

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

## Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2008-09

### Desert Sands Charter School

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Grade Span: 9 - 12

This executive summary of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is intended to provide parents and community members with a quick snapshot of school accountability. The data presented in this report are reported for the 2008-09 school year, except the School Finances and School Completion data that are reported for the 2007-08 school year. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should review the entire SARC or contact the school principal or the district office.

### About This School

Students enroll at Desert Sands for a variety of reasons. Most are considered at need students who have left school before graduation and now enjoy the opportunity to pursue that goal again. The personalized instruction and flexible time requirements suits their needs better than a traditional school.

The campuses have the feel of a friendly business office. Students have their own appointment every week with their teacher. At that time, their lesson will be explained and assigned, and there will be time for questions and discussion. Students take assignments home and return for the next appointment, ready to be evaluated on work completed during the week. The school has implemented academic labs to augment student progress.

Desert Sands has been qualified and designated as an ASAM School (Alternative Schools Accountability Model). ASAM Schools serve a number of students in various at need categories.

### Student Enrollment

Group	Percent
African American	14.57 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.27 %
Asian	0.74 %
Filipino	0.64 %
Hispanic or Latino	50.95 %
Pacific Islander	0.32 %
White (not Hispanic)	26.80 %
Multiple or No Response	4.71 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	52.00 %
English Learners	7.00 %
Students with Disabilities	9.00 %
<b>Total Number of Students</b>	1888

## Teachers

Indicator	Teachers
Teachers with full credential	63
Teachers without full credential	4
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0

## Student Performance

Subject	Students Proficient and Above on California Standards Tests
English-Language Arts	20.1%
Mathematics	2.2%
Science	8.9%
History-Social Science	11.9%

## Academic Progress

Indicator	Result
2009 Growth API Score (from 2009 Growth API Report)	577
Statewide Rank (from 2008 Base API Report)	B
2009-10 Program Improvement Status (PI Year)	Not in PI

## School Facilities

### Summary of Most Recent Site Inspection

<i>Interim Evaluation Report, No concerns found.</i>
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### Repairs Needed

<i>None</i>
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### Corrective Actions Taken or Planned

<i>Replaced carpet. Replaced drinking water type to avoid spills.</i>
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## Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

## School Finances

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted Sources Only)
School Site	\$8,185
District	\$8,393
State	\$5,512

## School Completion

Indicator	Result
Graduation Rate	52.55%

## Postsecondary Preparation

Measures	Percent
Pupils Who Completed a Career Technical Education Program and Earned a High School Diploma	10%
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for University of California or California State University Admission	0%

## NAEP Reading, Grade 4

Level	Result
Average Scale Score - State	209
Average Scale Score - National	220
Achievement Level - Basic	30%
Achievement Level - Proficient	18%
Achievement Level - Advanced	5%

## NAEP Reading, Grade 8

Level	Result
Average Scale Score - State	251
Average Scale Score - National	261
Achievement Level - Basic	41%

Achievement Level - Proficient	20%
Achievement Level - Advanced	2%

### NAEP Mathematics, Grade 4

Level	Result
Average Scale Score - State	232
Average Scale Score - National	239
Achievement Level - Basic	72%
Achievement Level - Proficient	30%
Achievement Level - Advanced	5%

### NAEP Mathematics, Grade 8

Level	Result
Average Scale Score - State	270
Average Scale Score - National	282
Achievement Level - Basic	59%
Achievement Level - Proficient	23%
Achievement Level - Advanced	5%

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

## I. Data and Access

### DataQuest

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

### Internet Access

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

## II. About This School

### Contact Information (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides the schools contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Desert Sands Charter	District Name	Antelope Valley Union High
Street	3030 East Palmdale Blvd., Ste. G	Phone Number	661-948-7655
City, State, Zip	Palmdale , CA 93550-5020	Web Site	<a href="http://www.avdistrict.org">www.avdistrict.org</a>
Phone Number	661-272-0044	Superintendent	David Vierra
Principal	Marcello Palacios	E-mail Address	<a href="mailto:dvierra@avhsd.org">dvierra@avhsd.org</a>
E-mail Address	<a href="mailto:mpalacios@dschs.org">mpalacios@dschs.org</a>	CDS Code	19- 64246- 1996537

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

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The mission of Desert Sands Charter High School (DSCHS) is to engage students in a challenging yet individualized education plan. DSCHS students are those who no longer comprise a part of the instructional system offered by the traditional high schools in the area. DSCHS develops personalized learning plans uniquely created for the student. These plans enable the student to move towards graduation as a part of a structured independent study program. DSCHS will strive to help each student master

basic skills, move toward a mastery of technology, and develop an interest in lifelong learning, as they become responsible, contributing members of their community and society.

## Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2008-09)

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An Open House is held once a year, once at each campus, and parents are welcome to attend. Parents are also encouraged to be a part of the Leadership Committee of the school. Parents have been solicited for participation on the various WASC Committees for accreditation.

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

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	0
Grade 1	0
Grade 2	0
Grade 3	0
Grade 4	0
Grade 5	0
Grade 6	0
Grade 7	0
Grade 8	0
Ungraded Elementary	0
Grade 9	619
Grade 10	563
Grade 11	415
Grade 12	279
Ungraded Secondary	12
Total Enrollment	1888

## Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2008-09)

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

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	14.57 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.27 %
Asian	0.74 %
Filipino	0.64 %
Hispanic or Latino	50.95 %
Pacific Islander	0.32 %
White (not Hispanic)	26.80 %
Multiple or No Response	4.71 %

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	52.00 %
English Learners	7.00 %
Students with Disabilities	9.00 %

## Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

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

Subject	2006-07			2007-08			2008-09					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English						0				0		
Mathematics				13.1	55	5		48.4		1	15	
Science												
Social Science												

## III. School Climate

### School Safety Plan (School Year 2008-09)

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

We have two plans in place; Emergency Preparedness binders are located at each teacher workstation and a companywide Injury and Illness Prevention Program is in effect and constantly updated.

### Suspensions and Expulsions

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

Rate	School			District		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Suspensions	0.2	1.1	0.2	29.2	25.8	24.8
Expulsions	0.2	0.2	0	1.6	1.5	1.3

## IV. School Facilities

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

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

All facilities are in safe and working condition. Carpet is the only improvement we have made and plan to make.

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

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

Item Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer		X			HVAC regular maintenance
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces		X			none
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation		X			Western Exterminators
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical		X			none
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains		X			One toilet repaired
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials		X			Recently upgraded FACP
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs			X		Working on getting two small leaks repaired on roof
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	N/A				
<b>Overall Rating</b>	Good				N/A

## V. Teachers

### Teacher Credentials

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

Teachers	School			District
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09
With Full Credential	23	66	63	930
Without Full Credential	9	10	4	108
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	14	0	0	N/A

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

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

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

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

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

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	88.5	11.5
High-Poverty Schools in District		
Low-Poverty Schools in District	89.2	10.8

## VI. Support Staff

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

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

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1	1888
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist		N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist		N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		N/A
Other		

## VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

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

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
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Reading/Language Arts	Adequate materials	0%
Mathematics	Adequate materials	0%
Science	Adequate materials	0%
History-Social Science	Adequate materials	0%
Foreign Language	Adequate materials	0%
Health	Adequate materials	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Adequate materials	0%
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	Adequate supplies	0%

## VIII. School Finances

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

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

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental / Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic / Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$7,765	\$421	\$8,185	\$53,000
District	N/A	N/A	\$8,393	\$62,133
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-2.47%	-14.70%
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,512	\$68,332
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	48.50%	-22.44%

### Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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

DSCHS does accept categorical funding: Title II, Title III, Title V. Title II is used for our staff development only. Title III funds, we support the learning of the English Learner Students. Title V funds we have purchased supplemental materials to aid in the teaching of mathematics. ARRA (SFSF) funding was used to retain teachers' positions. Special Education programs for SELPA, students with special needs.

### Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

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

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
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Beginning Teacher Salary	\$36,720	\$42,810
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$66,834	\$69,375
Highest Teacher Salary	\$92,023	\$89,104
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)		
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		\$120,314
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$121,486	\$126,901
Superintendent Salary	\$204,063	\$198,563
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	38.40 %	37.30 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.20 %	5.20 %

## IX. Student Performance

### Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

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

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

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

Subject	School			District			State		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
English-Language Arts	13	20	20	33	33	35	43	46	50
Mathematics	1	2	2	11	11	13	40	43	46
Science	6	9	9	25	27	30	38	46	50
History-Social Science	5	13	12	23	25	31	33	36	41

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

### Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group (School Year 2008-09)

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

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	12	0	6	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	31	0	*	*
Asian	*	*	*	
Filipino	50	0	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	15	2	5	10
Pacific Islander	0	0	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	34	5	18	17
Male	19	2	10	14
Female	21	2	8	10
Economically Disadvantaged	19	2	7	12
English Learners	8	2	0	3
Students with Disabilities	9	3	7	7
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

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## California High School Exit Examination Results

The California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) is primarily used as a graduation requirement. However, the grade ten results of this exam are also used to establish the percentages of students at three proficiency levels (not proficient, proficient, or advanced) in ELA and mathematics in order to compute Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designations as required by the federal NCLB Act of 2001. Detailed information regarding CAHSEE results can be found at the CDE [California High School Exit Examination \(CAHSEE\)](#) Web site. Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy, or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

## California High School Exit Examination Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level in ELA and mathematics.

