

# School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2009-10 Published During 2010-11

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

## I. Data and Access

### DataQuest

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

### Internet Access

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

## II. About This School

### Contact Information (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
<b>School Name</b>	Weaver Elementary School	<b>District Name</b>	Los Alamitos Unified School District
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<b>City, State, Zip</b>	Los Alamitos, CA 90720	<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.losal.org/weaver">www.losal.org/weaver</a>
<b>Phone Number</b>	562-799-4580	<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. Gregory A. Franklin
<b>Principal</b>	Mrs. Erin Kominsky	<b>E-mail Address</b>	<a href="mailto:webmaster@losal.org">webmaster@losal.org</a>
<b>E-mail Address</b>	<a href="mailto:ekominsky@losal.org">ekominsky@losal.org</a>	<b>CDS Code</b>	30739246029052

### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2009-10)

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

The Jack L. Weaver Elementary School Mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment that fosters life-long learning. Weaver School is dedicated to academic excellence. We value parents and community members as partners in education.

By continually promoting character development, we prepare students to become responsible citizens in our diverse society. Year-round education provides a continuous opportunity for optimal learning.

#### To meet the needs of all students, program goals include:

- appropriately challenging instruction in integrated literature-based language arts/social science curriculum.
- a balanced manipulative-based, meaning-centered mathematics program which empowers mathematical thinking and learning.
- physical, life and earth science concepts in a hands-on learning environment.
- the use of technology as a tool to acquire knowledge and information.

The heart of the school's mission centers on rigorous curriculum, high expectations, skillful staff members, character development, social responsibility, and family/community partnerships. Pride evolves from Weaver's outstanding traditions, K-5 achievements, and accomplishments. Weaver is a model school in Orange County for Cognitively Guided Instruction in math. All students participate in the Music Intelligence Neural Development (M.I.N.D.) Research Institute. Weaver is also a "Class Act" school affiliated with the Orange County Pacific Symphony. All classrooms, K-5, are equipped with SMART Board technology. Thinking Maps and Kagan Cooperative learning strategies are used K-5. Weaver is a standards-based school and has maintained the highest test scores in the Los Alamitos Unified School District. Weaver is among the top three scoring schools in Orange County.

## Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2009-10)

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

We are very proud of the parent participation at Weaver School. In our fifteenth year of operation, 100% of the parents participated in our conferences. Parents are also members of the PTA, School Site Council, and Friends of Weaver. PTA meetings are held every month during the school year. School Site Council meetings are also held several times each year. All parents and community members are welcome to attend any school meeting or activity. To strengthen parent involvement, various opportunities are provided throughout the year. These activities include parent education workshops, training sessions for volunteers, technology committees, Reading Incentive, and Reading Garden committee, Veteran's Day celebration, weekly flag ceremonies, Special Person's Day, Schoolwide Carnival and Summer Jam. For more information about organized opportunities for parent involvement at Weaver, please contact the school office.

The Los Alamitos USD Educational Foundation is a community-based, non-profit organization which was formed in 1985. It consists of concerned community members working together to raise money to maintain and improve the quality of the schools of the Los Alamitos Unified School District. The Foundation has a commitment of fundraising for technology and other specialized projects. Contact information: Los Alamitos Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 1210, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 or on the web at <http://www.losaledfoundation.org/>

## Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2009-10)

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	140
Grade 1	107
Grade 2	103
Grade 3	100
Grade 4	98
Grade 5	114
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>662</b>

## Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2009-10)

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

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3	White	52
American Indian or Alaska Native		Two or More Races	
Asian	19.94	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	8
Filipino	4	English Learners	1
Hispanic or Latino	19	Students with Disabilities	5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			

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

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

Grade Level	2007-08				2008-09				2009-10			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
<b>K</b>	19.4	5	0	0	19.8	5	0	0	22	1	5	0
<b>1</b>	20.0	6	0	0	19.8	5	0	0	24	0	4	0
<b>2</b>	19.2	5	0	0	19.6	5	0	0	24	0	3	0
<b>3</b>	19.4	7	0	0	19.5	6	0	0	23	0	4	0
<b>4</b>	34.0	0	0	2	33.7	0	0	3	34	0	0	2
<b>5</b>	34.0	0	0	2	34.0	0	0	2	35	0	0	3
<b>K-3</b>	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	24	0	2	0
<b>4-8</b>	34.0	0	0	1	33.0	0	0	2	35	0	0	1

### III. School Climate

#### School Safety Plan (School Year 2009-10)

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

Each site has a School Safety Plan, an Emergency Preparedness Plan, and a Crisis Intervention Plan. These three documents cover all aspects of campus safety. The plans are on file and available to all parents as well as the general public. All safety plans are reviewed and updated on an annual basis in a public meeting. The goal is to ensure a safe and non-violent environment on all of the LAUSD campuses.

