

Valley Vista Elementary School

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GRADES K-6

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Principal's Message

Located on the west side of Petaluma, Valley Vista truly is a neighborhood school. This year we have 440 K-6 students whose demographics exactly represent Petaluma. Twenty-nine percent of our students receive free and reduced lunch, and approximately thirty percent of our students are English Language Learners. Our family members are an integral part of the school in both the activities that are available for students and decisions that are made for the school.

Our goal is to ensure students receive a rich, balanced education that makes certain students increase achievement and that all students have every opportunity to demonstrate success. We are not satisfied to maintain the status quo; we are determined to find ways to reach each child, assuring that they meet all grade level expectations and, most importantly, love to learn.

The Petaluma community provides deeper services to our school with the passage of a parcel tax. The support we receive comes in the form of additional people in services such as technology support and the music program for 1-6, our library coordinator, and our reading specialist. Districts not receiving this kind of support are cutting most of these programs. We are proud of the parent involvement at this school and know without the support we receive many programs would not exist. This school has a well-represented parent community in our active School Site Council (SSC), English Language Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC), and Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Parental Involvement

We have both formal and informal involvement at all levels of our operation. The PTA, SSC, and ELAC are the formal organizations that weigh in on decisions and programs. Volunteers make many programs available to students that would otherwise not occur. Parents volunteer regularly in classrooms, in the garden, and as coordinators for events, such as Latin Dinner, Enrichment, Viking Voyage, and the Teaching Garden Program.

For more information on how to become involved, contact Alice Christensen, PTA President, Alex Hernandez, ELAC President or Karla Lounibos, VP at (707) 778-4762.

Email Blasts

Sign up for **emailblasts** on our website: www.valleyvistaelementary.org. You'll receive important announcements about upcoming events, our biweekly newsletter, etc.

School Safety

The School Safety Plan is reviewed annually and follows a District plan that includes a Code Red drill involving community safety resources. We are updating our Emergency Response (Disaster Plan) to align with Federal guidelines. The School Safety Plan includes duties and resources necessary in any emergency. The PTA has a storage shed providing water and emergency supplies for each child. Monthly practice drills are held with staff, which reinforces safety requirements for students and staff alike.

The School Safety Plan was most recently reviewed, updated, and discussed with school faculty in March of 2011.

Professional Development

All teachers K-6 attended five days of SB472 training focused on the use of the newly adopted Envision Mathematics program. All new administrators attended AB430 administrative training. All administrators K-12 participated in ELL program development training. High School teachers worked with a facilitator to develop common writing rubrics. The District also provides an early release day every Wednesday for collaborative time among teachers in either department or interdisciplinary settings.

In previous school years, three days were dedicated to staff and professional development each year.



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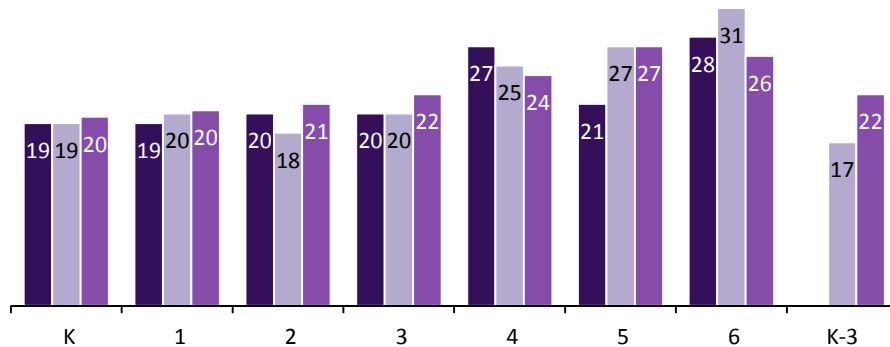
Mission Statement

The Petaluma City Elementary and Joint Union High School Districts are committed to providing opportunities for all students to be challenged and motivated in school so that upon graduation, they will be successful in their future educational endeavors, careers, and community.

Class Size

07-08 08-09 09-10

The bar graph displays the three-year data for average class size.



