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School Accountability Report Card, 2005–2006
Amador County Unified School District



» An annual report to the community about teaching, learning, test results, resources, and measures of progress in our school.



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This School Accountability Report Card (SARC) shares important facts about our school with parents, guardians, and the community at large. State and federal laws require all schools to publish a SARC each year. The purpose of the SARC is to provide the public with information that they can use to evaluate and compare schools.

In this report, you'll be able to review the academic achievement of our students; the progress we've made toward achieving our goals; and data about our students, teachers, facilities, financial resources, and educational programs.

The information in this report represents the 2005–2006 school year, not the current school year. In most cases, this is the most recent data available. You'll notice that we present our school's results next to those of the average high school in the county and state. We do this to provide the most meaningful and fair comparisons.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact the school office.

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» Principal's Message

At Amador High School we are dedicated to preparing all students to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens. We provide a nurturing environment for all of our students by fostering the three Cs: Collaboration, Collegiality, and Community. Building a learning environment is the most important goal of Amador High School. Our school has received many awards for its work, but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels.

Since technology is vital to helping our students keep pace with future changes in the work force, we have made significant strides in establishing a technology plan. The school features three computer labs, teacher and student computer stations in each classroom, and a media center. We also have a state-of-the-art communication system that links all learning areas and provides telephone connections for all classrooms. This past year we added a wireless computer lab with laptops. These laptops are specifically used to help our students prepare for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), which is required for graduation.

Eli Johnson, PRINCIPAL

Grade Range and Calendar

9-12

TRADITIONAL

Academic Performance Index

749

County Average: 749

State Average: 687

Student enrollment

865

County Average: 538

State Average: 1,313

Teachers

35

County Average: 22

State Average: 56

Students per teacher

25

County Average: 25

State Average: 24

Students per computer

4

County Average: 4

State Average: 4

Major Achievements

- We exceeded our Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets and increased our overall API by 15 points last year. Amador High currently has an API of 749. We met and exceeded all subgroup and schoolwide test score goals. In the past two years we have seen a more than 50-point improvement in our API score.
- Our students exceeded the state proficiency target of 23 percent in English/language arts and math on the California Standards Tests (CST).

Focus for Improvement

- Ensure that all of our seniors pass the English and math sections on the CAHSEE by offering individualized support for struggling students. Identify struggling readers earlier and provide reading support classes and afterschool help.
- Complete capital improvement projects, including building a new science lab and culinary arts building, adding three new portables, installing new carpeting in B Building, painting the locker room, and creating new student parking lot.

MEASURES OF PROGRESS

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is California’s way of comparing schools based on student test scores. The index was created in 1999 to help parents and educators recognize schools that show progress and identify schools that need help. A school’s API determines whether it receives recognition or sanctions. It is also used to compare schools in a statewide ranking system. The California Department of Education (CDE) calculates our school’s API using student test results from the California Standards Tests, the California Achievement Test, and, for high schools, the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). APIs range from 200 to 1000. The CDE expects all schools to eventually obtain APIs of at least 800. [Additional information on the API](#) can be found on the CDE Web site.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX	
Met schoolwide growth target	Yes
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes
API score	749
Growth attained from prior year	+15
Met subgroup* growth targets	Yes
Underperforming school	No

Amador’s API was 749 (out of 1000). This is an increase of 15 points compared to last year’s API. About 91 percent of our students took the test, which met the state’s required participation rate of 90 percent. You can find three years of detailed API results in the Appendix to this report.

SOURCE: API based on spring 2006 test cycle. Growth scores alone are displayed and are current as of March 2007.

*Ethnic or socioeconomic groups of students that make up 15 percent or more of a school’s student body. These groups must meet AYP and API goals. R/P - Results pending due to challenge by school. N/A - Results not available.

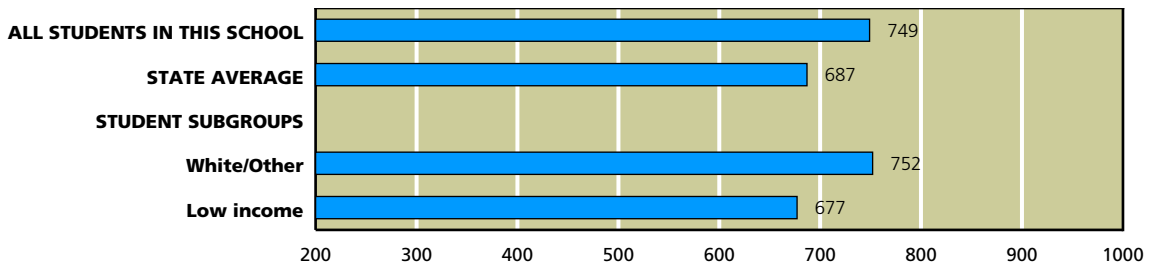
API RANKINGS: Based on our 2004–2005 test results, we started the 2005–2006 school year with an API base score of 734. The state ranks all schools according to this score on a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being highest). Compared to all high schools in California, our school ranked 7 out of 10.

SIMILAR SCHOOL RANKINGS: We also received a second ranking that compared us to the 100 schools with the most similar students, teachers, and class sizes. Compared to these schools, our school ranked 4 out of 10. The CDE recalculates this factor every year. To read more about the specific elements included in this calculation, refer to the [CDE Web site](#).

API GROWTH TARGETS: Each year the CDE sets specific API “growth targets” for every school. It assigns one growth target for the entire school, and it sets additional targets for ethnic or socioeconomic subgroups of students that make up a significant portion of the student body. Schools are required to meet all of their growth targets. If they do, they may be eligible to apply for awards through the California School Recognition Program and the Title I Achieving Schools Program.

We met our assigned growth targets during the 2005–2006 school year. Just for reference, 39 percent of high schools statewide met their growth targets.

API, Spring 2006



SOURCE: API based on spring 2006 test cycle. State average represents high schools only.
NOTE: Only groups of students that represent at least 15 percent of total enrollment are calculated and displayed as student subgroups.

Adequate Yearly Progress

In addition to California’s accountability system, which measures student achievement using the API, schools must also meet requirements set by the federal education law known as **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**. This law requires all schools to meet a different goal: **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)**.

We met all ten criteria for yearly progress. As a result, we succeeded at making AYP.

To meet AYP, high schools must meet four criteria. First, a certain percentage of students must score at or above Proficient levels on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE): 22.3 percent on the English/language arts test and 20.9 percent on the math test. All significant ethnic and socioeconomic subgroups of students also must meet these goals. Second, the schools must achieve an API of at least 590 or increase their API by one point from the prior year. Third, 95 percent of tenth grade students must take the CAHSEE. Fourth, the graduation rate for the class of 2005 must be higher than 82.9 percent (or satisfy alternate improvement criteria).

If even one subgroup of students fails to meet just one of the criteria, the school fails to meet AYP. While all schools must report their progress toward meeting AYP, only schools that receive federal funding to help economically disadvantaged students are actually penalized if they fail to meet AYP goals. Schools that do not make AYP for two or more years in a row in the same subject enter **Program Improvement (PI)**. They must offer students transfers to other schools in the district and, in their second year in PI, tutoring services as well.

FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met AYP	Yes
Met schoolwide participation rate	Yes
Met schoolwide test score goals	Yes
Met subgroup* participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* test score goals	Yes
Met schoolwide API for AYP	Yes
Met graduation rate	Yes
Program Improvement School in 2006	No

SOURCE: AYP is based on the Accountability Progress Report of March 2007. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students’ test results in the 2005–2006 school year or earlier.

