



Los Peñasquitos Elementary School

National Blue Ribbon School

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About our School...

Los Peñasquitos Elementary School is one of twenty-five elementary schools in the Poway Unified School District, and is proud to be celebrating its 37th year of enriching student lives. It is located in Rancho Penasquitos. We serve 554 students in grades kindergarten through five.

Our students are representative of the community. Thirty-five languages are spoken, 32% of the students are English Language Learners, 37% receive free or reduced-price lunches and a large percentage come from middle and upper-middle class homes. We value our economic and cultural diversity and consider it strength.

Parents are welcome at Los Peñasquitos. They serve on the school site council, are PTA leaders, help organize school wide events, and provide the nucleus of our volunteer organization.

We at Los Pen are driven by the belief that all students can achieve high academic standards. The words, "We are committed to creating a school that knows no limits to the academic success of each student" act as our daily pledge.

Los Peñasquitos students achieve well above national averages, and test scores reflect continuing and significant gains in student achievement. This commitment to excellence is recognized in our CST and API scores, and our 2001 selection as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Los Pen has twice earned a 10-10 state/similar school ranking based on API scores.

Our ultimate goal is that every student without excuse and without exception will be proficient or advanced in reading, language, and math.

Full SARCs are available on the website at

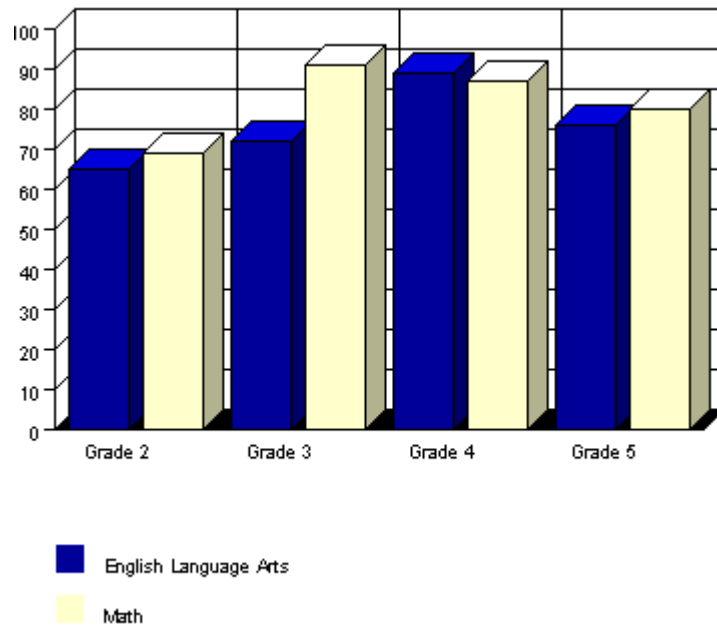
www.powayusd.com/about/accountability.html

Three-Year Disciplinary Record			
	05-06	06-07	07-08
Attendance Rate	96.5%	96.66%	96.56%
Suspensions	0.5	1.7	0.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.2	0.0

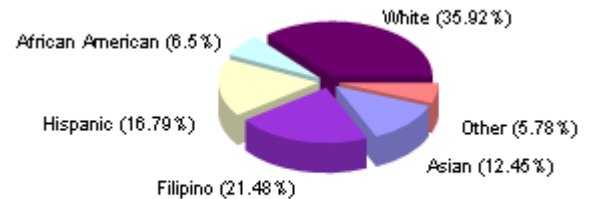
High Standards and Achievement

The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The percentage of Los Peñasquitos Elementary School students meeting Proficient or Advanced is recorded in the chart below. Students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced level have met state standards.

California Standards Testing (CST)
(% Proficient)



Demographics



School Facts...	
Grades	K-5
Enrollment	554
Class Size 2007-08	
K-3	19
Avg 4-5	30

The Academic Performance Index (API) is a composite score derived by combining the results on the California Standards Test and CAT/6. (CAT/6 is only administered to grades 3 and 7 and is not included in this report).