Class Size Distribution — Number of Classrooms By Size

Grade	07-08			08-09			09-10		
	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+
K	3			3			1	2	
1	3			2			1	2	
2	3			3			1	1	
3	2			2				3	
4		2			2			2	
5		3			2			2	
6		2			2			2	
K-3				3				1	

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Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Textbooks and Instructional Materials List

Subject	Textbook	Adopted
English-Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin series (K-6)	2003
Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin	2004
Mathematics	Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley envision Math series (K-6)	2008
Science	FOSS (K-5), It’s About Time (6)	2008
History-Social Science	Pearson-Scott Foresman (K-5)	2006
History-Social Science	TCI (6)	2006
Social Studies	History Alive, TCI, Scott Foresman	2006

Note: This data was most recently collected and verified in September 2010.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

All students have current textbooks in good condition. All textbooks are in the current cycle of State-adopted materials. Every student has a textbook associated with math, language arts, science, and social studies adoptions.

The district has affirmed that every student, including English Learners, has access to their own textbooks and instructional materials, to use in class and to take home.

The selection process involved multiple teachers from our site and the District, with a District committee reviewing, piloting, and selecting materials. All teachers have had a vote in the final selection of the materials. In 2006-07, new social studies books were purchased.

Weekly music classes are provided for all students in grades 1-6 provided by music specialist teachers who access Standards-aligned materials; an art docent program is available for all classrooms.



Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The following lists the percentage of pupils who lack their own assigned textbooks and instructional materials:

Valley Vista ES	
Subject	Percent Lacking
Reading/Language Arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History-Social Science	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	✧
Foreign Language	✧
Health	✧
✧ Not applicable.	

School Facility Items Inspected

The table shows the results of the school’s most recent inspection using the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) or equivalent school form. The following is a list of items inspected.

- **Systems:** Gas Systems and Pipes, Mechanical Systems (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), Sewer
- **Interior:** Interior Surfaces (floors, ceilings, walls, and window casings)
- **Cleanliness:** Pest/Vermin Control, Overall Cleanliness (school grounds, buildings, rooms, and common areas)
- **Electrical:** Electrical Systems (interior and exterior)
- **Restrooms/Fountains:** Restrooms, Sinks/Drinking Fountains (interior and exterior)
- **Safety:** Fire Safety Equipment, Emergency Systems, Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior)
- **Structural:** Structural Condition, Roofs
- **External:** Windows/Doors/Gates/ Fences, Playgrounds/School Grounds

School Facility Good Repair Status

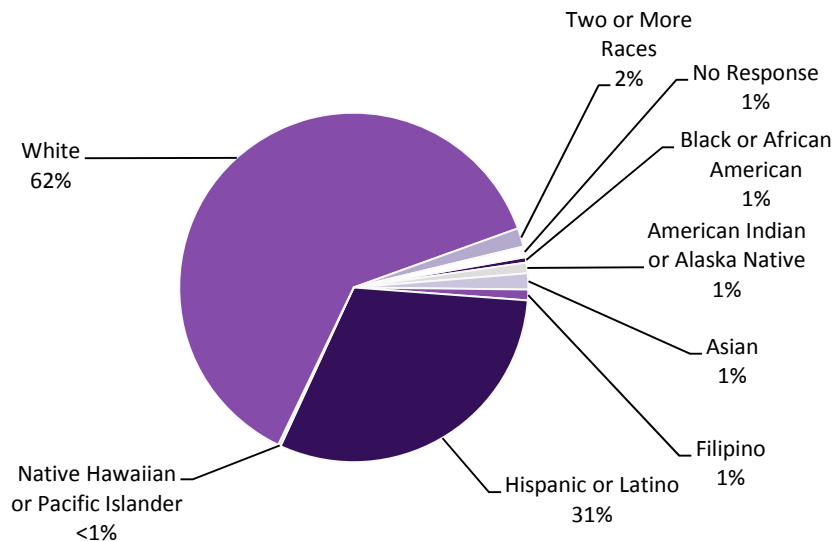
This inspection determines the school facility’s good repair status using ratings of good condition, fair condition, or poor condition. The overall summary of facility conditions uses ratings of exemplary, good, fair, or poor condition.

School Facility Good Repair Status			
Items Inspected	Repair Status	Items Inspected	Repair Status
Systems	Good	Restrooms/Fountains	Good
Interior	Good	Safety	Good
Cleanliness	Good	Structural	Good
Electrical	Good	External	Good
Overall Summary of Facility Conditions			Exemplary
Date of the Most Recent School Site Inspection			9/4/2010
Date of the Most Recent Completion of the Inspection Form			9/4/2010

Note: At the time of this school facility inspection, no deficiencies were found.

