

School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2007-08 Published During 2008-09

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

[DataQuest](#)

DataQuest is an online data tool located at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g. Academic Performance Index [API], Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP], test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

[Internet Access](#)

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

II. About This School

[Contact Information \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Deer Canyon Elementary School	District Name	Poway Unified
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Principal	Terry Worthington	E-mail Address	elehew@powayusd.com
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[School Description and Mission Statement \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

DEER CANYON ELEMENTARY

Mission and Vision Statement

Our mission is to ensure all of our students develop a love of learning and become highly successful in school, society, and the work place. Through close collaboration, and in partnership with our families and community, we will provide challenging, real life learning opportunities to prepare our students for success in a diverse society and ever-changing world. We will model what we expect so our children become:

Self Directed Learners

Collaborative Team Members

Clear Communicators

Constructive Thinkers and Problem Solvers

Effective Users of Tools and Technology

Responsible Members of Society

It is our vision that Deer Canyon becomes a school where all students have the individual support, encouragement and opportunity they need to achieve academically at very high levels and to develop the personal habits and values which will allow them to be successful both in school and as productive members of our society.

School Description

Deer Canyon Elementary School, which opened in 1990, is located in the southwestern portion of the Poway Unified School District in the community of Rancho Penasquitos in the city of San Diego. The school is a three-time recipient of the California Distinguished School Award; 1993, 1997, and 2000. Our 2005 application for Distinguished Schools status received honorable mention. Pre-school through grade 5 students are ethnically diverse yet similar in socioeconomic status. The student population is 46% White, 28% Asian, 10% Filipino, 7% Hispanic, 2% African American, and 7% other racial ethnic groups. 18% of the students are learning English as a second language and 6% qualify for the free or reduced lunch program.

Deer Canyon is a neighborhood school, with virtually all of our students coming from the immediate community. No buses are needed to serve our regular education students, thanks in part to the school's quiet residential setting.

The teachers and support staff at Deer Canyon believe that a strong academic focus supported by a positive and caring learning environment is essential to student success. A strong emphasis is placed on providing a safe, attractive environment for students and staff. Equally important is the emphasis here on developing the whole child through early mental health programs, character development and service learning opportunities. The school climate is truly peaceful with student rights and school rules maintained campus wide.

Deer Canyon's parent volunteer program enhances both instruction in the classroom and the school's special events. PTA efforts help the school provide assembly programs, parent education workshops, Partners in Print, study trips and library books. The DCES Foundation which works hand in hand with the PTA helps fund special programs in the areas of: music, PE, Reading Recovery, technology, art, and science.

Our school meets the needs of all of our students through many special programs including English Language Learners (ELL), Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), Speech and Language, Special Education, a Parent Participation Preschool, Primary Interaction Program (PIP), Extended Student Services (ESS) and an Impact and Extended Day Program. Deer Canyon is also the home of an Autism Spectrum Disorder program, serving children from pre-school through grade 3 in five Special Day Classes. These fifty children receive all of their support services here and they have many opportunities to participate with typical peers in all aspects of school life.

[Opportunities for Parental Involvement \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities.

Deer Canyon recognizes the importance of the partnership between home and school and is committed to supporting the Parents As Partners Core Value. Parents are active members of our school community supporting the school improvement process and serving in a number of capacities including School and Library Improvement Program, Human Relations, School Site Safety, Gifted & Talented Education, English Language Learners, PTA and the Deer Canyon Foundation. Parent volunteers work in a variety of capacities such as: Volunteer Workroom, Book Fairs, Jog-A-Thon, Classroom Support, Mentoring, and Technology Support.

