

School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2007-08 Published During 2008-09

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 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 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 2008-09)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
School Name	La Ballona Elementary School	District Name	Culver City Unified School District
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City, State, Zip	Culver City CA 90232-4045	Web Site	www.ccusd.org
Phone Number	(310) 842-4334	Superintendent	Dr. Myrna Rivera Cote
Principal	Christine Collins	E-mail Address	myrnariveracote@ccusd.org
E-mail Address	christinecollins@ccusd.org	CDS Code	19-64444-6012694

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2007-08)

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

La Ballona's students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community believe that all children can learn and deserve a balanced program of high academic expectations and standards, as well as, social and emotional support. We believe that all students have unique contributions to make to the future and we can prepare students to build skills to implement and pursue their unique contributions as life-long learners and productive citizens of the world.

Our goals include developing citizens that demonstrate respect and understanding of all people and cultures; effective academic and social problem solvers; and students who are able to apply learned skills and strategies of reading, writing, technology, and mathematics to further their own learning.

La Ballona stresses high standards of achievement and behavior. Our total school community works together to support students in meeting those standards. La Ballona is committed to creating an environment where all students can feel supported, accepted, encouraged, and successful. I am proud of our school and programs. . After reading the SARC, please feel free to contact me at any time.

[Opportunities for Parental Involvement \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

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

The parents in the Culver City Unified School District are involved and interested in the operation of all schools. The Parent Teacher Student Associations assist in fund raising, scholarships, and assuring that communication flows between all schools and community. Parents also serve on the School Site Council, the District Budget Committee, the English Learner Advisory Committees, the Strategic Plan Team Advisory Committee, Curriculum Committees, and number of other individual school site committees. Various business partners sponsor many special events for both students and parents. The Culver City Educational Foundation supports and enhances quality educational programs for every student in the Culver City Unified School District.

[Student Enrollment by Grade Level \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	80
Grade 1	60
Grade 2	80
Grade 3	90
Grade 4	89
Grade 5	88
Total Enrollment	487

[Student Enrollment by Group \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

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
African American	3.29%	White (not Hispanic)	9.86%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.21%	Multiple or No Response	14.58%
Asian	5.75%	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	62%
Filipino	1.44%	English Learners	34%
Hispanic or Latino	64.68%	Students with Disabilities	6%
Pacific Islander	0.21%		

[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	2005-06				2006-07				2007-08			
	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	19	6			19.8	4			20	4		
1	18	2			20	4			20	3		
2	20.8	5	1		17.6	7			20	5		
3	18.6	7			19	5			18	5		
4	27.8	1	4		26.3	1	3		29.7		3	
5	25.5	1	1		30		3		29.3		3	

III. School Climate

[School Safety Plan \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

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

The School Safety Plan was presented to the Board of Education outlining the District's plan and purpose. There are essentially two components: School Climate (strategies to maintain a caring climate) and Physical Environment (attributes of a hospitable environment). The district's priority has: a) updated the individual school plans; b) developed the curriculum requirements in Tolerance education, Safe and drug free education, and tobacco use prevention; c) updated the physical environment; and d) developed a strategic plan. Each site has an emergency plan with a clear set of procedures.

[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		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Suspensions	0.9	0.6	2.7	6.8	4.1	4.7
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2

IV. School Facilities

[School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

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 District provides a safe and clean environment for learning and growing. All sites have adequate classroom space, office facilities, libraries, and computer labs that support the instructional program. All sites have emergency plans in place with procedures for staff and students in case of fire, earthquakes, and other disasters. Emergency drills are held routinely. Staff members supervise all playgrounds during school hours. In order to ensure a safe environment at all sites, district security personnel monitor campuses on a daily basis. Maintenance is an on-going process provided by the district maintenance and operational department. All staff members have identification badges.

[School Facility Good Repair Status \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

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

Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Gas Leaks	[X]	[]	[]	
Mechanical Systems	[X]	[]	[]	
Windows/Doors/Gates (interior and exterior)	[X]	[]	[]	
Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, and ceilings)	[X]	[]	[]	
Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior)	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural Damage	[X]	[]	[]	
Fire Safety	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical (interior and exterior)	[X]	[]	[]	
Pest/Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	
Drinking Fountains (inside and outside)	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms	[X]	[]	[]	
Sewer	[X]	[]	[]	
Playground/School Grounds	[X]	[]	[]	
Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	
Overall Cleanliness	[X]	[]	[]	

[Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

This table displays the overall summary of the results of the most recently completed school site inspection.

