

Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2005-06

For El Portal Elementary School

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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 2005-06 school year, except the School Finances and School Completion data that are reported for the 2004-05 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

El Portal School Profile

El Portal School serves 530 students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Our school, reopened eleven years ago, is located in a suburban, middle class area. Approximately 50% of our students are from a Hispanic background and 41% Caucasian. The high expectations of our staff are mirrored in the high expectations of our families. We are a dedicated school community working together to provide a high level of academic excellence to our students. We are committed to the growth of our students academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

National and state measures show the consistent high quality of education that students receive at El Portal. 65.4% of our students scored at or above the Proficient level in Math on the California Standards Test (CST) and 64% of our students scored at or above the Proficient level in English/Language Arts on the CST. Our API of 838, our statewide rank of 8 and similar school rank of 8, put El Portal solidly in the top schools in California. All of our State AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals were met.

El Portal provides a broad based curriculum and stresses an education that includes personal integrity, social responsibility, and a study of our national heritage. El Portal offers differentiated instruction focused to meet the needs of our diverse population. We have quality programs structured to meet the needs of all students including our Title I students, English Language learners, and Special Education students. Our 23 full-time teachers are highly trained and are supported by an excellent support staff including a computer technician, library technician, four instructional assistants, and two instructional assistants to aid in the instruction of our English language Learners. A nurse, school psychologist, and specialists in speech and language, art, music, and PE also provide our students excellent care and quality instruction.

Our school environment promotes learning and our facilities are well maintained. Each classroom is air-conditioned and attractive. Our grounds are colorful and well manicured. We have state of the art playground equipment that offers a fun and safe playground experience for our children. Not only is the physical environment inviting, but we also offer an array of exciting activities to promote school spirit. Student achievement and good citizenship is recognized on a regular basis. Our CARE awards program (Character, Attitude, Responsibility, and Effort) reflects our commitment to encouraging healthy values in each child on our campus.

El Portal boasts a large, beautiful library with well over 12,000 volumes offering a wide variety of reading experiences for our students. Our students are provided books at their reading level through Reading Counts! In the fall of 2007-2008, we will open a newly updated and renovated Tech Center that will provide our students with the opportunity to learn the skills in technology that are so important in today's world.

Student Enrollment

Teachers

Group	Enrollment	Indicators	Teachers
Number of Students	479	Teachers With Full Credential	22
African American	1.1 %	Teachers Without Full Credential	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2 %	Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0
Asian	4.2 %	Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	2
Filipino	0.2 %	Total Teacher Misassignments	2
Hispanic or Latino	49.6 %		
Pacific Islander	0.0 %		
White (Not Hispanic)	41.5 %		
Multiple or No Response	3.2 %		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	24.9 %		
English Learners	20.0 %		
Students with Disabilities	9.0 %		

School Facilities

Summary of Most Recent Site Inspection

Site inspections showed no major problems or concerns.

Repairs Needed

Work orders were issued and completed prior to the opening of school, including some minor tree trimming, exterior and interior light fixture repair, and minor irrigation repair.

Corrective Actions Taken or Planned

Other projects that were completed during the week of inspection included termite treatment, concrete repair, HVAC filter replacement, and backflow water valve testing. There was no major damage due to vandalism at the times of inspection.

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 %

School Finances

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted Sources Only)
Federal State	\$4,743

Student Performance

Subject	Percent of Students Proficient and Above on California Standards Tests
English-Language Arts	64
Mathematics	64
Science	42
History-Social Science	

Academic Progress

Indicator	Result
2006 API Growth Score (from 2006 API Growth Report)	838
Statewide Rank (from 2005 API Base Report)	8
2006-07 Program Improvement Status	--