

School Fact Sheet, 2008–2009

PACIFICA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vallemar School

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PRINCIPAL: Barbara Ng **GRADE RANGE:** K–8 **SCHEDULE:** Traditional

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Teachers

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of teachers (FTE)	22	27	21
Students per teacher	25	19	20
Average years of teaching experience	8	11	12
Teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	23%	17%	12%
Full credential holders	100%	93%	96%
Trainee credential holders	0%	6%	3%
Emergency permit holders	5%	2%	1%

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent K–8 schools only. Because teachers can hold more than one type of credential, percentages rarely add up to 100 percent.

Our teachers bring an average of eight years of teaching experience to their classes. All of our teachers have a full credential. Statewide about 96 percent of K–8 school teachers hold this credential.

Average Class Sizes

GRADE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Kindergarten	20	19	19
First grade	20	19	19
Second grade	20	19	19
Third grade	20	20	20
Fourth grade	32	27	27
Fifth grade	32	26	28
Sixth grade	31	28	28
COURSE			
English	N/A	21	24
History/social science	N/A	24	27
Math	N/A	23	25
Science	N/A	26	28

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent K–8 schools only.

Average class sizes in our elementary grades vary from a low of 20 students to a high of 32 students.

Students

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of students	550	493	426
English Learners	3%	42%	25%
Low-income students	11%	53%	56%
Students whose parents attended/graduated college	90%	50%	58%

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent K–8 schools only.

The factors above may affect students' performance in school.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

A complete annual accountability report for our school is available on our district Web site. For more information, contact the district at:

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375 Reina del Mar Ave.
Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 738-6600

To view this report and the reports of other schools in our district online, please visit our Web site at:

<http://www.pacificasd.org>

This data is current as of September 2009 but is subject to change. Facts about teachers and students are from the census of early October 2008. Testing data is based on tests taken in the spring of 2009. The CDE issued API and AYP results in September 2009.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

California Standards Tests

This series of tests is based on what California students are expected to know and learn at each grade level.

Student Proficiency

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FAR BELOW BASIC **BELOW BASIC** **BASIC** **PROFICIENT** **ADVANCED**

SUBJECT	PERCENT PROFICIENT OR HIGHER	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES
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English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

Our school	72%	
Calif. K–8 schools	54%	

Math (excluding Algebra)

Our school	73%	
Calif. K–8 schools	57%	

Algebra

Our school	47%	
Calif. K–8 schools	44%	

History/Social Science

Our school	51%	
Calif. K–8 schools	41%	

Science

Our school	78%	
Calif. K–8 schools	53%	

SOURCE: The scores for the California Standards Tests are from the spring 2009 test cycle. State averages represent K–8 schools only.

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We use two measures to track our school's academic achievement over time: the Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). These measures combine test results differently and often provide differing views of student progress.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API): This is California's way of rating schools. Using student test scores, the API places schools on a scale from 200 to 1000. Our school's API was 867, compared with 793 for the average K–8 school. The state expects schools to attain an API of 800 eventually.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP): This is a federal measure that requires schools to meet test score goals schoolwide and for all subgroups* of students. We met all 13 criteria for yearly progress. As a result, we succeeded at making AYP. Note that the number of criteria may vary from school to school.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX		FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met schoolwide growth target	Yes	Met AYP	Yes
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes	Met schoolwide test participation rate	Yes
API	867	Met schoolwide test score goals	Yes
Growth attained from prior year	-9	Met subgroup* test participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* growth targets	Yes	Met subgroup* test score goals	Yes
		Met API for AYP	Yes
		Program Improvement school	No

SOURCE: API growth score, 2009 test cycle. API and AYP current as of September 2009.
* Numerically significant groups, such as English Learners and ethnic groups, with separate API and AYP goals.
N/A Data unavailable or unreported; statistically insignificant number of valid test scores; testing data under review; or school uses alternative accountability measures.



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