Item Inspected	Facility Condition			
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	[]	[X]	[]	[]

V. Teachers

[Professional Development](#)

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

A Professional Development Steering Committee and leadership teams study student achievement, analyze needs, and identify areas for staff development. These identified needs become the focus of professional development for the following year for an ongoing comprehensive staff development program. This program includes district wide assistance to teachers on content standards, curriculum, special needs students, differentiation, EL students, the Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drugs and Violence program (ATODV), technology, paraprofessional training and utilized for discussion or instruction and assessment. New teachers have attended Los Angeles County workshops and the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment program (BTSA) offerings. Literacy and Math specialists have also provided numerous workshops on adopted materials, pacing guides and assessment techniques.

[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 *DataQuest* Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
With Full Credential	31	32	27	304
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	18
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	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
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 \(School Year 2006-07\)](#)

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. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the NCLB 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	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100%	0%
All Schools in District	97.1%	2.9%
High-Poverty Schools in District	0%	0%
Low-Poverty Schools in District	97.6%	2.4%

VI Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2007-08)

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
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist		N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		N/A
Other		N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2008-09)

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.

La Ballona Elementary School uses the ST Math+Music program to supplement the district adopted standards-based mathematics curricular materials. This program develops student's innate ability to visualize and manipulate images - and problems in space and time using Spatial Temporal Reasoning. Spatial temporal reasoning refers to every person's ability to solve multi-step problems by visualizing components and processes in space and time, recognizing the structure of the problem, and then planning a sequence of steps that overcome the obstacles to arrive at a solution. Because ST Math+Music is non-language based, it is immediately helpful to English Language Learners.

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	Every student has a textbook.	0%
Mathematics	Every student has a textbook.	0%
Science	Every student has a textbook.	0%
History-Social Science	Every student has a textbook.	0%
Foreign Language		
Health	Health is integrated into the Science and P.E. Instruction	0
Visual and Performing Arts		

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

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 at the Current Expense of Education Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the Certificated Salaries and 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				
District	---	---		\$61,294
Percent Difference – School Site and District	---	---		
State	---	---	\$5,300	\$62,157
Percent Difference – School Site and State	---	---		

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

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

In addition to general fund state funding, Culver City Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for the following programs:

STATE:

- School Improvement Program (SI)
- Economic Impact Aid – Limited English Proficient (EIA/LEP)
- English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP)
- Gifted and Talented Program (GATE)
- State Class Size Reduction
- Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE)
- State Lottery
- Beginning Teacher Support (BTSA)

FEDERAL:

- Title I, (El Rincon, La Ballona, Lin Howe, Culver City Middle School) - extra support for students at risk of failing
- Title II, Teacher Quality, Staff development, teacher training
- Title II D, Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III, Limited English Proficient
- Title IV, Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- Title VI, Innovative Strategies

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

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. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the Certificated Salaries and 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	\$41,000	\$39,692
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$64,380	\$62,830
Highest Teacher Salary	\$79,980	\$80,472
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$97,500	\$98,460
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$102,624	\$104,522
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$116,472	\$114,549
Superintendent Salary	\$175,000	\$166,547
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	31.6%	40.2%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4%	5.8%

IX. Student Performance

California Standards Tests

The California Standards Tests (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 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, and 9 through 11; and history-social science in grades 8, and 10 through 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web page at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. *Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 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.*

CST 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		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
English-Language Arts	40	47	48	52	53	56	42	43	46
Mathematics	57	59	66	41	44	48	40	40	43
Science	26	37	38	39	44	54	35	38	46
History-Social Science				46	43	50	33	33	36

CST 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
African American	59	69	*	
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	
Asian	69	79	*	
Filipino	58	75		
Hispanic or Latino	39	61	29	
Pacific Islander	*	*		
White (not Hispanic)	74	85	77	
Male	48	69	44	
Female	48	63	31	
Economically Disadvantaged	40	62	21	
English Learners	23	47	4	
Students with Disabilities	5	24	*	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2007-08)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the healthy fitness zone on all six 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 at the 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 10 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
5	12.8

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 API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

API 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 10 percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest 10 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 10 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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Statewide	6	6	6
Similar Schools	4	6	6

API Changes 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
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008
All Students at the School	10	12	13	797
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	15	10	12	761
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	17	18	766
English Learners	-6	15	22	739
Students with Disabilities				

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 English-language arts (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 AYP Web page <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

[AYP Overall and by Criteria \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

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	Yes
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	Yes

[Federal Intervention Program \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

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 (English-language arts 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 AYP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	11.1