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Adequate Yearly Progress, Detail by Subgroup

● MET GOAL ● DID NOT MEET GOAL — NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS

	English/Language Arts		Math	
	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE TEST?	DID 22.3% PASS CAHSEE?	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE TEST?	DID 20.9% PASS CAHSEE?
SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS	●	●	●	●
STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY				
White/Other	●	●	●	●

SOURCE: AYP release of March 2007, CDE.

The table at left shows our success or failure in meeting AYP goals in the 2005–2006 school year. The green dots represent goals we met; red dots indicate goals we missed. Just one red dot means that we failed to attain Adequate Yearly Progress.

Note: Dashes indicate that too few students were in the category to draw meaningful conclusions. Federal law requires valid test scores from at least 50 students for statistical significance.

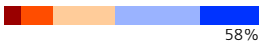

























STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Here you'll find a three-year summary of our students' scores on the California Standards Tests (CST) in selected subjects. We compare our students' test scores to the results for students in the average high school in California. On the following pages we provide more detail for each test, including the scores for different subgroups of students. In addition, we provide links to the California Content Standards on which these tests are based. If you'd like more information about the CST, please contact our principal or our teaching staff. To find [grade-level-specific scores](#), you can refer to the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Web site. Other tests in the [STAR program](#) can be found on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site.

California Standards Tests

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TESTED SUBJECT	2005–2006		2004–2005		2003–2004	
	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS						
Our school Percent Proficient or higher						
Average high school Percent Proficient or higher						
GEOMETRY						
Our school Percent Proficient or higher						
Average high school Percent Proficient or higher						
US HISTORY						
Our school Percent Proficient or higher						
Average high school Percent Proficient or higher						
BIOLOGY						
Our school Percent Proficient or higher						
Average high school Percent Proficient or higher						
SCIENCE						
Our school Percent Proficient or higher			NO DATA AVAILABLE N/A		NO DATA AVAILABLE N/A	
Average high school Percent Proficient or higher			NO DATA AVAILABLE N/A		NO DATA AVAILABLE N/A	

SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2006 test cycle. State average represents high schools only. Whenever a school reports fewer than 11 scores for a particular subgroup at any grade level, the CDE suppresses the scores when it releases the data to the public. Missing data makes it impossible for us to compile complete schoolwide results. Therefore, the results published in this report may vary from other published CDE test scores.

Frequently Asked Questions About Standardized Tests

WHERE CAN I FIND GRADE-LEVEL REPORTS? Due to space constraints and concern for statistical reliability, we have omitted grade-level detail from these test results. Instead we present results at the schoolwide level. You can view the results of far more students than any one grade level would contain, which also improves their statistical reliability. Grade-level results are online on the [STAR Web site](#). More information about student test scores is available in the Appendix to this report.

WHAT DO THE FIVE PROFICIENCY BANDS MEAN? Test experts assign students to one of these five proficiency levels, based on the number of questions they answer correctly. Our immediate goal is to help students move up one level. Our eventual goal is to enable all students to reach either of the top two bands, Advanced or Proficient. Those who score in the middle band, Basic, have come close to attaining the required knowledge and skills. Those who score in either of the bottom two bands—Below Basic or Far Below Basic—need more help to reach the Proficient level.

WHY ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS (CST) AND THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST (CAT/6) SCORED DIFFERENTLY? When students take the CST, they are scored against five criteria. In theory all students in California could score at the top. The CAT/6 is a nationally normed test, which means that students are scored against each other nationally. This scoring method is similar to grading “on the curve.” CAT/6 scores are expressed as a ranking on a scale from 1 to 99.

HOW HARD ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS? Experts consider California’s standards to be among the most clear and rigorous in the country. Just 44 percent of elementary school students scored Proficient or Advanced on the English/language arts test; 53 percent scored Proficient or Advanced in math. You can review the [California Content Standards](#) on the CDE Web site.

ARE ALL STUDENTS’ SCORES INCLUDED? No. Only students in grades two through eleven are required to take the CSTs. When fewer than 11 students in one grade or subgroup take a test, state officials remove their scores from the report. They omit them to protect students’ privacy, as called for by federal law.

HOW STATISTICALLY RELIABLE ARE THESE RESULTS? The reliability of results depends on the number of students tested and the number of questions on the test. The larger these numbers are, the more reliable the data is. The California Department of Education (CDE) suppresses scores when fewer than 11 students are present, and we suppress scores for student subgroups when fewer than 30 students are present.

CAN I REVIEW SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS? Sample test questions for the CST are on the [CDE’s Web site](#). These are actual questions used in previous years.

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? The CDE has a wealth of resources on its Web site. The STAR Web site publishes detailed reports for schools and districts, and assistance packets for parents and teachers. This site includes explanations of [technical terms](#), scoring methods, and the [subjects](#) covered by the tests for each grade. You’ll also find a [guide](#) to navigating the STAR Web site as well as help understanding how to [compare test scores](#).

WHY ARE ONLY SOME OF THE TEST RESULTS PRESENT? California’s test program includes many tests not mentioned in this report. For brevity’s sake, we’re reporting six CST tests usually taken by the largest number of students. We select at least one test from each core subject. For science, we’ve selected biology (an elective) and the tenth grade life science test. For math, we’ve selected two courses, both of them electives: Algebra I, which students take if they haven’t studied and passed it in eighth grade; and Geometry, often the most popular math course because it follows Algebra I. In social studies, we’ve selected US History, which is taken by all juniors (eleventh graders). English/language arts is the one course that summarizes the results of students in grades nine through eleven.

English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			58%	90%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 17 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			50%	93%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			41%	97%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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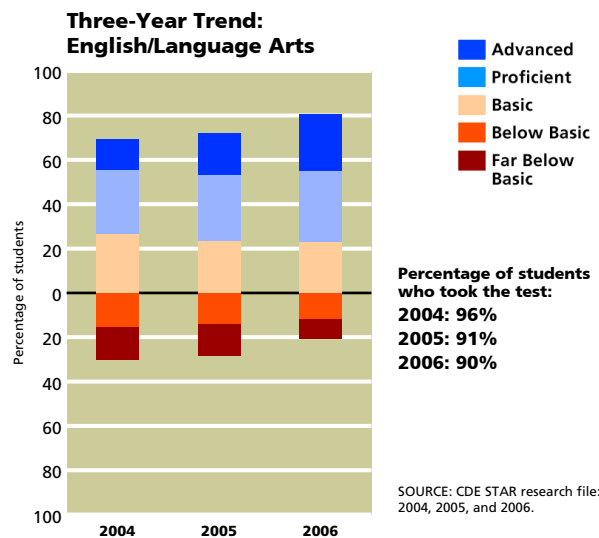
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			54%	287	GENDER: About six percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			60%	296	
English proficient			57%	582	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	1	
Low income			42%	101	INCOME: About 18 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			60%	482	
Learning disabled			8%	41	LEARNING DISABILITIES: Students classified as learning disabled scored lower than students without learning disabilities. The CST is not designed to test the progress of students with moderate to severe learning differences.
Not learning disabled			61%	542	
Hispanic/Latino			41%	41	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
White/Other			58%	501	

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To read more about the English/language arts standards for **ninth and tenth** grades and **eleventh and twelfth** grades, visit the CDE's Web site. The standards for **all grade levels** are also available on this site.