Academic Performance Index

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POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Quality of Instruction and Leadership

“College Readiness for All – Gateway to Our Student’s Future,” drives our District philosophy to provide the finest learning opportunities for all students. Teachers, site administrators, support staff and parents participate in goal setting and decision making through active School Site Councils. Teachers and administrators hold valid state credentials, with fewer than 1% provisional certificates. The highly regarded Poway Professional Assistance Program provides support for new teachers. Teachers are formally evaluated every two years if they hold a permanent status, and annually if they have provisional or temporary status. Teachers are supported with stipends to participate in the National Board Certification process. Fully credentialed substitute teachers are provided by Personnel Support Services when teachers are absent.

Discipline and Climate for Learning

Respect, safety and responsibility are keys to providing a supportive and positive learning environment. All schools have their own discipline guidelines and encourage positive student behaviors. Rewards and consequences are communicated to students and made available to parents. A strong network of support services is provided to meet the needs of children. The District has an anti-discrimination policy that prohibits harassment of students or staff based on race, gender, disability, religion, or sexual orientation which is strictly enforced. The District is committed to the prevention of harmful behaviors, and maintains a discipline policy to address violations of the Education Code.

Safety, Cleanliness of School Facilities

Schools place strong emphasis on safety for students and staff. School Safety Plans are renewed annually and reviewed throughout the year. Annual training procedures and drills for earthquakes, fire and bus evacuation are held. The school district’s prudent use of resources ensures that students have access to clean and safe facilities. Maintenance staffs work with a scheduled preventive program to offset costly repairs at our older sites, whenever possible. A \$198 million school bond was passed in November 2002, to renovate 24 older schools. During 2006 Midland Elementary, the oldest school in the District, was replaced, Westwood Elementary, Twin Peaks, Tierra Bonita and the Rancho Bernardo High School Music Building were completed and 14 schools are currently being remodeled. Renovations address inequity of learning facilities, including expanding core facilities, adding classrooms and access to technology.

Staff and Curriculum Development

Research supports the positive effects staff development has on increasing student learning. A wide variety of professional development opportunities are available to teachers and staff including utilization of effective instructional strategies, technology, academic content areas, standards and assessment, positive school climate, and cultural competence training. Teachers and administrators are actively involved in professional growth activities at school, district, state, and national levels.

Counseling and Student Support Services

Students have access to speech and language services, special education, resource specialists, school psychologists, counselors, and other specialists to provide for their learning needs. Additionally, students work with support staff to assist in English language development, computer and library services and other specialized areas of need. The District Wellness Department provides a wide range of services to support student and family needs. In addition, health services are provided by specialized health assistants, health technicians, and nurses.

Textbooks/Instructional Materials & Technology

The District reviews all curriculum on a regular basis to ensure that students are presented with current and appropriate learning opportunities and materials. Students are provided with high quality textbooks, computers and other instructional and technological material to support the learning process. State approved textbooks are kept current and provided free of charge to every student.

Mission Statement

To ensure that each student will master the knowledge and develop the skills and attitudes essential for success in school and in a diverse society.

Core Values

All students learning, a competent and caring staff, parents as partners, staff participation in decision making, effective management of resources, a safe, orderly, and attractive environment, and excellence in all we do.

Attitudes Expected For All Students

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, loyalty, keeping promises, pursuing excellence, being kind and caring and being a good citizen.

2007-08 General Operating Budget Income

Revenue Limit Sources	\$187,382,507
Federal Revenue	8,629,281
Other State Revenue	51,598,543
Other Local Revenue	16,131,063
Total	\$263,741,394

Expenses

Salary & Fringes	\$228,949,785
Books & Supplies	11,376,072
Services	27,383,449
Capital Outlay	499,979
Other Outgo, Direct & Indirect Costs	868,747
Total	\$269,078,032

2007-08 School Accountability Report Card

For further information, please call your local school or visit our Website at www.powayusd.com

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