Enrollment and Demographics

The total enrollment at the school was 404 students for the 2009-10 school year.



School Facilities

Valley Vista is a 57 year old school designed with three specific playgrounds: one for primary, one for upper grades, and one for kindergarten. Four years ago, a new play facility was added to the kindergarten playground. The school design includes four main wings, housing three to four classrooms per wing. Central to the school is a Teaching Garden where students learn about seed-to-table food production, nutrition, and environmental studies. Remodeling was accomplished recently with the addition of a stage and green room. We have an outstanding computer lab with 32 up-to-date computers allowing for kindergarten through sixth grade experiences leading to multimedia presentations by upper grade students. Our well-stocked library is located directly next to the lab. On campus, we house two portable classrooms allowing for our outstanding day care program providing before- and after-school care for children. We also house a kindergarten classroom in a portable. We have 18 classrooms that have new floors and counters.

Maintenance staff ensures a clean, safe school by following a routine cleaning checklist. Safety is a top priority and any unsafe situation is dealt with immediately.



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STAR Results for All Students: Three-Year Comparison

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) results are reported as performance levels in order to compare student achievement to state standards. The five performance levels are: **Advanced** (*exceeds state standards*); **Proficient** (*meets state standards*); **Basic**; **Below Basic**; and **Far Below Basic**. Students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced level meet state standards in that content area. The tables below show the percentage of students that scored at Proficient or Advanced levels in English-language arts, mathematics, and science.

Percentage of Students Scoring At Proficient or Advanced Levels									
	Valley Vista ES			Petaluma City Schools			California		
	07-08	08-09	09-10	07-08	08-09	09-10	07-08	08-09	09-10
English-Language Arts	60%	65%	62%	53%	61%	61%	46%	50%	52%
Mathematics	61%	71%	65%	56%	60%	63%	43%	46%	48%
Science	69%	60%	54%	59%	58%	66%	46%	50%	54%

STAR Results by Student Group: English-Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

Percentage of Students Scoring At Proficient or Advanced Levels			
Group	Spring 2010 Results		
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
All Students in the District	61%	63%	66%
All Students at the School	62%	65%	54%
Male	56%	62%	60%
Female	68%	67%	48%
Black or African American	❖	❖	❖
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖
Asian	❖	❖	❖
Filipino	❖	❖	❖
Hispanic or Latino	33%	43%	39%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖
White	75%	73%	61%
Two or More Races	❖	❖	❖
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	41%	49%	43%
English Learners	30%	39%	33%
Students with Disabilities	38%	43%	❖
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	❖	❖	❖

❖ Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students tested in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key tests, including the California Standards Test (CST), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs are multiple choice tests in English-language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science for varying grade levels. Some grade levels also participate in an essay writing test.

The CSTs are used to determine students' achievement of the California Academic Content Standards. These standards describe the knowledge and skills that students are expected to learn at each grade level and subject.

The CMA is a modified assessment for students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP). It is designed to assess those students whose disabilities prevent them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the content standards with or without accommodations.

The CAPA is an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the CST with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations.

For a complete report on all tests, participation, groups, and their scores by grade level, please visit <http://star.cde.ca.gov/>. To learn more about the STAR Program, please visit the guide at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/starpkt5inrpts.pdf.



Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. The API is a score on a scale of 200 to 1,000 that reflects a school's, district's or a student group's performance level, based on the results of statewide testing. An API score of 800 is set as the statewide target.

Each annual API reporting cycle includes a Base and a Growth API. The Base API starts the reporting cycle and is released approximately a year after testing (i.e., The 2009 Base is calculated from results of statewide testing in spring 2009 but is released in May 2010). The Growth API is released after the Base API but is calculated from test results from the following year (i.e., The Growth API is calculated from results of statewide testing in spring 2010 and released in August 2010). Therefore, for the 2009-10 API reporting cycle, the 2009 Base indicator and 2010 Growth indicator are used. To learn more about API, please visit the API information guide at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/documents/infoguide09.pdf and the API overview guide at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/documents/overview10.pdf.