Algebra I

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			19%	42%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About four percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			12%	47%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			15%	33%	

Subgroup Test Scores

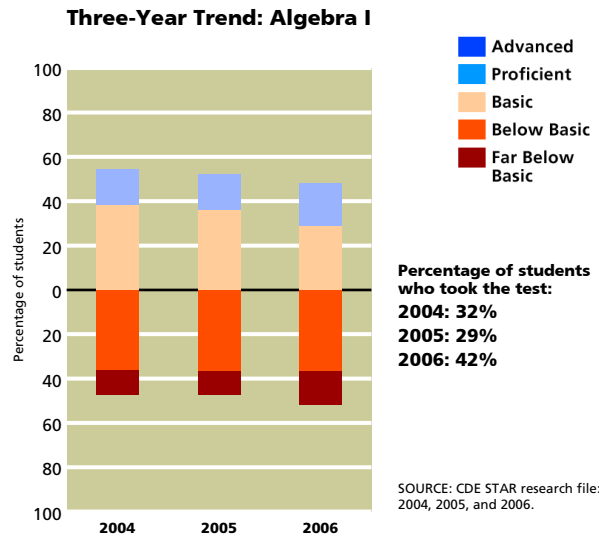
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			21%	128	GENDER: About three percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			18%	146	
English proficient			19%	274	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Low income			13%	68	INCOME: About eight percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			21%	206	
Learning disabled			6%	34	LEARNING DISABILITIES: Students classified as learning disabled scored lower than students without learning disabilities. The CST is not designed to test the progress of students with moderate to severe learning differences.
Not learning disabled			21%	240	
Hispanic/Latino	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	26	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
White/Other			20%	226	

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Geometry

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			42%	19%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 18 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			35%	20%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			24%	24%	

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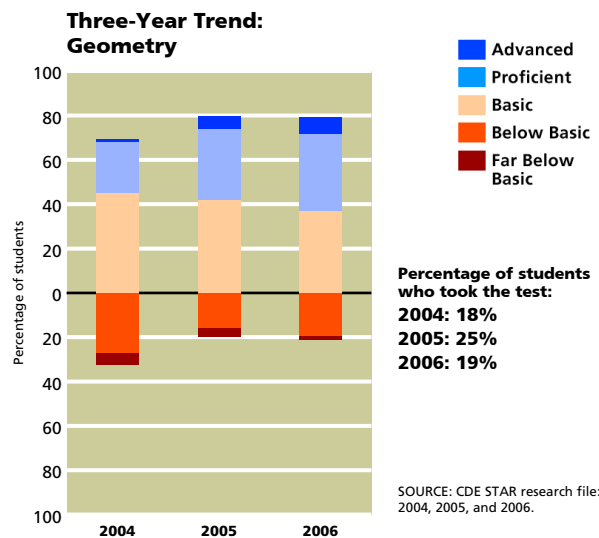
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			43%	60	GENDER: About two percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			41%	64	
English proficient			42%	124	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Low income	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	12	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income			45%	112	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	1	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			42%	123	
White/Other			44%	107	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.

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The graph to the right shows how our students' scores have changed over the years. Any student in grades nine, ten, or eleven who takes geometry is included in this analysis. We present each year's results in a vertical bar, with students' scores arrayed across five proficiency bands. When viewing schoolwide results over time, remember that **progress** can take many forms. It can be more students scoring in the top proficiency bands (blue); it can also be fewer students scoring in the lower two proficiency bands (brown and red).

About 19 percent of our students took the geometry standards test, compared to 24 percent of all high school students statewide. To read more about the math standards for grades **eight through twelve**, as well as the California standards for **geometry**, visit the CDE's Web site.



US History

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			38%	83%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: The same percentage of students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced as students at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			35%	87%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			38%	94%	

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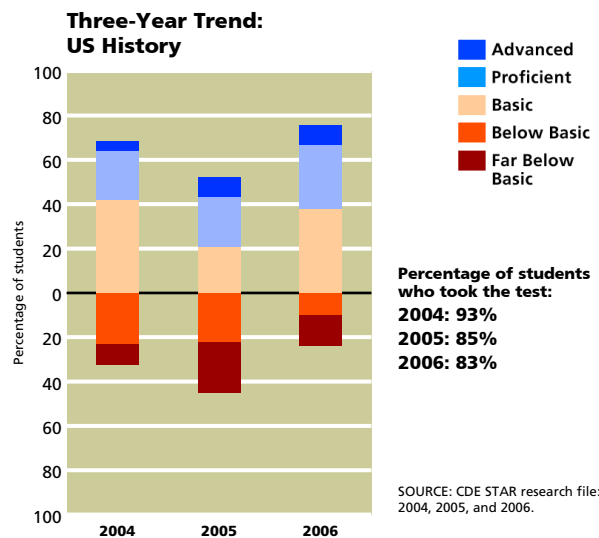
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			42%	97	GENDER: About nine percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			33%	85	
English proficient			38%	181	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	1	
Low income	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	24	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income			37%	158	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	3	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			38%	179	
White/Other			36%	161	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.

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To read more about the history standards for **tenth**, **eleventh**, and **twelfth** grades, visit the CDE's Web site.



Biology

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			51%	23%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About 15 percent more students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			40%	33%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			36%	35%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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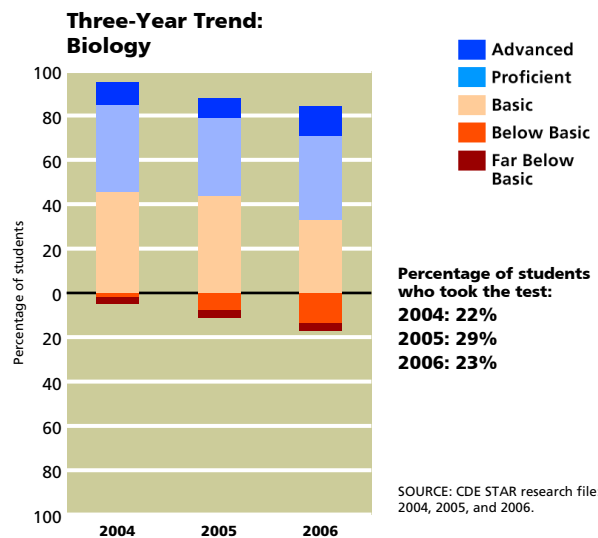
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			50%	68	GENDER: About the same percentage of boys and girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			51%	84	
English proficient			51%	152	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Low income	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	18	INCOME: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested from low-income families was too small to be statistically significant.
Not low income			54%	134	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	2	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			51%	150	
Hispanic/Latino	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	11	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
White/Other			51%	129	

SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2006 test cycle. County and state averages represent high schools only. Whenever a school reports fewer than 11 scores for a particular subgroup at any grade level, the CDE suppresses the scores when it releases the data to the public. Missing data makes it impossible for us to compile complete schoolwide results. Therefore, the results published in this report may vary from other published CDE test scores.
 N/A: Not applicable. Either no students took the test, or to safeguard student privacy the CDE withheld all results because very few students took the test in any grade.
 N/S: Not statistically significant. While we have some data to report, we are suppressing it because the number of valid test scores is not large enough to be meaningful.

The graph to the right shows how our students' scores have changed over the years. Any student in grades nine, ten, or eleven who takes biology is included in this analysis. We present each year's results in a vertical bar, with students' scores arrayed across five proficiency bands. When viewing schoolwide results over time, remember that **progress** can take many forms. It can be more students scoring in the top proficiency bands (blue); it can also be fewer students scoring in the lower two proficiency bands (brown and red).

