

# COLLEGE READINESS

## College Placement Exams

### NOTABLE FACTS:

When students actually enroll in the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU), they are required to demonstrate proficiency in the basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics at a level that the university deems appropriate to accomplish advanced studies. The CSU system administers the English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry-Level Math (ELM) test. The UC system administers the Subject A Exam, a test of reading and writing skills. Students who achieve high scores on the SAT, ACT, EAP, or Advanced Placement (AP) exams are exempt from placement testing and considered proficient. For additional information, visit the Subject A web site [www.ucop.edu/sas/awpe/](http://www.ucop.edu/sas/awpe/) and CSU analytic studies web site [www.asd.calstate.edu/performance/index.shtml](http://www.asd.calstate.edu/performance/index.shtml). University of California results for 2006 will be posted in April/May of 2007.

### WHAT IS BEING MEASURED:

The table below shows the percentage of students determined to be proficient in reading, writing, and mathematics by the California College System. Also shown is the number of Poway Unified graduates who actually enrolled in the UC or CSU system. A significant number of Poway graduates attend highly prestigious colleges and universities nationwide other than the University of California or California State Universities.

### College Enrollments Fall 2005 and 2006

#### Poway Unified Graduates Meeting UC/CSU Placement Standards

2004-2005 Graduates	University of California 2005		California State Universities 2006		
	Students Enrolling in UC	% Proficient	Freshman Enrolling CSU	% Meeting English Requirement	% Meeting Math Requirement
<b>PUSD</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>73.4%</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>75%</b>
California	30,038	66.6%	46,081	50%	69%
San Diego County	2,289	69.9%	5,093	69%	75%
Mt. Carmel	92	77.2%	95	73%	78%
Poway	79	74.7%	129	78%	75%
Rancho Bernardo	99	71.7%	114	78%	78%
Westview	48	70.8%	129	64%	67%

### WHAT THE RESULTS SHOW:

A higher percentage of students from PUSD met the placement proficiency requirements for both the University of California and California State University systems compared to freshmen from San Diego County and California. There were only slight differences between the four Poway comprehensive high schools. Definitive conclusions regarding college readiness are hard to draw from these results alone because many PUSD students eligible for University of California and California State University elect to attend other schools.