



Argonaut High School

School Accountability Report Card, 2006–2007
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) provides information that can be used to evaluate and compare schools. State and federal laws require all schools to publish a SARC each year.

The information in this report represents the 2006–2007 school year, not the current school year. In most cases, this is the most recent data available. We present our school's results next to those of the average high school in the county and state to provide the most meaningful and fair comparisons. To find additional facts about our school online, please use the [DataQuest](#) tool offered by the California Department of Education.

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http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links_2007_en.html

Reports about other schools are available on the [California Department of Education Web site](#). Internet access is available in local libraries.

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

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» Principal's Message

Argonaut High School is a comprehensive four-year school located in Jackson, California. We are part of the Amador County Unified School District. Our mission is to ensure that students grow in mind, body, and character so that they fulfill their potential to become lifelong learners and productive, contributing members of society. Graduates leave here prepared to enter the workforce, the military, or postsecondary education. Our relatively small size and caring atmosphere ensure that students develop positive relationships with faculty and each other and form a strong bond to their school. We are proud to be Argonaut Mustangs.

Argonaut High School offers a comprehensive curriculum, including Advanced Placement (AP) classes in all academic areas and a diverse elective program that offers recently developed academies in technology/business, agriculture, and culinary arts.

Dave Vicari, PRINCIPAL

Grade range and calendar

9-12

TRADITIONAL

Academic Performance Index

743

County Average: 743

State Average: 697

Student enrollment

620

County Average: 536

State Average: 1,277

Teachers

24

County Average: 21

State Average: 55

Students per teacher

25

County Average: 26

State Average: 23

Students per computer

3

County Average: 4

State Average: 4

Major Achievements

- Argonaut offers extensive extracurricular and interscholastic programs that more than 50 percent of its students participate in.
- Although it is one of the smallest schools in the league, Argonaut competes successfully in the Mother Lode League and the San Joaquin Section of the California Interscholastic Federation, the governing body for high school athletics.
- The community is an active and enthusiastic partner with our school, helping to improve facilities and create new opportunities for students.
- For the past six years, we have seen growth not only in our school test scores but also in the type of tests being taken and the numbers of students taking the tests. In particular, we have revamped the math curriculum to more closely follow the state standards by purchasing new texts, using diagnostic tests to accurately place students in classes, requiring all freshmen to begin math instruction at the algebra level, developing afterschool tutoring, and pushing for a third year of required math credits for graduation. We have revived our drama program, and now that we have a stage in the new multipurpose room, we are able to have dramatic productions on site. In addition, we have expanded our PE offerings to include more strength and conditioning classes and aerobics classes. With the completion of the multipurpose room, which includes a cafeteria, Argonaut is now a closed campus at lunch.

Focus for Improvement

- Our teachers evaluate students' skills using district testing, oral questioning, written tests, and project-based evaluations. They assess English learners in the same way, although they provide extra assistance to these students if needed. English learners also take the California English Language Development Test each year. Students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the California Standards Tests take the California Alternative Performance Assessment.
- We send progress reports to parents eight times a year, at the middle and end of each quarter. All teachers provide phone numbers and email addresses to facilitate parent-teacher communication. We hold parent conferences on request, and our Student Study Team devises strategies to support struggling students.