API Ranks

API Ranks — Three Year Comparison			
	2007	2008	2009
Statewide API Rank	8	8	8
Similar Schools API Rank	5	8	7

API Growth by Student Group

API Growth by Student Group — Three Year Comparison			
Group	Actual API Change		
	07-08	08-09	09-10
All Students at the School	8	31	-19
Black or African American	■	■	■
American Indian or Alaska Native	■	■	■
Asian	■	■	■
Filipino	■	■	■
Hispanic or Latino	-3	24	-13
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	■	■	■
White	8	35	-14
Two or More Races	■	■	■
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	10	37	-8
English Learners	-15	■	-21
Students with Disabilities	■	■	■

■ Data are reported only for numerically significant groups.



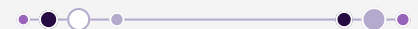
API Ranks

Schools are ranked in ten categories of equal size, called deciles, from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) based on their API Base reports. A school's "statewide rank" compares its API to the APIs of all other schools statewide of the same type (elementary, middle, or high school). A "similar schools rank" reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched similar schools. This table shows the school's three-year data for statewide API rank and similar schools API rank, for which information is available.



API Growth by Student Group

This table displays, by student group, the actual API change in points added or lost for the past three years.



API Growth by Student Group: 2010 Growth API Comparison

API Growth by Student Group — 2010 Comparison			
Group	2010 Growth API		
	Valley Vista ES	Petaluma City Schools	California
All Students	835	800	767
Black or African American	■	■	686
American Indian or Alaska Native	■	■	728
Asian	■	882	890
Filipino	■	■	851
Hispanic or Latino	691	702	715
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	■	■	753
White	896	840	838
Two or More Races	■	818	807
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	731	710	712
English Learners	686	686	692
Students with Disabilities	■	612	580

■ Data are reported only for numerically significant groups.

API Testing Note: Assessment data are reported only for numerically significant groups. To be considered 'numerically significant' for the API, the group must have either: (1) at least 50 students with valid test scores who make up at least 15% of the total valid scores, or (2) at least 100 students with valid test scores.

Federal Intervention Program

Schools and districts that receive Title I funding can enter Program Improvement (PI) if they fail to meet AYP over two consecutive years in the same content area (English-language arts or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). With each additional year they don't meet AYP, they advance to the next level of intervention. This table displays the 2010-11 Program Improvement status for the school and district. For more information, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

Federal Intervention Program		
	Valley Vista ES	Petaluma City Schools
Program Improvement Status	◇	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	◇	2010-2011
Year in Program Improvement	◇	Year 1
Number of Schools Identified for Program Improvement		4
Percent of Schools Identified for Program Improvement		22.2%

◇ Not applicable.

API Growth by Student Group: 2010 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the 2010 Growth API at the school, district, and state level.



California Physical Fitness Test

Each spring, all students in grades 5, 7, and 9 are required to participate in the California Physical Fitness Test (PFT). The State Board of Education designated the *Fitnessgram*® as the PFT for students in California public schools. The test measures six key fitness areas:

1. Aerobic Capacity
2. Body Composition
3. Flexibility
4. Abdominal Strength and Endurance
5. Upper Body Strength and Endurance
6. Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility

The primary goal of the *Fitnessgram*® is to assist students in establishing lifetime habits of regular physical activity. The table shows the percentage of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. For more detailed information on the California PFT, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/.

Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards	
Grade 5	
Four of Six Standards	26.8%
Five of Six Standards	32.1%
Six of Six Standards	19.6%

Adequate Yearly Progress

Adequate Yearly Progress Criteria				
	Valley Vista ES		Petaluma City Schools	
Met Overall AYP	No		No	
AYP Criteria	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	English-Language Arts	Mathematics
Participation Rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient	No	No	No	No
API	Yes		Yes	
Graduation Rate	✧		Yes	

✧ Not applicable. The graduation rate for AYP criteria applies to high schools.

Public Internet Access

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

Academic Counselors and School Support Staff

Academic Counselors and School Support Staff	
Academic Counselors	FTE and Ratio
Number of Academic Counselors (FTE)	0.0
Ratio of Students Per Academic Counselor	✧
Support Staff	FTE
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5
Psychologist	0.2
Social Worker	1.0
Nurse	0.2
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.6
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.8
Reading Specialist	0.5

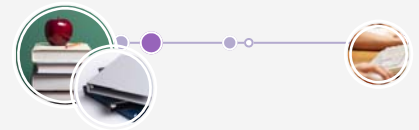
✧ Not applicable.

