

# Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2006-07 Published During 2007-08

## 2006-07 Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card

### Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School

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**Grade Span:** 7-8

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 2006-07 school year, except the School Finances and School Completion data that are reported for the 2005-06 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

Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School is located in the unincorporated area of southeast Los Angeles County. We are part of the Lowell Joint School District and serve 778 students in the 7th and 8th grades. Rancho-Starbuck was constructed in 1958 and has enjoyed continuous upgrades and maintenance over the years. Our school has recently upgraded the library and installed the computer technology center with 50 computer stations for individual and classroom use. Our Science labs and some additional classrooms have the use of a SMART board and our technology is regularly updated.

The staff at Rancho-Starbuck School currently has 30 teachers, 33 of whom are fully-credentialed teachers teaching in their subject area. Our school team consists of two STAR resource center specialists, one moderate SDC classroom, a school counselor, school psychologist, an ELD aide, and a speech and language specialist. There are three administrators: a principal and two assistant principals. Additional support is provided by an office manager, school clerk, attendance clerk, a part-time nurse, full-time librarian and computer tech aide, three STAR Center aides, instructional aides, three custodians, and five noon duty aides.

Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate is known for its safe and orderly learning environment. The record of suspensions/expulsions is low at 1.4% and the school institutes a comprehensive school safety program that includes a School Resource Officer and special trained police dogs. At the same time, the staff places a high priority on developing responsible citizens through our Character Education and REACH programs. REACH is an acronym for Responsibility \* Effort \* Attitude \* Character \* Honor. Through this program, we emphasize the importance of each of these themes and we recognize students for their achievement. In addition to Rancho-Starbuck's strong academic program, we will continue to provide outstanding programs in technology, music, art, drama, and a variety of elective offerings.

Our school offers a variety of leadership opportunities for students through school leadership, STARS Club, Link Crew and mentoring programs. After school sports offers our students another way to get involved on campus. School spirit is high and Rancho's motto "If It Is To Be It Is Up To Me" encourages students to make the most out of their junior high school experience.

Rancho-Starbuck believes in fostering a school wide college atmosphere. We are proud to be an official AVID school site, currently with three AVID classes.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School provides a well-rounded, quality, standards-based education. Students are taught academic, moral, and patriotic principles using traditional, research-based strategies. These strategies are designed to meet the needs of all students. Students are taught higher level thinking skills and are encouraged to become productive, responsible members of society. Student success is our goal.

## AIMS

- To master basic skills
- To develop responsible students
- To emphasize effort, attitude, character, and honor
- To expose students to current technology and research skills creating informational literacy
- To recognize students for their achievement
- To prepare students for high school and to promote lifelong learning
- To encourage students to make wise choices for good health
- To engage students in activities that foster the development of their optimal physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being.

## Student Enrollment

Group	Enrollment
Number of Students	772
African American	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.13%
Asian	2.46%
Filipino	1%
Hispanic or Latino	44%
Pacific Islander	
White (not Hispanic)	43.78%
Multiple or No Response	7.12%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	17%
English Learners	7%
Students with Disabilities	8%

## Teachers

Indicator	Teachers
Teachers with full credential	32
Teachers without full credential	0
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0

## School Facilities

### School Facility Conditions and Improvements

Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School was built in 1958 and there are 44 classrooms on campus. We believe a safe and clean school is a fundamental necessity of a successful academic environment. Our Maintenance Department is proud to impart solutions and services integral to providing a safe environment conducive to learning. Safety inspections are held annually to ensure the maintenance of an optimal learning environment. The campus is well manicured and the outside has been newly painted and lockers have been refurbished.

## 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)
District	\$5,062
State	\$4,943

## Student Performance

Subject	Students Proficient and Above on California Standards Test
English-Language Arts	62
Mathematics	48
Science	51
History-Social Science	43

## Academic Progress

Indicator	Result
2007 API Growth Score (from 2007 API Growth Report)	802
Statewide Rank (from 2007 API Base Report)	8
2007-08 Program Improvement Status (PI Year)	