

The State of the District Report

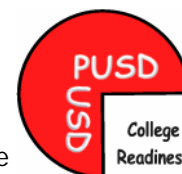
This report contains an in-depth view of student performance. We believe that the sharing of data with parents, teachers, school staff, students, and the school community is an important step in making a difference to our students. Data analysis is a powerful tool for communicating student progress with parents and students. It pinpoints areas where programs and instruction can be improved and helps us understand program strengths. Programs and strategies that are successful can be utilized by schools throughout the district.

The web edition of the State of the District Report is updated throughout the year, with links to provide additional information in particular sections.

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The College Readiness Initiative

Poway Unified School District recognizes that education is the key to opening future job opportunities and building a strong sense of community. For most, this will mean a college education or higher levels of training beyond high school. PUSD is committed to working with our families to have students college-ready, including technical training, when they graduate from our high schools. The State of the District Report reflects targets the district has established to increase the number of students taking college prep, honors, and advanced placement classes. The College Readiness icon on the right highlights sections of this report that are key indicators of progress related to the College Readiness Initiative.



How Are We Doing?

- **94% percent of Poway Unified School District 10th graders** passed the California High School Exit Exam in 2006 on their very first attempt. This performance was much better than students across the state (81%). Those who did not pass have five more opportunities to pass during their junior and senior years.
- **99.97% of PUSD seniors passed CAHSEE in 2006.**
As of March 2006, 98% of the high school seniors had passed the CAHSEE. By May, 99.97% had passed or were exempt under state guidelines applicable to a small number of students with disabilities. Five students in the graduating class of 2006 who had earned sufficient credits to graduate failed to pass the CAHSEE. The district target to improve the pass rate on the California High School Exit Exam to 100% by 2006 was almost reached in 2006.
- **Academic Performance Indicators (API) for all PUSD improved** for the fifth consecutive year to 858 in 2006. Twenty-one of 22 elementary schools scored above the statewide target of 800. All five middle schools scored greater than 800, exceeding state targets. Each of Poway Unified School District's comprehensive high schools exceeded the state target of 800. Lifted by gains in similar school rankings, four Poway Unified schools achieved status as 10/10 schools. Districtwide, 16 schools improved similar school ranking. Twenty-one of 33 schools earned a state ranking of 10.
- **Advanced Placement Course Completion** is another college readiness target. In 2006, the percentage of students completing at least one AP course with a grade of C or better increased from 46% to 49%, the fourth consecutive increase. The district target in this college readiness area is to increase successful completion of these classes to 50% by 2008, which will give more students a strong foundation for college level classes.