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## **All PUSD Schools Score Above State's 2014 Goal API of 800**

Reports of academic progress for schools in the state and nation have been released and the Poway Unified School District is pleased to report that the Academic Performance Index score (API) for the District went up six points from 858 to 864, with all PUSD comprehensive high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools exceeding the target of 800 which the state set for all schools to reach by the year 2014.

Valley Elementary School improved its API score of 793 by 12 points, breaking the 800 barrier for the first time. Twenty-one of thirty-two PUSD schools showed gains. One school, Monterey Ridge, received its first API score (877) in 2007. (For a complete listing of school API scores, please see the chart below.)

In 2004-2005, PUSD had four schools with scores over the API score of 900. In 2005-2006 the number increased to 13 schools. The most recent results show an increase to 16 "900+" schools.

The purpose of the Academic Performance Index is to measure the academic performance and growth in schools from year to year. The API serves as the cornerstone of California's State Testing, Accountability and Reporting program (STAR), and is reported on a numeric scale that ranges from a low of 200 to a high of 1000. It is also one of the 47 measures of the No Child Left Behind requirements. The current statewide target is for all schools to achieve an API of 800 by the year 2014. A school's growth is measured by how well it is moving toward or past 800. The API combines student performance on the California Achievement Test and the California Standards Tests. For high schools, the results of the California High School Exit Exam are also factored into the results of student performance.

The API is also a component of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). All schools in PUSD made the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) target under the federal government's No Child Left Behind criteria.

Don Phillips, PUSD Superintendent said, "We continue to excel in our scores that reflect our students' academic performance. These outstanding results are a tribute to the students, parents, teachers, and staff of PUSD. While we take a moment to celebrate this indicator of student success, we strengthen our commitment to ensure that every student reach the state standard of proficient or advanced and that all our students graduate college ready."

(see chart below)

**Poway Unified School District 2007 Academic Performance Index (API)**

<b>District and Schools</b>	<b>2007 Growth</b>	<b>2006 Base</b>
<b>Poway Unified</b>	864	858
<b>Elementary Schools</b>		
Adobe Bluffs Elementary	913	911
Canyon View Elementary	902	907
Chaparral Elementary	919	923
Creekside Elementary	957	959
Deer Canyon Elementary	949	945
Garden Road Elementary	858	855
Highland Ranch Elementary	904	895
Los Peñasquitos Elementary	906	905
Midland Elementary	875	878
Monterey Ridge Elementary	877	(new school)
Morning Creek Elementary	904	879
Painted Rock Elementary	913	920
Park Village Elementary	941	938
Pomerado Elementary	888	843
Rolling Hills Elementary	905	913
Shoal Creek Elementary	910	903
Stone Ranch Elementary	915	886
Sundance Elementary	909	899
Sunset Hills Elementary	855	867
Tierra Bonita Elementary	892	895
Turtleback Elementary	913	904
Valley Elementary	805	793
Westwood Elementary	893	876
<b>Middle Schools</b>		
Bernardo Heights Middle	873	879
Black Mountain Middle	863	846
Meadowbrook Middle	855	841
Mesa Verde Middle	897	901
Oak Valley Middle	904	890
Twin Peaks Middle	881	873
<b>High Schools</b>		
Mt. Carmel High	816	806
Poway High	833	820
Rancho Bernardo High	818	823
Westview High	836	828

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