About 23 percent of our students took the biology standards test, compared to 35 percent of all high school students statewide. To read more about the California standards for **biology/life sciences**, **physics**, **chemistry**, and **earth sciences**, visit the CDE's Web site.



Science

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			32%	88%	SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE: About three percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average high school in California.
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			32%	90%	
AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			35%	94%	

Subgroup Test Scores

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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			31%	85	GENDER: About three percent more girls than boys at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			34%	97	
English proficient			32%	182	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Low income			11%	36	INCOME: About 27 percent fewer students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			38%	146	
Learning disabled	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	18	LEARNING DISABILITIES: We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			36%	164	
Hispanic/Latino	DATA STATISTICALLY UNRELIABLE		N/S	18	ETHNICITY: Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.
White/Other			34%	154	

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This was the first year that mandatory life science for tenth graders was included in the California Standards Tests. As a result, we have no trend data to present. Although we offer science at all grade levels, only our tenth graders’ results on the California Standards Test are reported here. You can read the [tenth grade science standards](#) on the CDE’s Web site and find more information about the standards for [chemistry](#), [earth science](#), and [physics](#). Please note that some students taking this test may have not taken any science course in the ninth or tenth grade. In high school, science courses are electives.

Other Measures of Student Achievement

In addition to standardized tests, we use many means to assess student progress. These include homework completion, quizzes, tests and final exams, research papers, essays, multimedia projects, oral exams or presentations, and teacher observation.

We assess English learners the same way, although we provide extra assistance to these students if needed. English learners take the California English Language Development Test each year. Students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the CST take the California Alternative Performance Assessment.

To fulfill one of our district's graduation requirements, our students compile a portfolio that includes a range of writing examples. A district team of teachers evaluates the portfolios. See our school Web site for a list of criteria for a passing mark. Parents can also discuss the portfolio requirement with their student's guidance counselor.

We send home progress reports every six weeks if a student is receiving a C- or lower in any class. We send home report cards twice a year, at the completion of each semester. If a student is at risk of not graduating or if there are other problems with grades or behavior, we notify parents immediately. Students and parents can always contact teachers via voicemail or email for more frequent progress checks.

PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE

Amador High School has two guidance counselors who help students prepare for college or vocational school. We require students to meet with these counselors twice a year, beginning in ninth grade. We offer AP courses in history, math, science, and English, which enable students to earn college credit while still in high school depending on their results on the AP exams.

This past year many students received full scholarships to University of California and California State University schools and other state and private institutions, such as Harvard. The recipients demonstrated academic excellence, and their efforts were rewarded with more than \$600,000 in scholarship money.

SAT College Entrance Exam

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
SAT participation rate	Percentage of seniors who took the test	38%	29%	41%
SAT verbal	Average score of juniors and seniors who took the SAT verbal test	548	531	495
SAT math	Average score of juniors and seniors who took the SAT math test	552	539	516
SAT writing	Average score of juniors and seniors who took the SAT writing test	542	527	495

SOURCE: SAT test data provided by the College Board for the 2005–2006 school year. County and state averages represent high schools only.

In the 2005–2006 academic year, 38 percent of Amador students took the SAT, compared to 41 percent of high school students in California.

College Preparation and Attendance

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Students meeting UC or CSU course requirements	Percentage of graduates passing all of the courses required for admission to the UC or CSU systems	31%	28%	38%
Students attending UC	Percentage of graduates who actually attended any campus of the UC system	4%	4%	7%
Students attending CSU	Percentage of graduates who actually attended any campus of the CSU system	15%	13%	12%
Students attending community colleges	Percentage of graduates who actually attended any campus of the California community college system	44%	41%	31%

SOURCE: College attendance data is from the California Postsecondary Education Commission for the graduating class of 2005. Enrollment in UC/CSU qualifying courses comes from the Professional Assignment Information Form report of October 2005. County and state averages represent high schools only.

In the 2004–2005 school year, the percentage of Amador’s students taking courses required for admission to the University of California (UC) or the California State University (CSU) system was 31 percent, compared to 38 percent for students statewide. This number is an indicator of whether the school is offering, and students are taking, the classes required for admission to the UC or CSU systems.

Our college attendance data is limited to public colleges in California. Out of Amador’s 2005 graduating class, about 63 percent went on to enroll in some part of the California public college system, compared to 50 percent of students throughout the state. Here’s the detail: four percent of the graduating class went to UC campuses; 15 percent went to CSU campuses; and 44 percent went to two-year colleges in the community college system.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Courses Offered

High school students can enroll in courses that are more challenging in their junior and senior years. These include **honors** and **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses. Some schools also offer students the opportunity to participate in the **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme**. The **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme** courses are offered in just 82 high schools in California. The IB curriculum is modelled on educational systems from around the world. All IB students learn a second language. Some IB programs also stress community service. Honors, IB, and AP courses are intended to be the most rigorous and challenging courses available. Most colleges regard IB and AP courses as the equivalent of a college course.

The majority of comprehensive high schools offer AP courses, but the number of AP courses offered at any one school varies considerably. Unlike honors courses, AP courses and tests are designed by a national organization, the College Board, which charges fees to high schools for the rights to their material. The number of AP courses offered is one indicator of a school’s commitment to prepare its students for college. But students’ participation in those courses and their test results are, in part, a measure of student initiative. Please keep both of these considerations in mind as you review the facts below.

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Completion of AP courses	Percentage of juniors and seniors who completed AP courses and took the final exams for college credit	33%	25%	25%
Number of AP exams taken	Average number of AP exams each of these students took in 2005–2006	1.5	1.6	1.8
AP test results	Percentage of AP exams receiving scores of 3 out of 5 or higher (college credit)	42%	43%	57%

SOURCE: AP exam data provided by the College Board for the 2005–2006 school year.

Here at Amador , 33 percent of juniors and seniors took AP exams. In California, 25 percent of juniors and seniors took AP exams. On average, those students took 1.5 AP exams, compared to 1.8 for students in the average high school in California.

Students who take IB courses as part of the IB program, or AP courses and pass the AP exams with scores of 3 or higher, may qualify for college credit. Our high school offers seven different courses that you’ll see listed in the table.

More information about the **Advanced Placement program** is available from the College Board.

AP AND IB COURSES OFFERED	NUMBER OF COURSES	NUMBER OF CLASSES	ENROLLMENT
Fine and Performing Arts	0	0	0
Computer Science	0	0	0
English	2	3	60
Foreign Language	0	0	0
Mathematics	1	1	27
Science	1	1	19
Social Science	3	6	164
Total	7	11	270

SOURCE: CBEDS PAIF, October 2005.

High School Completion

This table shows the percentage of seniors in the graduating class of 2006 who met our district’s graduation requirements and also passed the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE). We present the results for students schoolwide followed by the results for different groups of students.

Students can retake all or part of the CAHSEE up to five times throughout their junior and senior years. School districts have been giving the CAHSEE since the 2001–2002 school year. However, 2005–2006 was the first year that passing the test was required for graduation. You can learn more about the [history of the CAHSEE](#) on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site.

More data about [CAHSEE results for the classes of 2007 and 2008](#), and additional detail by gender, ethnicity, and English language fluency, are available on the CDE Web site.