[Student Enrollment by Grade Level \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	82
Grade 1	101
Grade 2	87
Grade 3	99
Grade 4	111
Grade 5	95
Total Enrollment	575

[Student Enrollment by Group \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	1.91%	White (not Hispanic)	50.61%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	Multiple or No Response	4.35%
Asian	26.26%	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	5%
Filipino	8.7%	English Learners	9%
Hispanic or Latino	7.3%	Students with Disabilities	13%
Pacific Islander	0.87%		

[Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution \(Elementary\)](#)

This table displays, by grade level, the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Grade Level	2005-06			2006-07			2007-08					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	17.5	4			16.6	5			17	6		
1	19.8	5			19.5	4			19	4		
2	18.6	5			19.4	5			19.7	3		
3	20	4			20	5			19.8	5		
4	29.3		3		31		3		31.3		3	
5	30.3		3		27.3		4		27.3		3	
K-3	20	1							19	2		
3-4												
4-8	28		1						27		1	
Other												

III. School Climate

[School Safety Plan \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

Deer Canyon places strong emphasis on the safety of students and staff. The School Site Safety Committee meets as needed to review and make recommendations about safety at our school. Our emergency plans are reviewed frequently and revised annually. Drills are held monthly to review procedures for fire, earthquake, lock down and other potential disasters. Two disaster preparedness drills and a bus evacuation drill are held annually. The school has an up to date Asbestos Plan, School Safety Plan and Disaster Preparedness Plan. Maintenance staff work with a scheduled preventive program to offset costly repairs to our site.

[Suspensions and Expulsions](#)

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Suspensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	2.5	2.7
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2

IV. School Facilities

[School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms based on the most recent data available, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

The school district ensures that students attend clean and safe facilities. The district's maintenance staff follows a comprehensive scheduled preventive and deferred maintenance program to offset costly repairs and minimize disruptions to the instructional program. A \$198 million school bond was passed by the community in 2002, which is funding the renovation of 23 older schools and replacing the oldest school in the district. Planned renovations at each school will address inequity of learning facilities, expand core facilities, add classrooms and improve access to technology.

In accordance with Education Code Section 17070.75(e), the District uses a School Facilities Inspection System developed by the State of California to ensure that each of its schools is maintained in good repair. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. Daily cleaning schedules ensure that classrooms, offices and bathrooms are clean and well maintained. Playgrounds and fields are ample and well maintained. A full time custodian is on every campus throughout every school day. A night custodial crew cleans classrooms, restrooms and offices daily. The district has adopted cleaning standards for all schools. A summary of these standards is available at the district offices.

[School Facility Good Repair Status \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Gas Leaks	[X]	[]	[]	
Mechanical Systems	[X]	[]	[]	Due for modernization
Windows/Doors/Gates (interior and exterior)	[X]	[]	[]	Due for modernization
Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, and ceilings)	[X]	[]	[]	Due for modernization
Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior)	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural Damage	[X]	[]	[]	
Fire Safety	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical (interior and exterior)	[X]	[]	[]	Due for modernization
Pest/Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	
Drinking Fountains (inside and outside)	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms	[X]	[]	[]	Due for modernization
Sewer	[X]	[]	[]	
Playground/School Grounds	[X]	[]	[]	
Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	
Overall Cleanliness	[X]	[]	[]	

[Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

This table displays the overall summary of the results of the most recently completed school site inspection.

Item Inspected	Facility Condition			
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	[]	[X]	[]	[]

V. Teachers

[Professional Development](#)

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

Research supports the positive effects staff development has on increasing student learning. A wide variety of professional development opportunities are available through the District to teachers and staff including utilization of effective instructional strategies, computer technology, mathematics and writing seminars, positive discipline in-services, and multicultural training. Teachers and administrators are actively involved in professional growth activities at the school, district, state, and national level. Deer Canyon by 2007-08 School Accountability Report Card

time banking has created a one hour professional time block which we use for staff collaboration and professional growth. Additionally two district wide professional growth days create time for district wide and site selected activities for professional development. Poway Professional Assistance Program provides support for new teachers.

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the *DataQuest* Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
With Full Credential	27	28	28	1,474
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	4
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	N/A

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: *Total Teacher Misassignments* includes the number of *Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners*.