Adequate Yearly Progress

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all schools and districts meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements. To meet these standards, California public schools and districts must meet or exceed criteria in four target areas:

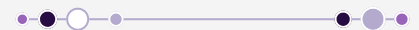
1. Participation rate on statewide assessments in English-language arts and mathematics
2. Percentage of students scoring proficient on statewide assessments in English-language arts and mathematics
3. API scores
4. Graduation rate for high schools

The table displays whether or not the school and district made AYP overall and met each of the AYP criteria for 2009-10. For more information, visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.



Academic Counselors and School Support Staff

This table displays information about academic counselors and support staff at the school and their full-time equivalent (FTE).



Teacher Qualifications

Teacher Credential Information				
	Petaluma City Schools	Valley Vista ES		
Teachers	09-10	07-08	08-09	09-10
With Full Credential	117	20	21	22
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence		0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

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

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions			
	Valley Vista ES		
	08-09	09-10	10-11
Teacher Misassignments of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers

NCLB requires that all teachers of core academic subject areas be "highly qualified." In general, for a teacher to be considered highly qualified, they must have a bachelor's degree, an appropriate California teaching credential, and have demonstrated competence for each core subject he or she teaches. The table displays data regarding NCLB compliant teachers from the 2009-10 school year. For more information on teacher qualifications related to NCLB, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq.

No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers		
	Percent of Classes in Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
Valley Vista ES	100.0%	0.0%
All Schools in District	100.0%	0.0%
High-Poverty Schools in District	100.0%	0.0%
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100.0%	0.0%

NCLB Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student participation of approximately 75% or more in the free and reduced priced meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student participation of approximately 25% or less in the free and reduced priced meals program.

Teacher Qualifications

This table shows information about teacher credentials and teacher qualifications. More information can be found by visiting <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.



Suspensions and Expulsions

This table shows the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the school's total enrollment) for the most recent three-year period.

Suspension Rate		
Valley Vista ES		
07-08	08-09	09-10
0.021	0.012	0.007
Petaluma City Schools		
07-08	08-09	09-10
0.045	0.030	0.038
Expulsion Rate		
Valley Vista ES		
07-08	08-09	09-10
0.000	0.000	0.000
Petaluma City Schools		
07-08	08-09	09-10
0.000	0.000	0.000

District Financial Data

This table displays district teacher and administrative salary information and compares the figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Note the district salary data does not include benefits.

District Salary Data		
Category	Petaluma City Schools	Similar Sized District
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$39,566	\$41,210
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	◇	\$65,288
Highest Teacher Salary	\$75,911	\$83,339
Average Principal Salary (Elementary School)	\$100,116	\$103,189
Superintendent Salary	\$174,443	\$179,589
Teacher Salaries — Percent of Budget	39.50%	40.78%
Administrative Salaries — Percent of Budget	5.74%	5.91%

◇ Information not available.

School Financial Data

The following table displays the school's average teacher salary and a breakdown of the school's expenditures per pupil from unrestricted and restricted sources.

School Financial Data	
	Valley Vista ES
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$4,746
Expenditures Per Pupil From Restricted Sources	\$324
Expenditures Per Pupil From Unrestricted Sources	\$4,421
Annual Average Teacher Salary	\$64,526

Financial Data Comparison

The following table displays the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted sources and the school's average teacher salary and compares it to the district and state data.

Financial Data Comparison		
	Expenditures Per Pupil From Unrestricted Sources	Annual Average Teacher Salary
Valley Vista ES	\$4,421	\$64,526
Petaluma City Schools	\$4,714	\$61,849
California	\$5,681	\$61,250
School and District — Percent Difference	-6.6%	4.1%
School and California — Percent Difference	-28.5%	5.1%

Financial Data

The financial data displayed in the SARC is from the 2008-09 fiscal year. The most current fiscal information available provided by the state is always two years behind the current school year, and one year behind most other data included in this report. For more detailed financial information, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs and www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec.



Types of Services Funded

These programs and services are provided at the school either through categorical funds or other sources that support and assist students:

- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)
- English Learner support
- Immigrant student support
- School and Library Improvement Block Grant program funds
- Migrant Education support, for identified migrant students
- Identified students receive support through the resource specialist program, speech and language program, full inclusion program, or the bilingual assistant.

School Accountability Report Card

Data in this report are provided by the California Department of Education (CDE), school and the district office. For additional information on facts about California schools and districts, please visit DataQuest at <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>. DataQuest is an online resource that provides reports for accountability, test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing and data regarding English Learners.

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