GROUP	PERCENTAGE OF SENIORS GRADUATING (CLASS OF 2006)		
	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
All Students	87%	86%	N/A
African American	100%	100%	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	100%	94%	N/A
Asian	100%	100%	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	75%	63%	N/A
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	88%	89%	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	33%	33%	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: This data comes from the school district office.

Dropouts and Graduates

Teachers and parents can refer students who are at risk of dropping out to our counselors. The counselor meets with students one on one to make a plan for improving the student’s school experience. Counselors may also work out an alternative class schedule for students who have difficulties attending school because of a need to work.

DROPOUT RATE: Our dropout rate for the prior three years appears in the accompanying table. We define a [dropout](#) as any student who left school before completing the 2004–2005 school year or a student who hasn’t re-enrolled in our school for the 2005–2006 year by October 2005.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Dropout rate (one year)			
2004–2005	1%	1%	2%
2003–2004	1%	1%	2%
2002–2003	1%	1%	3%
Graduation rate (four year)			
2004–2005	97%	94%	88%
2003–2004	93%	93%	89%
2002–2003	95%	94%	89%

SOURCE: Dropout data comes from the CBEDS census of October 2005. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Identifying dropouts is difficult because many students who leave school unexpectedly don’t let us know why they’re leaving or where they’re going. As a result, we often have to trace their steps so we can determine whether they have really left school. This process is imprecise, at best.

GRADUATION RATE: The [graduation rate](#) is an estimate of our school’s success at keeping students in school. It is also used in the No Child Left Behind Act to determine Adequate Yearly Progress and is part of California’s way of determining a high school’s Academic Performance Index (API). The [formula](#) provides only a rough estimate of the completion rate because the calculation relies on dropout counts, which are imprecise. The California Department of Education (CDE) cautions that this method is likely to produce an estimated graduation rate that is too high.

Workforce Preparation

We offer ROP classes in automotive repair and business services. A large number of upper-grade students participate in the Work Experience program. Our career counseling office, in the school’s media center, lists jobs and helps students research their career interests. Other vocational offerings include food services, agricultural mechanics, construction technology, child development, medical careers exploration, and floral design.

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Career technical education (CTE)	Percentage of students enrolled in a CTE course	69%	66%	28%

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2005. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Our high school offers courses intended to help students prepare for the world of work. These career technical education courses (formerly known as vocational education) are open to all students. The table above shows the percentage of our students who enrolled in a career technical education course at any time during the school year.

More information about the programs our school offers in career technical education are available on our Accountability Web page, which you can access from our district Web site. In addition to a listing of [courses and programs](#), you will also find facts about the rate at which students completed these programs. Information about [career technical education](#) policy is available on the CDE Web site.

STUDENTS

Students’ English Language Skills

At Amador , 99 percent of students were considered to be proficient in English, compared to 85 percent of high school students in California overall. Of the students who were still learning English in 2004–2005, none advanced to English proficiency.

LANGUAGE SKILLS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English proficient students	99%	99%	85%
English learners	1%	1%	15%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2005–2006. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Languages Spoken at Home by English Learners

Please note that this table describes the home languages of just the five students classified as English learners. At Amador , the language these students most often speak at home is Spanish. In California it’s common to find English learners in classes with students whose native language is English. When you visit our classrooms, ask our teachers how they work with language differences among their students.

LANGUAGE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Spanish	100%	100%	83%
Vietnamese	0%	0%	2%
Cantonese	0%	0%	2%
Hmong	0%	0%	2%
Filipino/Tagalog	0%	0%	1%
Korean	0%	0%	1%
Khmer/Cambodian	0%	0%	1%
All other	0%	0%	10%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2005–2006. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Ethnicity

Most students at Amador identify themselves as White/European American/Other. In fact, there are about 15 times as many White/European American/Other students as Latino/Hispanic students, the second-largest ethnic group at Amador . The state of California allows citizens to choose more than one ethnic identity, or to select “multiethnic” or “decline to state.” As a consequence, the sum of all responses rarely equals 100 percent.

ETHNICITY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
African American	0%	1%	8%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	2%	2%	12%
Latino/Hispanic	6%	8%	42%
White/European American/Other	92%	90%	37%

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2005. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Family Income and Education

The **free or reduced-price meal** subsidy goes to students whose families earned less than \$35,798 a year (based on a family of four) in the 2005–2006 school year. At Amador , 17 percent of the students qualified for this program, compared to 40 percent of students in California.

FAMILY FACTORS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Low-income indicator	17%	16%	40%
Parents with some college	72%	68%	58%
Parents with college degree	38%	32%	34%

SOURCE: The free and reduced-price lunch information is gathered by most districts in October. This data is from the 2005–2006 school year. Parents’ education level is collected in the spring at the start of testing. Rarely do all students answer these questions. County and state averages represent high schools only.

The parents of 72 percent of the students at Amador have attended college, and 38 percent have a college degree. This information can provide some clues to the level of literacy children bring to school. One precaution is that the students themselves provide this data when they take the battery of standardized tests each spring, so it may not be completely accurate. About 62 percent of the students who took the standardized tests provided this information.

CLIMATE FOR LEARNING

Average Class Sizes

The average class size at Amador varies from a low of 26 students to a high of 30. Our average class size schoolwide is 28 students. The average class size for high schools in the state is 29 students. This table shows the average class sizes of our core courses compared to those of the county and state.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE OF CORE COURSES	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English	26	27	26
History	30	29	30
Math	27	27	28
Science	27	25	30

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2005. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Safety

We review and correct all reported safety hazards immediately. We schedule time during each staff meeting to discuss safety issues. We have developed a School Safety Plan, which includes procedures for emergencies, exit routes, and inventories of emergency supplies. The plan is on our school Web site, and there are copies in the office for parents. We review the School Safety Plan annually, and we last reviewed it on November 14, 2005. We share the plan with all staff during a schoolwide staff meeting. We practice fire and earthquake drills three times a year and hold trainings for staff on emergency preparedness in late April. We have also formed a school Crisis Team for emergencies, and all staff members have assignments.

All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the main office and wear an identification button. The staff will approach and question any person on campus who is not known or identified. We do not have a closed campus; students in good academic and behavioral standing are allowed to have lunch off campus.

The assistant principal and campus supervisor monitor the grounds for half an hour before classes begin and for half an hour after dismissal. A police officer also visits our campus daily. He sometimes brings a police dog with him, which has greatly reduced the incidence of violence and drug possession at our school.

Discipline

We abide by our district’s strict behavior code, which we send home to parents and review with our students in a schoolwide assembly at the beginning of the year. We inform parents and students of district, school, and transportation rules and discipline policies through the Parent Handbook and Student Conduct Code.

Students who are disruptive or disrespectful meet with the assistant principal and can receive detention. Students with chronic behavior problems work with our counselor, the assistant principal, and their parents to make a behavior contract. Elements of this contract might include suspension from sports, dances, and extracurricular activities; loss of the privilege of leaving campus at lunch; Saturday school; campus cleanup; counseling; and participation in our anger management or substance abuse support groups. We expel students for major crimes such as assault or possession of narcotics or weapons.

We promote a positive school climate by encouraging students to become involved in our many school activities. Our classes provide the appropriate level of challenge for a range of abilities. We also have safety nets in place, including counselors, mediation groups, and access to local resources such as Community Mental Health.