Subject	School			District			State		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
English-Language Arts	20.2	25.0	28.5	41.8	48.0	45.5	48.6	52.9	52.4
Mathematics	8.7	19.7	16.5	38.7	41.8	41.4	49.9	51.3	54.5

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

## California High School Exit Examination Results by Performance Level for Student Groups – Most Recent Year

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

Group	English			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	75.0	19.9	5.1	80.3	17.5	2.2
Male	78.7	21.3	0.0	87.5	12.5	0.0
Female	71.6	18.9	9.5	74.7	21.5	3.8
African American	71.4	28.6	0.0	85.7	14.3	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*
Filipino	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	89.8	6.8	3.4	88.9	11.1	0.0
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	60.8	31.4	7.8	68.8	25.0	6.2
English Learners	100.0	0.0	0.0	91.7	8.3	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	77.1	20.8	2.1	79.6	20.4	0.0
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	100.0	0.0	0.0	93.3	6.7	0.0

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

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

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

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zones		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5			
7			
9	24.6%	31.5%	19.3%

## X. Accountability

### Academic Performance Index

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

### Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

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

API Rank	2006	2007	2008
Statewide	B	B	B
Similar Schools	B	B	B

"N/A"

means a number is not applicable or not available due to missing data.

"B"

means this is either an LEA or an Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) school. Schools participating in the ASAM do not currently receive growth, target information, or statewide or similar schools rankings on this report in recognition of their markedly different educational missions and populations served. ASAM schools are covered under the Alternative Accountability system as required by Education Code Section 52052 and not the API accountability system. However, API information is needed to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Growth, target and rank information are not applicable to LEAs.

"C"

means this is a special education school. Statewide and similar schools ranks are not applicable to special education schools.

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means this API is calculated for a small school or a small LEA, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid STAR Program test scores included in the API. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted. Similar schools ranks are not calculated for small schools.

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

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

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009
All Students at the School	29	25	52	577
African American	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
American Indian or Alaska Native	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Asian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Filipino	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hispanic or Latino	29	-3	48	540
Pacific Islander	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
White (not Hispanic)	56	40	79	650
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	72	-6	34	557
English Learners	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Students with Disabilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

\*\*\* means this API is calculated for a small school, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program test scores included in the API. The API is asterisked if the school was small either in 2008 or 2009. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted.

## Adequate Yearly Progress

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

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

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found on the CDE [Adequate Yearly Progress \(AYP\) Web page](#).

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

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

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

"Yes"

Met 2009 AYP Criteria

"No"

Did not Meet 2009 AYP Criteria

## Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2009-10)

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

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	NOT IN PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	N/A	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement	N/A	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	8
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	57.1

## XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

### Admission Requirements for California Public Universities

#### University of California

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

#### California State University

Admission requirements for the California State University (CSU) use three factors to determine eligibility. They are specific high school courses; grades in specified courses and test scores; and graduation from high school. Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses utilize local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer

from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For general admissions requirements please visit the [Undergraduate Admission & Requirements](#) Web page (Outside Source).

## Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

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

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Dropout Rate (1-year)	11.8	10.4	54.1	2.3	4.4	6.4	3.5	4.4	3.9
Graduation Rate	88.6	82.1	81.9	88.6	82.1	82.1	83.4	80.6	80.2

## Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

Students in California public schools must pass both the ELA and mathematics portions of the CAHSEE to receive a high school diploma. For students who began the 2008-09 school year in grade twelve this table displays by student group the percent who met all state and local graduation requirements for grade twelve completion.

Group	Graduating Class of 2009		
	School	District	State
All Students	196	*LEA Provided	N/A
African American	6.70%	*LEA Provided	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00%	*LEA Provided	N/A
Asian	0.80%	*LEA Provided	N/A
Filipino	0.80%	*LEA Provided	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	22.52%	*LEA Provided	N/A
Pacific Islander	0.27%	*LEA Provided	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	20.91%	*LEA Provided	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	20.11%	*LEA Provided	N/A
English Learners	2.95%	*LEA Provided	N/A
Students with Disabilities	3.49%	*LEA Provided	N/A

\*Information unavailable at time of submission

## Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2008-09)

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

The purpose of DSCHS' Career Technical Educational Program is to provide students with relevant career education in preparation for the working world, while earning elective credits.