Indicator	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	---	---	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	---	---	---
Vacant Teacher Positions	---	---	---

Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers (School Year 2006-07)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers in the school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the NCLB Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0%	0.0%
All Schools in District	98%	2%
High-Poverty Schools in District	0%	0%
Low-Poverty Schools in District	97.9%	2.1%

VI Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist		N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist		N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		N/A
Other		N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school, and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Deer Canyon Elementary School provides a comprehensive standards-based instructional program designed to support each child in reaching his/her academic potential. Deer Canyon's learning community works in partnership with our families and community to provide our students with a challenging and enriching education that helps students develop a love of learning and become highly successful in school, society, and the work place, through real life learning opportunities to prepare out students for success in a diverse society and ever changing world. The instructional program, developed by teams of grade-level teachers, is designed to ensure students are equipped with the knowledge and skills required for proficiency in California Content Standards. To this end, grade level professional learning communities use their working knowledge of the standards to write personal/team objectives and direct instructional practices. Formative and summative assessments, aligned to the content standards, are created to gain information on students' individual needs. Results of both teacher-created formative and summative assessments as well as District benchmark assessments are used to guide classroom instruction, adjust pacing and differentiate the educational program to meet the needs of all students.

Standards-based textbooks and instructional materials are regularly supplied through the Poway Unified School District to meet the needs of all students. The purchasing of textbooks is centralized through Learning Support Services ensuring every student has current textbooks for all curricular areas aligned to the California content standards and ELD standards, as needed. The Avenues program for ELD students was recently adopted by the District and all Deer Canyon staff members have been trained on its use. Deer Canyon also purchases supplemental instructional materials aligned to the standards from site, district and categorical funds (i.e. School Improvement, GATE) as well as PTA and Foundation donations.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or reading language arts material, or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	0
Mathematics	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or math material, or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	0
History-Social Science	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or History/Social Science material or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	0

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found at the Current Expense of Education Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the Certificated Salaries and Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	---	---	---	\$61,448
District	---	---	\$8,188	\$66,747
Percent Difference – School Site and District	---	---	---	-9%
State	---	---	\$5,300	\$65,008
Percent Difference – School Site and State	---	---	---	-6%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services that are provided at the school through either categorical funds or other sources.

The district's general fund includes monies for:

1. General operations—services, materials, and support to the general education
2. Special education—programs offering appropriate, individualized education to students with special needs
3. Gifted and Talented Education—specialized learning assistance for students with high ability, achievement, or potential
4. Special projects—monies from agencies (e.g., federal, state) earmarked for specific services
5. Transportation
6. Maintenance and operations
7. District administration

Each school in the district receives an instructional budget based on enrollment, programs, and on formulas set by the Board of Education policy, state law, agreements with employee bargaining units, and guidelines of outside funding agencies.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

This table displays district salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the Certificated Salaries and Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$37,877	\$40,721
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$73,410	\$65,190
Highest Teacher Salary	\$84,775	\$84,151
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$114,386	\$104,476
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$121,279	\$108,527
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$127,119	\$119,210
Superintendent Salary	\$218,792	\$210,769
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	43.2%	39.9%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.1%	5.5%

IX. Student Performance

California Standards Tests

The California Standards Tests (CSTs) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, and 9 through 11; and history-social science in grades 8, and 10 through 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web page at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. *Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.*

CST Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
English-Language Arts	86	87	87	72	73	74	42	43	46
Mathematics	90	90	91	65	65	67	40	40	43
Science	79	83	91	64	69	75	35	38	46
History-Social Science				60	60	64	33	33	36

CST Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English- Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	*	*	*	
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	90	96	92	
Filipino	79	94	*	
Hispanic or Latino	74	84	*	
Pacific Islander	*	*		
White (not Hispanic)	90	93	94	
Male	88	92	94	
Female	86	91	89	
Economically Disadvantaged	35	75	*	
English Learners	69	89	*	
Students with Disabilities	65	76	*	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2007-08)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the healthy fitness zone on all six fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found at the Physical Fitness Testing Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. *Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy, or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.*

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards
5	22.9

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found at the API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

API Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest 10 percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest 10 percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing 10 schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	9	10	8

API Changes by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years, and the most recent API score. *Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.*

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008
All Students at the School	23	4	7	951
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	8	9	-7	979
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino				
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)	23	-2	23	956
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal NCLB Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the AYP Web page <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

[AYP Overall and by Criteria \(School Year 2007-08\)](#)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	Yes

[Federal Intervention Program \(School Year 2008-09\)](#)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (English-language arts or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the AYP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	