

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

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	Stephen Foster Elementary	District Name	Bellflower Unified
Street	5223 East Bigelow St.	Phone Number	562-866-9011
City, State, Zip	Lakewood, CA 90712-2023	Web Site	www.busd.k12.ca.us
Phone Number	562-804-6518	Superintendent	Rick Kempainen
Principal	Deirdre Reyes	CDS Code	19- 64303- 6011704

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

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Stephen Foster Elementary School is one of eleven elementary schools in the Bellflower Unified School District. The school is located in Lakewood and serves approximately 686 students from the cities of Lakewood, Bellflower, and Cerritos. The facilities include 34 classrooms, 2 support classrooms, a Head Start classroom, a library, two computer labs, and a multi-purpose room (which also serves as the school cafeteria). The school also houses two preschool classrooms and a before and after school care facility run by the YMCA.

Stephen Foster staff, students, parents, and community collaborate in order to cultivate excellence inside and outside of the classroom. We focus on today, but also look toward the future. We envision students confidently moving on to higher education and eventually into the global community where they will be empowered to reach their full potential. We foster the "whole child", supporting academic, physical, social, and emotional growth. We encourage students to be self-motivated, independent thinkers and lifelong learners. We inspire students to expand their horizons, and we provide a safe, encouraging environment that helps to bring out the best in everyone. We respect and take pride in our school, our community, and ourselves.

We believe that:

A strong partnership with school, parents, and community is essential.

Excellence requires continuous improvement.

Personal and social responsibilities are key components of good citizenship.

Mistakes and problems are unavoidable and serve as learning opportunities.

Ongoing multiple assessments and adjustments maximize learning.

Balanced literacy is the best approach to cultivate competent readers, writers, and critical thinkers.

Mathematics requires competence in skills as well as real life application and problem-solving.

Experiencing the fine arts cultivates well-rounded individuals.

Scientific inquiry and hands-on activities promote critical thinking skills.

Understanding history and social studies gives us a context for our past, present, and future.

Technology resources serve as tools for instruction, communication, and production by students, staff, and parents.

Physical fitness is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.

The mission of Stephen Foster Elementary School is to provide a safe learning environment and effective school-based coordination of programs reflecting input by teachers, students, administrators, parents, and community members to meet the unique needs of a diverse student population in grades kindergarten through six. Students leave Stephen Foster as responsible citizens who demonstrate respect for themselves and others in their community. Our students are active learners who have attained or exceeded all appropriate grade level standards, and are prepared for successful continuing educational experiences.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2008-09)

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Family support is an integral part of the educational process. Without this vital link, the goals set in the mission and vision statements of the school would be unachievable. Making parents feel welcome in the school and important to the success of the students has been the center of the school's strategies that send the message that family involvement is essential to advance our students' education. All family members are encouraged to attend our daily flag ceremony at the beginning of each school day. There we make important announcements and recognize students' efforts and achievements. A coordinated effort between the community and the school provides a safe and nurturing environment for all children. Parents are leaders in decision-making circumstances in the PTA, on the School Site Council, on the English Learner Advisory Committee and as parent volunteers. In order to build public confidence, monthly newsletters, special bulletins, flyers, and other forms of written communication elicit active participation and support for school programs.

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	94
Grade 1	88
Grade 2	96
Grade 3	78
Grade 4	102
Grade 5	109
Grade 6	125
Total Enrollment	692

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	9.25 %
Asian	3.18 %
Filipino	5.06 %
Hispanic or Latino	32.08 %
Pacific Islander	0.87 %
White (not Hispanic)	32.37 %
Multiple or No Response	17.20 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	33.00 %
English Learners	6.00 %
Students with Disabilities	12.00 %

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	2006-07				2007-08				2008-09			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	22.0	4	1	0	18.3	4	0	0	20.0	4	0	0
1	20.0	5	0	0	19.5	6	0	0	20.0	5	0	0
2	19.6	5	0	0	19.8	4	0	0	18.2	5	0	0
3	17.8	6	0	0	20.0	5	0	0	19.0	3	0	0
4	31.0	0	3	1	34.0	0	0	3	32.3	0	2	1
5	33.3	0	0	3	30.8	0	4	0	33.3	0	0	3
6	33.3	0	0	3	33.0	0	1	3	26.8	1	4	0

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2008-09)

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

The staff, students, parents, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and community members at the school strive to provide effective ways to give all students the safe, clean, healthy, and disciplined conditions that allow teachers to effectively teach and students to actively learn. The school's mission and vision statements place the physical, emotional, and psychological safety and well being of our students and staff among our highest priorities. All elements of the school, the education provided, the student support staff, the school's leadership, our parents and families, and the school's surrounding community, combine to produce a positive, safe, and secure environment for all students. The school's comprehensive safety plan establishes regular review of emergency response plans, expectations for the cleanliness and timely maintenance of facilities, and behavioral norms. The school meets its obligation to provide support systems that promote the health and safety of students and adults alike.