The training program, called Work Experience Education of WEE, is designed to help students develop job skills and learn about career opportunities following the State of California's Work Experience Education Framework. It began operating full tilt in the Fall of 2007.

- **Work Experience Education (WEE)**

Employed students may participate in a Work Experience Education (WEE) program and earn elective credits. The

Charter School recognizes that part-time jobs can give students needed supplementary income, valuable work experience, and enhanced self-esteem. The purpose of the WEE program is to provide students with relevant career education following the Work Experience Education Framework and Content Standards for California Public Schools. Learning goals include:

- **Goal 1: EMPLOYMENT CYCLE**

Students will learn job seeking skills, skills for keeping and advancing on a job, and skills for making a positive impression when leaving a job.

- **Goal 2: ECONOMIC AWARENESS**

Students will understand wage systems, payroll deductions, taxation, insurance benefits, basic business operations and personnel money management.

- **Goal 3: CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Students will develop an awareness of career opportunities and will utilize the career decisions making process to identify career choices and develop a plan for achieving career goals.

Students may contact a teacher for more WEE program information or work permit eligibility requirements.

Also ten weeks of Computer courses, that cover basic computer literacy skills (hardware, software & internet) have been offered to DSCHS students.

- **Computer Literacy**

The Computer Literacy classes provide students with basic knowledge and skills on how to use the computer for workplace and for higher education. Topics include:

- Identifying Parts of the Computer
- Introduction to Microsoft Word
- Introduction to typing a paper in MLA and APA formats
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Connecting Computer Peripherals to the Computer Box Practice typing lessons
- Practice typing lessons

- **Office Technology**

The Office Technology classes provide students with intermediate to advance knowledge and skills on how to use the computer specifically to work in an office. Topics include:

- Using Mail Merge in Microsoft Word
- Formatting Bullets and Numbering and Page Numbers in Microsoft Word
- Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint
- Using office machines (fax & copier) efficiently
- How to dress professionally
- How to successfully handle a job interview

- **Hardware Technology**

The Hardware Technology classes provide students with intermediate to advance knowledge and skills on how to assemble/disassemble the computer box and perform a clean install of the operating system. Topics include:

- Identifying the parts inside the computer box
- Practicing safety guidelines in assembling and disassembling a computer box
- Installing the Operating System, drivers and necessary software
- Basic troubleshooting

In addition, in the Spring of 2009 DSCHS, in partnership with the Antelope Valley College, started offering five weeks of Customer Service classes that included topics that prepared students for the workplace.

- **Customer Service Success**

The Customer Service Success classes taught students professional business skills in the following areas:

- How to Dress for the Work Place
- Professional Communication Skills
- What is Customer Service?
- Who Are Your Customers?
- Key Elements of Outstanding Customer Service
- Exceeding Customer Expectations
- Customer Retention Strategies
- Customer Interaction/Handling Customer Complaints

## Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2008-09)

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

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of the school's pupils participating in CTE	159
Percent of the school's pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	10%
Percent of school's CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	n/a

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

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

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0%
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0%

## XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

### Professional Development

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

DSCHS does have a professional development plan. Several days per year are designated as in-service days and usually these trainings are provided on site. These trainings are paid and often are done by in-house presenters; however, depending on the topic, on occasion there are some paid trainers hired.

### XIII. National Assessment of Educational Progress

#### National Assessment of Educational Progress

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

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

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

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

Subject and Grade Level	Average Scale Score		Percent at Achievement Level		
	State	National	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Reading 2007, Grade 4	209	220	30	18	5
Reading 2007, Grade 8	251	261	41	20	2
Mathematics 2009, Grade 4	232	239	72	30	5
Mathematics 2009, Grade 8	270	282	59	23	5

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

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

Subject and Grade Level	State Participation Rate		National Participation Rate	
	Students With Disabilities	English Language Learners	Students With Disabilities	English Language Learners
Reading 2007, Grade 4	74.25	93.29	65.60	80.00
Reading 2007, Grade 8	77.66	92.10	65.60	77.30
Mathematics 2007, Grade 4	79.00	96.00	84.00	94.00
Mathematics 2007, Grade 8	85.00	96.00	78.00	92.00