At times we find it necessary to suspend students who break school rules. We report only suspensions in which students are sent home for a day or longer. We do not report in-school suspensions, in which students are removed from one or more classes during a single school day. Expulsion is the most serious consequence we can impose. Expelled students are removed from the school permanently and denied the opportunity to continue learning here.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS	YEAR	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE
Suspensions per 100 students	2005–2006	19	17
	2004–2005	41	30
	2003–2004	45	34
Expulsions per 100 students	2005–2006	1	1
	2004–2005	1	1
	2003–2004	0	0

SOURCE: This data is reported by school district staff. It represents incidents, not the number of students involved. District averages represent high schools only.

During the 2005–2006 school year, we had 167 suspension incidents. We had seven incidents of expulsion. To make it easy to compare our suspensions and expulsions to those of other schools, we represent these events as a ratio (incidents per 100 students) in this report.

Homework

The amount of homework students receive varies, depending on the level of the course and the number of courses the student is taking per semester. Our students are on an alternating block schedule, so they have each class on alternating days for longer periods. On average students can expect to receive 45 minutes of homework per class. Students in Advanced Placement (AP) or honors classes often have 90 minutes of homework per class. We also expect students to complete long-range projects and assignments on weekends.

Parents need to make sure that their students have a quiet, well-lighted place to study and time set aside to do their work. We also expect parents to see that their students are getting enough sleep and good nutrition, both of which are important for optimal academic performance.

Physical Fitness

Students in grades five, seven, and nine take the California Fitness Test each year. This test measures students’ aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility using six different tests. The table at right shows the percentage of students at our school who scored within the “healthy fitness zone” on all six tests. Our results are compared to other students’ results in the county and state. More information about [physical fitness testing and standards](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

CATEGORY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Boys in Fitness Zone	51%	48%	29%
Girls in Fitness Zone	51%	48%	27%
All students in Fitness Zone	51%	48%	28%

SOURCE: 2005–2006 physical fitness test data is produced annually as schools test their students on the six Fitnessgram Standards. Data is reported by Educational Data Systems. County and state averages represent high schools only.

Schedule

The school year includes 180 days of instruction. We are on a modified block schedule, which means that students complete four courses each term for a total of eight classes a year. Students attend all classes on Monday and then do alternating blocks for the other four days of the week. Students have a common study hall, where they have time to complete classwork and prepare for tests.

Time Spent Teaching Each Year

Our school year includes the required amount of instructional minutes mandated by the California State Board of Education. This is true at every grade level. Please note that the numbers we show do not include several days when school closes for teacher conferences.

TIME PLANNED FOR INSTRUCTION BY GRADE LEVEL (IN MINUTES)	OUR DISTRICT	STATE MINIMUM
Grade 9	64,800	64,800
Grade 10	64,800	64,800
Grade 11	64,800	64,800
Grade 12	64,800	64,800

SOURCE: This data is reported by school district staff.

LEADERSHIP, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

Leadership

Eli Johnson taught for 12 years before becoming the principal of Amador two years ago.

In order to maintain high instructional quality, we provide strong, collaborative leadership. We work diligently to deliver effective educational programs and to set reasonable expectations for each student’s achievement. Many groups contribute to our decision-making process. Our School Site Council (SSC), which is composed of the principal, parents, and faculty, makes decisions about our curriculum, school policies, and budget. Our English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) includes many parents of English learners and one teacher who is bilingual in English and Spanish. The ELAC helps to shape our program for English learners. Our faculty also meets regularly with the principal to choose staff development topics, resolve problems, and discuss program improvements. We encourage parents and community members to participate actively in the educational process.

Teacher Experience and Education

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Teaching experience	Average years of teaching experience	14	16	13
Newer teachers	Percentage of teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	30%	19%	15%
Teachers holding an MA degree or higher	Percentage of teachers with a master’s degree or higher from a graduate school	8%	14%	37%
Teachers holding a BA degree alone	Percentage of teachers whose highest degree is a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college	92%	86%	63%

SOURCE: Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF), October 2005, completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent high schools only.

About 30 percent of our teachers have less than three years of teaching experience, which is above the average for new teachers in other high schools in California. Our teachers have, on average, 14 years of experience. About 92 percent of our teachers hold only a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college or university. About eight percent have completed a master’s degree or higher.

Credentials Held by Our Teachers

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Fully credentialed teachers	Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level	95%	97%	91%
Trainee credential holders	Percentage of staff holding an internship credential	5%	3%	5%
Emergency permit holders	Percentage of staff holding an emergency permit	0%	0%	5%
Teachers with waivers	Lowest level of accreditation, used by districts when they have no other option	0%	0%	1%

SOURCE: PAIF, October 2005. This is completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent high schools only. A teacher may have earned more than one credential. For this reason, it is likely that the sum of all credentials will exceed 100 percent.

About 95 percent of the faculty at Amador hold a full credential. This number is close to the average for all high schools in the state. About five percent of the faculty at Amador hold a trainee credential, which is reserved for those teachers who are in the process of completing their teacher training. In comparison, five percent of high school teachers throughout the state hold trainee credentials. None of our faculty holds an emergency permit. Very few high school teachers hold this authorization statewide (just five percent). All of the faculty at Amador hold the secondary (single-subject) credential. This number is the same as the average for high schools in California. You can find three years of data about teachers’ credentials in the Appendix to this report.

Indicators of Teachers Who May Be Underprepared

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Core courses taught by a teacher not meeting NCLB standards	Percentage of core courses not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher according to federal standards in NCLB	15%	21%	15%
Out-of-field teaching: courses	Percentage of core courses taught by a teacher who lacks the appropriate credential for the course	4%	9%	11%
Out-of-field teaching: students	Percentage of students in core courses taught by a teacher who lacks the appropriate credential for the course	4%	10%	10%
Teachers lacking a full credential	Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential	5%	3%	9%

SOURCE: Percentage of courses taught by teachers not meeting NCLB standards is derived from the Consolidated Application filed by districts with the CDE. Average represents median. Data on teachers lacking a full credential is derived from the Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) of October 2005.

“HIGHLY QUALIFIED” TEACHERS: The federal law known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires districts to report the number of teachers considered to be “**highly qualified**.” These “highly qualified” teachers must have a full credential, a bachelor’s degree, and, if they are teaching a core subject (such as reading, math, science, or social studies), they must also demonstrate expertise in that field. The table above shows the percentage of core courses taught by teachers who are considered to be less than “highly qualified.” There are exceptions, known as the **High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE)** rules, that allow some veteran teachers to meet the “highly qualified” test who wouldn’t otherwise do so.

TEACHING OUT OF FIELD: When a teacher lacks a subject area authorization for a course she is teaching, that course is counted as an **out-of-field** section. The students who take that course are also counted. For example, if an unexpected vacancy in a biology class occurs, and a teacher who normally teaches English literature (and who lacks a subject area authorization in science) fills in to teach for the rest of the year, that teacher would be teaching out of field. See the detail by core course area in the Out-of-Field Teaching table. About five percent of our core courses were taught by teachers who were teaching out of their field of expertise, compared to 11 percent of core courses taught by such high school teachers statewide.

CREDENTIAL STATUS OF TEACHERS: Teachers who lack full credentials are working under the terms of an emergency permit, an internship credential, or a waiver. They should be working toward their credential, and they are allowed to teach in the meantime only if the school board approves. About five percent of our teachers were working without full credentials, compared to nine percent of teachers in high schools statewide.