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	1.1	2.9	3.5	24.3	19.0	17.9
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.6

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.

The appearance of a school's grounds, buildings, and classrooms influences the attitude of all who visit and use the campus. The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. The school's facilities support the special needs of all students. There are areas on campus, including the library-media center, teachers' lounges, and a teachers' workroom, for students and staff to go for collaboration and research.

Students utilize a grassy, park-like atmosphere. An attractive wrought iron fence encloses the front of the school and all gates are locked and unlocked to accommodate the daily schedule. Signs are posted at the front gate informing the public that the school is tobacco free, and the school follows a "No Trash" policy that encourages students and staff to assume personal responsibility for the appearance of the campus. The district governing board maintains high cleaning standards for all schools in the district. The school office can provide details. The principal works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school. All campus restrooms are open and operational.

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

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.

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	N/A	X			N/A
Interior: Interior Surfaces	N/A		X		N/A
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	N/A	X			N/A
Electrical: Electrical	N/A	X			N/A
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	N/A	X			N/A
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	N/A	X			N/A
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	N/A	X			N/A
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	N/A	X			N/A
Overall Rating	Good (10/2009)				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	36	35	35	629
Without Full Credential	1	1	1	31
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	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	97.1	2.9
All Schools in District	94.4	5.6
High-Poverty Schools in District	100.0	0.0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	97.1	2.9

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
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0

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
Reading/Language Arts	Good – Aligned to state adoption cycle	0%
Mathematics	Good – Aligned to state adoption cycle	0%
Science	Good – Aligned to state adoption cycle	0%
History-Social Science	Good – Aligned to state adoption cycle	0%
Health	Good – Aligned to state adoption cycle	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Good – Aligned to state adoption cycle	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	\$4,658	\$207	\$4,451	\$76,013
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,796	\$65,560
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-23.21%	15.94%
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,512	\$65,905
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-19.26%	15.34%

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.

The ADA dollars cited in the table above provide services budgeted from the general fund including regular classroom instruction and support, special education, counseling, psychology, child welfare and attendance and program assessment. Additional services funded as categorical programs include: Title 1 and Title VI assistance to targeted populations, Caring Connections community services, services for English Learners, School Improvement Programs (SIP), Safety and Violence Prevention, Drug and Tobacco Education (DATE), Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE); Safe and Drug Free Schools, and the After School Program Promoting Learning Enrichment (Project APPLE).

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
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$43,684	\$40,786
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$66,673	\$65,726
Highest Teacher Salary	\$81,819	\$85,230
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$104,809	\$106,548
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	N/A	\$112,237
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$127,917	\$121,617
Superintendent Salary	\$193,816	\$191,155
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	42.30 %	40.60 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.70 %	5.30 %

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	54	62	63	43	45	48	43	46	50
Mathematics	64	68	69	41	41	45	40	43	46
Science	51	61	60	38	50	50	38	46	50
History-Social Science	0	0	0	30	35	39	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
African American	50	62	36
Asian	90	83	N/A
Filipino	77	84	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	53	65	56
White (not Hispanic)	71	73	71
Male	58	72	60
Female	68	66	59
Economically Disadvantaged	50	59	56
English Learners	42	48	N/A
Students with Disabilities	39	47	48

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.

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	74.3%	61.0%	32.4%

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	7	8	8
Similar Schools	6	8	8

"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.

" * " 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	10	15	15	852
Hispanic or Latino	23	16	22	835
White (not Hispanic)	-1	20	10	867
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	40	17	28	815

"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	Yes	No
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	No
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	Yes

"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	N/A	Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	N/A	N/A
Year in Program Improvement	N/A	N/A
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	N/A
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	N/A

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.

Professional development activities are essential to the maintenance of a quality educational program for all students. Over the past three years, the district has provided more than 200 hours per year of professional development activities for teachers and classified staff. These programs have emphasized a standards-based approach to the core subject areas of English Language Arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Over the past three years the district has also provided 14 shortened days per year for schools to use in school-based planning and professional development activities. The school-based instructional time and staff development program has addressed technology-based instruction; early literacy, shared decision-making, the utilization of standardized tests in the instructional program, and instruction for underachieving subgroups.

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 – Aggregated

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		State 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	41	25	5
Mathematics 2009, Grade 8	270	282	36	18	5

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

This table displays the state and national participation rates on the National Assessment of Educational Progress for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) 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	93	65	80
Reading 2007, Grade 8	78	92	66	77
Mathematics 2009, Grade 4	79	96	84	94
Mathematics 2009, Grade 8	85	96	78	92