#### 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		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
<b>Suspensions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	5.4	3.8
<b>Expulsions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1

### IV. School Facilities

#### School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2010-11)

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

The Los Alamitos Unified School District has always emphasized the importance of a clean, safe environment for learning. The environment of each campus is a matter of pride for students, staff and parents. Several schools have planted individual gardens, organized workrooms, and planned workdays for students and parents to enhance the facility. To insure that our facilities are in good repair condition, custodians at each site perform monthly safety inspections and the District maintenance crew places safety as the number one priority. Weaver Elementary School was built in 1960. Overall the school is in good condition for a facility of that age. It is clean and well maintained but the building systems/infrastructure are old and in need of major repair or replacement. Termite damage and several doors will be replaced during modernization. Voters within the District boundaries have approved a local bond which will allow the District to access State bond funds to modernize schools. Weaver is in line for modernization. Additional information about the condition of the school's facilities may be obtained by speaking with the school principal.

#### School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2010-11)

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

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[ ]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	All repairs are current.
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>Overall Rating</b>	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	

## 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 at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10
With Full Credential	29	28	33	362
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	1
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). *Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.*

Indicator	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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 2009-10)

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Taught by	
	NCLB Compliant Teachers	Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100	0
All Schools in District	99	1
High-Poverty Schools in District		
Low-Poverty Schools in District		

## VI. Support Staff

### Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2009-10)

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	0	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	---
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	---
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0	---
Psychologist	0	---
Social Worker	0	---
Nurse	0	---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1	---
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0	---
Other	0	---

## VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

### Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school; whether the textbooks and instructional materials are from the most recent adoption (yes/no); and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Los Alamitos Unified School District sets a high priority upon ensuring that high quality, standards-based textbooks and materials are available for every student to support instructional programs in the schools.

Prior to adoption, the Los Alamitos Unified School District conducts a thorough review of its curriculum to ensure that it is aligned with the State Frameworks and high academic standards. Under California law, the State Board of Education reviews K-8 textbooks and other instructional materials and then adopts those meeting specific quality standards. In the Los Alamitos Unified School District, textbooks considered for adoption are carefully reviewed by a committee of teachers and administrators. The most promising programs are piloted using established criteria and guidelines. The recommended books are then approved by the Los Alamitos Unified School District Board of Education.

To receive State instructional funds, the Los Alamitos Unified School District ensures that it has fully complied with the requirements of Education Code Section 60119. The District has also conducted an annual public hearing ensuring the sufficiency of instructional materials.

Each school maintains a library/media center which is supported by District and State supplemental funding.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Most Recent SBE or Local Governing Agency Approved Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	District Adoption Date of Textbooks/Materials: 2002	0	Yes
Mathematics	District Adoption Date of Textbooks/Materials: 2001/2008	0	Yes
Science	District Adoption Date of Textbooks/Materials: 2002	0	Yes
History-Social Science	District Adoption Date of Textbooks/Materials: 2007	0	Yes
Foreign Language	District Adoption Date of Textbooks/Materials: 2001/2005	0	Yes
Health	District Adoption Date of Textbooks/Materials: 2004	0	Yes
Visual and Performing Arts	District Adoption Date of Textbooks/Materials: 2008	0	Yes

## VIII. School Finances

### Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$4,507	\$19	\$4,488	\$75,739
District	---	---	\$5,707	76,588
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	-11	-8
State	---	---	5,681	65,399
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	-8	9

### Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

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

The types of services funded include expenditures for instructional programs including regular and special education, categorical programs, instructional support, and pupil services. Additional expenditures include general and administrative support, plant maintenance and operations, data processing, and facilities. Budget copies are available at all school sites and the local libraries.

## Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	44,363	41,209
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	76,962	65,228
Highest Teacher Salary	98,178	83,339
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	117,588	103,189
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	123,330	108,789
Average Principal Salary (High)	149,688	119,247
Superintendent Salary	200,000	179,589
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	44.9	40.7
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.7	5.9

## 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 in grades two through eleven, and 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 for grades three through eight and science in grades five and eight 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 at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2009 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/pkt5intrpts09.pdf>.