Out-of-Field Teaching, Detail by Selected Subject Areas

CORE COURSE	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English	Percentage of English courses taught by a teacher lacking the appropriate subject area authorization	0%	0%	10%
Math	Percentage of math courses taught by a teacher lacking the appropriate subject area authorization	0%	16%	10%
Science	Percentage of science courses taught by a teacher lacking the appropriate subject area authorization	18%	12%	13%
Social Science	Percentage of social science courses taught by a teacher lacking the appropriate subject area authorization	4%	4%	12%

SOURCE: PAIF, October 2005. This is completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent high schools only.

The table above shows the distribution of out-of-field teaching in each of the core subject areas.

More facts about our teachers, called for by the recent Williams legislation of 2004, are available on our Accountability Web page, which is accessible from our district Web site. What you will find are specific facts about [misassigned teachers](#) and [teacher vacancies](#) in the 2006–2007 school year.

Districtwide Distribution of Teachers Who Are Not “Highly Qualified”

Here, we report the percentage of core courses in our district whose teachers are considered to be less than “highly qualified” by NCLB’s standard. We show how these teachers are distributed among schools according to the percentage of low-income students enrolled.

We’ve divided the schools into four groups (quartiles), based on the percentage of families who qualify and apply for free and reduced-price lunches. We compare the first quartile of schools (most low-income students), the middle two quartiles, and the fourth quartile (fewest low-income students). N/As

appear in the table if our district has two schools or fewer and is not suitable for this analysis. You may also see N/As if all of our schools fall into one quartile.

DISTRICT FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN DISTRICT	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN STATE
Districtwide	Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)	17%	14%
Schools with the most low-income students	First quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	18%	13%
Schools with a moderate number of low-income students	Middle two quartiles of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	10%	14%
Schools with the fewest low-income students	Fourth quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	21%	14%

SOURCE: Data comes from the federal form known as the Consolidated Application. School Wise Press calculates which schools fall into each quartile, based on students’ rates of requests for subsidized meals. Districts with two schools or fewer are not suitable for this analysis because they have too few schools to analyze them in this manner.

The average percentage of courses in our district not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher is 17 percent, compared to 14 percent statewide. For schools with the highest percentage of low-income students, this factor is 18 percent, compared to 13 percent statewide. For schools with the lowest percentage of low-income students, this factor is 21 percent, compared to 14 percent statewide.

Evaluating and Improving Teachers

Evaluation is an ongoing process that involves all personnel. Administrators and supervisors base their evaluations on both observation and job performance. New and probationary teachers are evaluated at least once per year and are observed at least once each semester; permanent teachers are evaluated at least once every five years. We evaluate other permanent staff annually and probationary staff twice during their probationary period.

We encourage all employees to continue professional development through the evaluation process and self-reflection. In addition, our district participates in the Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program, which provides teacher mentors to support less experienced teachers.

We at Amador High School are strongly committed to our work and students, and we continually seek to improve our skills.

Staff Development

In order to build our learning environment, we continue to expand our knowledge and use of technology. Amador High School annually has three days funded by the state for staff training in curriculum and instructional strategies. The school and district provide funds for attendance at conferences. We receive teaching assistance through the district’s PAR program. Our teachers also attend grade-level meetings to talk and plan together.

We assess the quality of our programs in a number of ways, including the SAT and ACT college admission test scores, the percentage of students pursuing postsecondary education, schoolwide and class grade-point averages, and AP scores.

Staff development continues in technology and curriculum development. All of our teachers use the Aeries Browser Interface, a Web portal that allows students and parents to have real-time access to student and school information, such as grades, attendance records, progress reports, and events.

The principal meets with the English department approximately every six weeks to review instructional strategies and student progress.

Every two weeks, before school begins, we hold staff development meetings.

The department chairs meet with administrators and counselors every two weeks to review activities, policies, and events that affect student learning.

Substitute Teachers

We employ credentialed substitute teachers from a district-approved list. We try to find substitutes who follow teachers’ plans and provide positive classroom organization and discipline. The pool of available substitutes is somewhat small, and there are times when school sites are asked to limit the use of substitute teachers. If a substitute is not available, the principal or another staff member steps in to teach.

Specialized Resource Staff

Our school may employ social workers, speech and hearing specialists, school psychologists, nurses, and technology specialists. These specialists often work part time at our school and some may work at more than one school in our district. Their schedules will change as our students’ needs change. For these reasons, the staffing counts you see here may differ from the staffing provided today in this school. For more details on [statewide ratios of counselors, psychologists, or other pupil services](#) staff to students, see the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site. [Library facts](#) and frequently asked questions are also available there.

ACADEMIC GUIDANCE COUNSELORS: Our school has two full-time equivalent academic counselors. Just for reference, California districts employed about one academic counselor for every 510 high school students in the state. More information about [counseling and student support](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

STAFF POSITION	STAFF (FTE)
Counselors	2.0
Librarians	0.0
Psychologists	0.0
Social workers	0.0
Nurses	0.0
Speech/language/hearing specialists	0.0
Resource specialists	0.0

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2005.

Specialized Programs and Staff

We have two full-time academic counselors to help students prepare for college or vocational school. A psychologist and school nurse are available based on student need. We have a career center and a career specialist to help students with our Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) and work-study programs and help them discover their career aptitudes. We offer block letters in athletics, fine arts, and community service.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION: Educators identify academically gifted or talented students based on teacher recommendations or tests for inclusion in enrichment programs called **Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)**. Our school has 149 students who qualify for this program.

Our district identifies students for our Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program through a combination of district tests in the third grade. Our district GATE plan calls for differentiated (individualized) instruction in grades three and above. We also offer enrichment classes on site and within the district.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM: Students with moderate to severe **learning differences** are sometimes entitled to individual education plans and extra attention. Our school has 65 students who qualify for these special education programs.

Students enrolled in our special education program meet periodically with a special education teacher, who provides instruction based on each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). We also have a team of teachers and counselors that meets with the families of our special education students to offer suggestions for helping their children succeed at our school.

ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM: Most students not yet fluent in English enroll in special classes that help them gain fluency. We strive to advance our **English learners** into regular classes as soon as possible.

Our English/language arts curriculum is based on the California Content Standards for each grade level. According to these standards, high school students should be able to compare and analyze literature using the terminology of literary criticism. Our students read and respond to significant works of literature that reflect or enhance their studies of history and social science.

CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS

For more than six years, panels of scholars have decided what California students should learn and be able to do. Their decisions are known as the California Content Standards, and they apply to all public schools in the state. The textbooks we use and the tests we give are based on these content standards, and we expect our teachers to be firmly focused on them. Policy experts, researchers, and educators consider our state's standards to be among the most rigorous and challenging in the nation. You can find the [content standards](#) for each subject at each grade level on the Web site of the California Department of Education (CDE).

Reading and Writing

A panel of scholars defined the English/language arts standards in 1999. According to these standards, high school students should be able to compare and analyze literature using the terminology of literary criticism. They should read and respond to significant works of literature that reflect or enhance their studies of history and social science. They should be able to write biographies, autobiographies, narratives, short stories, analytical essays, research reports, and business letters. To read more about the English/language arts standards for [ninth and tenth](#) grades and [eleventh and twelfth](#) grades, visit the CDE's Web site.

Math

Students can begin taking algebra in the eighth grade, but many students take the course during high school. Through the study of algebra, our students develop an understanding of the symbolic language of mathematics and the sciences. In addition, algebraic skills and concepts are developed and used in a wide variety of problem-solving situations. Educators consider students' success in algebra to be an indicator of how well they will do in future courses in high school and college. To read more about the math standards for grades [eight through twelve](#) as well as the California standards for a variety of [advanced math subjects](#), visit the CDE's Web site.

