

School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2009-10 Published During 2010-11

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 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 on the CDE DataQuest Web page 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 2010-11)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
School Name	La Ballona Elementary School	District Name	Culver City Unified School District
Street	10915 Washington Blvd.	Phone Number	(310) 842-4220
City, State, Zip	Culver City CA 90232-4045	Web Site	www.ccusd.org
Phone Number	(310) 842-4334	Superintendent	Patricia Jaffe, Superintendent
Principal	Christine Collins	E-mail Address	patriciajaffe@ccusd.org
E-mail Address	christinecollins@ccusd.org	CDS Code	19-64444-6012694

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2009-10)

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 2009-10)

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 2009-10)

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	112
Grade 1	89
Grade 2	76
Grade 3	58
Grade 4	87
Grade 5	87
Total Enrollment	509

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2009-10)

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
Black or African American	5	White	15
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	Two or More Races	
Asian	7.47	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	71
Filipino	2	English Learners	36
Hispanic or Latino	70	Students with Disabilities	10
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2		

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	2007-08				2008-09				2009-10			
	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	20.0	4	0	0	18.0	5	0	0	19.8	5		0
1	20.0	3	0	0	19.5	4	0	0	19.75	4		0
2	20.0	5	0	0	20.3	3	1	0	20.06		3	0
3	18.0	5	0	0	20.0	4	0	0	23.2		3	0
4	29.7	0	3	0	30.7	0	3	0	27.3		3	0
5	29.3	0	3	0	29.7	0	3	0	29		3	0

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2009-10)

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, anti-bullying initiative "Bullying Hurts Inside and Out, and tobacco use prevention; c) updated the physical environment; and d) developed a strategic plan. This plan was presented to teachers and parents in February, 2010. 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		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Suspensions	2.7	0.2	3.1	4.7	5.1	5.8
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2010-11)

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. This inspection was conducted in March, 2010.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2010-11)

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	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[]	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[]	[X]	[]	[]	

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Overall Rating	[]	[X]	[]	[]	

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 at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10
With Full Credential	27	26	26	290
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	---

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	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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 2009-10)

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Taught by	
	NCLB Compliant Teachers	Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100	0
All Schools in District	100	0
High-Poverty Schools in District	100	0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100	0

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2009-10)

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	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	---
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	---
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	1	---
Psychologist	1	---
Social Worker	0	---
Nurse	.60	---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.60	---
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0	---
Other	0	---

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school; whether the textbooks and instructional materials are from the most recent adoption (yes/no); 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	Most Recent SBE or Local Governing Agency Approved Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Every student has a textbook.	0	Yes
Mathematics	Every student has a textbook.	0	Yes
Science	Every student has a textbook.	0	Yes
History-Social Science	Every student has a textbook.	0	Yes
Foreign Language			Yes
Health	Health is integrated into the Science and P.E. Instruction	0	Yes
Visual and Performing Arts			Yes

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & 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	\$6,179	\$1,861	\$4,317	\$60,427
District	---	---	\$4,173	\$62,875
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	3	-2
State	---	---	\$5,681	\$65,399
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	-22	-6

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

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 2008-09)

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$41,410	\$41,209
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$65,020	\$65,228
Highest Teacher Salary	\$80,690	\$83,339
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$95,165	\$103,189
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$95,820	\$108,789
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$117,636	\$119,247
Superintendent Salary	\$180,000	\$179,589
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	30.4	40.7
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.2	5.9

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 in grades two through eleven, and 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 for grades three through eight and science in grades five and eight 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 at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2009 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/pkt5intrpts09.pdf>.

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		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
English-Language Arts	48	52	52	56	63	63	46	50	52
Mathematics	66	64	64	48	55	55	43	46	48
Science	38	72	72	54	66	66	46	50	54
History-Social Science	0	0	0	50	63	63	36	41	44

Standardized Testing and Reporting 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
All Students in the LEA				
All Student at the School				
Male	51	65	74	
Female	53	63	70	
Black or African American	*	*	*	
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	83	78	*	
Filipino	*	*	*	
Hispanic or Latino	47	63	68	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	*	*		
White	60	60	75	
Two or More Races	*	*	*	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	48	63	71	
English Learners	26	47	42	
Students with Disabilities	23	37	*	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2009-10)

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 the 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 Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. *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.*

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	22.7	31.8	25.0

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 CDE Academic Performance Index (API) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

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 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 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 1 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 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2007	2008	2009
Statewide	6	6	7
Similar Schools	6	6	6

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		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
All Students at the School	13	26	-1
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	12	28	15
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White			
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	18	32	9
English Learners	22	41	1
Students with Disabilities			

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – 2010 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2010 Growth API		
	School	LEA	State
All Students at the School	819	824	767
Black or African American		792	686
American Indian or Alaska Native			728
Asian		906	890
Filipino		893	851
Hispanic or Latino	803	780	715
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			753
White		881	838
Two or More Races			808
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	805	776	712
English Learners	778	732	692
Students with Disabilities		578	580

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 at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2009-10)

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

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2010-11)

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 at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (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	---	1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	11.1

XI. 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.

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), the anti-bullying initiative "Bullying Hurts Inside and Out..." Technology, paraprofessional training and utilized for discussion on instruction such as classroom management. Professional development days have been 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.