*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		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
English-Language Arts	92	92	92	75	82	82	46	50	52
Mathematics	93	94	94	70	73	73	43	46	48
Science	88	95	95	75	83	83	46	50	54
History-Social Science	0	0	0	68	80	80	36	41	44

## Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

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

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English- Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA				
All Student at the School				
Male	89	94	93	
Female	96	94	98	
Black or African American	92	83	*	
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	97	10	10	
Filipino	95	95	*	
Hispanic or Latino	79	85	85	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				
White	95	96	97	
Two or More Races	*	*		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	79	82	*	
English Learners	*	*		
Students with Disabilities	79	79	*	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

## California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2009-10)

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 the 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 Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. 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.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	16.7	40.4	32.5

## X. Accountability

### Academic Performance Index

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

### 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 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 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 1 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 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2007	2008	2009
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	10	10	10

### 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		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
All Students at the School	9	19	-9
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian		10	7
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			-40
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White	11	14	-4
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

### Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – 2010 Growth API Comparison

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

Group	2010 Growth API		
	School	LEA	State
All Students at the School	971	904	767
Black or African American		827	686
American Indian or Alaska Native			728
Asian	1000	967	890
Filipino		925	851
Hispanic or Latino	921	861	715
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			753
White	978	909	838
Two or More Races		908	808
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged		827	712
English Learners		855	692
Students with Disabilities		735	580

### 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 at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

**Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2009-10)**

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.

<b>AYP Criteria</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>
<b>Overall</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Participation Rate: English-Language Arts</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Participation Rate: Mathematics</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Percent Proficient: Mathematics</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>API</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	N/A	Yes

**Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2010-11)**

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 at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>
<b>Program Improvement Status</b>		Not In PI
<b>First Year of Program Improvement</b>		
<b>Year in Program Improvement</b>		
<b>Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement</b>	---	
<b>Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement</b>	---	

## XI. 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.

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All professional development is designed to improve student achievement. School sites analyze their students' assessment data, determine needs, and select staff development to address these needs. Staff members also receive training on newly adopted materials, technology, and State frameworks. Staff development focuses on the following District Priorities:

1. Increase Academic Excellence for all students.
  - 1.1 Further implement the tenets of professional learning communities.
    - Create, implement, and monitor district benchmarks.
    - Based on the analysis of benchmark results, implement best practices and programs.
    - Based on the analysis of benchmark results, implement intervention and enrichment programs.
  - 1.2 Increase the percentage of students prepared for post-secondary success as measured by the percentage of students who:
    - successfully complete Algebra in 8th grade.
    - complete an Advanced Placement course in high school.
    - complete the CSU/UC a-g entrance requirements.
2. Ensure safe, drug free and healthy environment.
  - 2.1 Expand the voluntary drug testing and alternatives to suspension.
  - 2.2 Develop a comprehensive bullying prevention program.
  - 2.3 Develop and implement an Internet safety program.

District-wide staff development includes the following:

1. Working with all staff on making progress as a Professional Learning Community.
2. Supporting teacher collaboration for the purpose of analyzing test results, revising curriculum, planning lessons, responding to instruction, and revising common benchmark assessments.
3. Training teachers on the use of Data Director as a tool for analyzing common assessments in order to provide appropriate interactions.
4. Training teachers to be coaches for other teachers when implementing a new program.
5. Training teachers on Cognitively Guided Instruction to better prepare students for algebraic thinking and problem solving.
6. Training teachers on writing strategies and programs, such as Writer's Workshop.
7. Training teachers on comprehension strategies and programs, such as Reader's Workshop and Guided Reading.
8. Training teachers on differentiation of instruction with an emphasis on strategies for GATE and English learners.
9. Providing professional development and support for teachers and parents in dealing with students with special needs.
10. Providing regularly scheduled job-alike articulation meetings.
11. Training staff on selecting appropriate education placements and on using correct procedures in developing Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
12. Creating standards-based, on-line report cards K-5.

In addition to district-wide staff development, each site sets staff development goals to be met at grade/department-level meetings, staff meetings, and professional groups.

As part of the professional evaluation process, each staff member sets professional growth goals in the fall. Goals are met through attendance at college courses, workshops and conferences, professional reading, visitations to other schools, and collaborative work with other educators. Staff members demonstrate a sincere desire and commitment to ongoing improvement.

In addition, LACED is part of the Orange County Beginning Teacher & Support Assessment (BTSA) consortium, which offers training to highly qualified, trained teachers, who provide guidance for new teachers.