Science

Our science program offers courses in physics, chemistry, biology, life sciences, and earth sciences. In all of these courses, students learn to apply the principles of investigation and experimentation. Many science courses are elective (but required for admission to public and private colleges). All students are required to study biology and life sciences. In this program, students learn principles of physiology, cell biology, genetics, ecology, and evolution. To read more about the California standards for [biology/life sciences](#), [physics](#), [chemistry](#), and [earth sciences](#), visit the CDE's Web site.

Social Science

Our ninth grade students have no social studies requirements. In the [tenth grade](#), they study world history, from the late 18th century through the present, including the cause and course of the two world wars. Students in the [eleventh grade](#) study the major turning points in US history in the 20th century. Students in [twelfth grade](#) pursue a deeper understanding of the institutions of American government. In addition, our students will learn how to think from the perspectives of history and geography. They'll learn to research topics on their own, develop their own point of view, and interpret history.

Textbooks

We choose our textbooks from lists that have already been approved by state education officials. For a list of some of the textbooks we use at our school, see the appendix to this report.

We have also reported additional facts about our textbooks called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. This online report shows whether we had a textbook for each student in each core course during the 2006–2007 school year, and whether those [textbooks](#) covered the California Content Standards.

More facts about our science labs, called for by the recent Williams legislation of 2004, are available from the following link. What you will find is whether we had sufficient lab equipment and materials for our [science lab](#) courses during the 2006–2007 school year.

RESOURCES

Buildings

The Amador High campus has seen significant improvements this past year. These changes include a new science lab, three new portables, a new student parking lot, new carpeting in the B Building, new lockers and fresh paint in the locker room, a new heating/air-conditioning unit, and a new culinary arts building. Maintenance of the school buildings is difficult and costly. Funding, both state and local, is a continuing issue for our district.

Amador High School was formerly Sutter Creek High School. Once all construction is complete, each teacher will have his own classroom, which will help both staff and students feel comfortable. Students are proud of the campus, and the leadership class promotes ongoing beautification efforts.

Our school includes 18 buildings, of which eight are portables. On an average day, 902 students and staff occupy these buildings.

The bathrooms in our school contain 45 toilets, all of which were in good working order when we surveyed the building. More information about the [condition and cleanliness of bathrooms](#) can be found in the supplement to this report called for by the Williams legislation of 2004.

More facts about the [condition of our school buildings](#) are available in an online supplement to this report. What you will find is an assessment of more than a dozen aspects of our buildings: their structural integrity, electrical systems, heating and ventilation systems, and more. The important purpose of this assessment is to determine if our buildings and grounds are safe and in good repair. If anything needs to be repaired, this assessment identifies it and targets a date by which we commit to make those repairs. The guidelines for this assessment were written by the [Office of Public School Construction](#) (OPSC), and were brought about by the legislation known as Williams. If you'd like to see the six-page [survey form](#) used for the assessment, you will find it on the Web site of the OPSC.

Library

Our library includes Internet-connected computers so that students can do research online. We update our books and periodicals every two years. The library is open five days a week and is available for students during study hall, class times, and after school until 4 p.m.

Computers

We have 206 computers available for student use, which means that, on average, there is one computer for every four students. There are 40 classrooms connected to the Internet.

RESOURCES	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Students per computer	4	4	4
Internet-connected classrooms	40	81	61

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2005. County and state averages represent high schools only.

We have two computer labs in addition to the computers in our library. Our full-time computer technician uses one lab to teach basic software, such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Our students must demonstrate computer proficiency in order to graduate. We use our other lab to teach Web design, computer graphics, and other computer-based electives. Students may use both labs at lunch and after school to practice skills and complete homework projects.

Our teachers use computers to keep attendance, track grades, and design materials for their students. Many teachers have Web sites, where students can check on homework due dates and upcoming tests. All teachers use email to communicate with students, parents, and colleagues.

Parent Involvement

Interested parents may attend SSC meetings, which are held six times each year. This organization acts as an advisory group to the principal and staff.

The Booster Club meets regularly with the athletic director and supports the school's cocurricular activities program. The athletic teams and the drama and music programs also have parent support groups organized by the teachers of those programs.

Parents interested in becoming involved should contact the principal.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	OUR DISTRICT	SIMILAR DISTRICTS	ALL DISTRICTS
FISCAL YEAR 2004–2005			
Total expenses	\$26,394,418	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$6,082	\$7,172	\$7,127
FISCAL YEAR 2003–2004			
Total expenses	\$25,793,935	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$5,927	\$6,987	\$6,919

SOURCE: Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education.

Our district spent an average of \$6,082 per student in the 2004–2005 school year, compared to an average of \$7,172 per student spent by similar (unified school district) districts in the state. Our total operating expenses for the 2004–2005 year were \$26,394,418. Facts about the 2005–2006 fiscal year were not available at the time we published this report. Additional details about our expenditures can be found on the [Ed-Data Partnership’s Web site](#).

Total expenses include only the costs related to direct educational services to students. This figure does not include food services, land acquisition, new construction, and other expenditures unrelated to core educational purposes. The expenses-per-student figure is calculated by dividing total expenses by the district’s average daily attendance (ADA). More information is available on the [CDE’s Web site](#).

District Salaries, 2004–2005

This table reports the salaries of teachers and administrators in our district for the 2004–2005 school year. More current information was not available at the time we published this annual report. This table compares our average salaries to those in districts like ours, based on both enrollment and the grade level of our students. In addition, we report the percentage of our district’s total budget dedicated to teachers’ and administrators’ salaries. The costs of health insurance, pensions, and other indirect compensation are not included.

SALARY INFORMATION	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Beginning teacher’s salary	\$36,265	\$36,796
Midrange teacher’s salary	\$52,264	\$54,062
Highest-paid teacher’s salary	\$68,846	\$68,679
Average principal’s salary (high school)	\$85,352	\$92,915
Superintendent’s salary	\$116,749	\$121,387
Percentage of budget for teachers’ salaries	41%	40%
Percentage of budget for administrators’ salaries	5%	6%

SOURCE: This financial data is from the Statewide Average Salaries and Expenditure Percentages report, 2004–2005, the Fiscal Services Division, CDE.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

High school costs, in general, are higher than those of either elementary or junior high. This difference is due in part to the nature of the classes, the type of equipment needed, and the greater expense of textbooks and materials.

The state of California provides money for salaries, benefits, books, supplies, equipment purchases, maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment, transportation costs, and utilities. Other state and federal programs help fund a culinary arts class, industrial arts, drama, books and other materials (videos, learning guides) for foreign language classes, equipment and books for the library and the science classrooms, staff development, and various improvements to our school.

A new law passed in 2005 required schools to report school-specific expenditures for the first time. In prior years, schools reported only the districtwide average for these expenditures. This year we have provided a comparative analysis of our [school's expenditures](#), along with the [average salaries of our teachers](#). You can view this information from the preceding links or on our Accountability Web page, which is accessible through our district's Web site.

TECHNICAL NOTE ON DATA RECENCY: All data is the most current available as of March 2007. The CDE may release additional or revised data for the 2005–2006 school year after the publication date of this report. We rely on the following sources of information from the California Department of Education: California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) (October 2005 census); Language Census (April 2006); California Achievement Test and California Standards Tests (spring 2006 test cycle); Academic Performance Index (February 2007 growth score release); Adequate Yearly Progress (February 2007).

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