39,456
16	15	14	Ohio	\$48,692*	39	38		Utah	\$39,456
14	14	15	Oregon	\$48,330	46	46	40	New Mexico	\$39,391
			<b>United States</b>	<b>\$47,674*</b>	42	39	41	Kansas	\$39,345
19	20	16	Minnesota	\$46,906	34	41	42	Iowa	\$39,284
17	17	17	Indiana	\$46,583	44	44	43	Missouri	\$39,067
15	16	18	Georgia	\$46,526	45	45	44	Louisiana	\$39,022
20	18	19	Hawaii	\$46,149	47	47	45	Montana	\$38,485
18	19	20	Washington	\$45,718	38	40	46	West Virginia	\$38,360
27	26	21	Vermont	\$44,535	40	43	47	Alabama	\$38,186
23	23	22	Wisconsin	\$43,211	48	50	48	Oklahoma	\$37,879
24	21	23	Colorado	\$43,949	50	49	49	North Dakota	\$36,695
25	24	24	New Hampshire	\$43,941	48	50	50	Mississippi	\$36,590*
26	25	25	Nevada	\$43,394	51	51	51	South Dakota	\$34,040

Source: National Education Association Research, Estimates databank 2006 (Table 1)

\*NEA estimate



# Helpful Contacts for Education Information

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# Calendar of Events—2007

Dates included on this calendar are gathered from various sources and are not intended as definitive or official notification from the California Department of Education. We hope the calendar will assist you in planning special recognition events.

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## January 2007

- 1 January 1 (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 10–11 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 18 California Drop-In Day

## February 2007

- BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH
- 1 National Freedom Day (commemorates signing of the 13th Amendment)
- 5–9 National School Counseling Week
- 12 Lincoln's Day (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 15 Susan B. Anthony's Day (Section 37221 of the California *Education Code*)
- 17 National PTA Founder's Day
- 18–24 National Future Farmers of America Week
- 19 Washington Day (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 20 Frederick Douglass Day

## March 2007

- AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
- MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH
- NATIONAL MENTAL RETARDATION AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH
- NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
- NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
- NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH
- ARTS EDUCATION MONTH IN CALIFORNIA
- 2 Read Across America Day
- 4–10 Week of the School Administrator
- 4–10 Newspapers in Education Week
- 4–10 National School Breakfast Week
- 5 Black American Day (Section 37221 of the California *Education Code*)
- 7 California Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day (Section 37221 of the California *Education Code*)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 7–8 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 11–17 California Adult Education Week

- 11–17 National Energy Education Development Week
- 18–24 National Agriculture Week
- 18–24 National Poison Prevention Week
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 31 Cesar Chavez Day (Section 37220.5 of the California *Education Code*)

## April 2007

- MATHEMATICS EDUCATION MONTH
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH (Theme designated by the Free and Accepted Masons of California)
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (School districts may choose any week in April)
- 1–7 Labor History Week (Section 51009 of the California *Education Code*)
- 2 International Children’s Book Day
- 6 California Poppy Day (Section 37222 of the California *Education Code*)
- 8 World Health Day
- 15 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 15–21 National Library Week
- 15–21 Public School Volunteer Week
- 21 John Muir Day (Section 37222 of the California *Education Code*)
- 22 Earth Day
- 22–28 Week of the Young Child
- 23–29 National TV-Turnoff Week
- 26 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- TBA 2006 National awardees from California for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching announced

## May 2007

- NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
- 1–7 National Physical Education and Sports Week
- 6–12 Be Kind to Animals Week
- 9 National School Nurse Day
- 9 California Day of the Teacher (Section 37222 of the California *Education Code*)
- 9–10 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 20–26 Classified School Employee Week (Section 45460 of the California *Education Code*)
- 28 Memorial Day (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 31 World No Tobacco Day

## June 2007

- FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH (June 1–July 4)
- 5 World Environment Day
- 10 Race Unity Day
- TBA California’s finalists for 2007 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching announced

## July 2007

- 4 July 4 (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 11-12 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento

## September 2007

- HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (September 15–October 15)
- LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH
- NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
- PTA MEMBERSHIP MONTH IN CALIFORNIA
- 3 Labor Day (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 9 Admission Day
- 12–13 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 16-22 Constitution Week
- 17 Constitution Week
- 28 Native American Day (Section 37220.7 of the California *Education Code*)

## October 2007

- FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
- CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL AND CALIFORNIA ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH
- CRIME PREVENTION MONTH
- COMPUTER LEARNING MONTH
- 1 National Child Health Day
- 7–13 National 4-H Week
- 7–13 National Fire Prevention Week
- 7–13 National School Lunch Week
- 8–14 National Educational Office Professionals Career Awareness Week
- 15–21 National School Bus Safety Week
- 15–21 America's Safe Schools Week
- 16 World Food Day
- 21–26 Garden School Week
- 22 Make a Difference Day
- 23–31 National Red Ribbon Week
- 24 United Nations Day

## November 2007

- NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH (AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH)
- 4–10 California School Psychology Week
- 7–8 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 11-17 American Education Week (always observed the week before Thanksgiving)
- 11–17 National Children's Book Week
- 11–17 Youth Appreciation Week
- 12 Veterans Day (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)
- 14 National Education Support Professionals Day

18–24 National Family Week  
22 Thanksgiving Day (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)

## **December 2007**

2 U.S. Senate Youth Program winners announced  
15 Bill of Rights Day  
25 December 25 (Section 37220 of the California *Education Code*)