



# Stone Ranch Elementary School

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## About our School...

Stone Ranch Elementary School is a dynamic learning community which opened August 26, 2004. The dramatic buildings, clustered around the Center Courtyard, are home to over 1000 eager, inquisitive, energetic Trailblazers who are active participants in their learning. The school is the largest elementary school in Poway. Our site consists of forty-five classrooms in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. This school year, Stone Ranch fully embraced all day Kindergarten, which has provided teachers time to focus on both academic and social developmental skills of our young Trailblazers. For those students who have late summer or fall birthdays, we offer a PEPP (two year Kindergarten program) to meet the students' unique needs and better prepare them for their educational career. For our youngest Trailblazers, we have three preschool classrooms on site to serve the needs of our growing community.

With a mission to Honor Our Past, Explore Our Present, Discover Our Future – and in the process realize that Our Stories Connect Us, our school is committed to ensuring that all Trailblazers feel an integral part of our dynamic learning community.

A focus on writing ensures that our students have numerous opportunities to write, share stories, and connect. Weekly Wednesday Morning Gatherings help build community and establish the Trailblazers traditions of celebrating each other, honoring our country, and having fun.

Our school reflects the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of our broader community. Fifty-two percent of the students are Caucasian, followed by Asian (25%), Other (5%), Filipino (7%), Hispanic (7%), African American (1%) (17% of school population are classified English Learner Students).

We provide our learners with a rigorous, supportive culture that includes comprehensive instruction in basic skills, integrative units, problem/project-based learning, small group activities, and writing-reading workshop. A strong sense of community is built upon mutual respect and the meaningful contribution of all members. The emphasis on Character Counts! and the pillars of Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Citizenship, Caring, and Fairness supports our efforts to develop citizens for both the present and the future.

Our Stone Ranch Trailblazers enjoy a rich learning environment and the respect and admiration of their teachers, support staff, and fellow students. They know that they are the center of our school and that decisions are made in their best interest, that the adults encourage them to learn, explore, discover. Our children know that we respect their opinions and are committed to giving them voice and the tools they'll need to use their voice for the greater good.

Some of our students face the typical challenges of growing up: being new to the community and school, divorce, blended families, dual working parents, deployed parents, multi-generational families, and transience. Our competent and caring staff, Student Success Teams, leadership opportunities for children, early intervention programs, PEPP two-year kindergarten program, Primary Interaction Program, counselor, and trained parent volunteers prepare our children and their families for success.

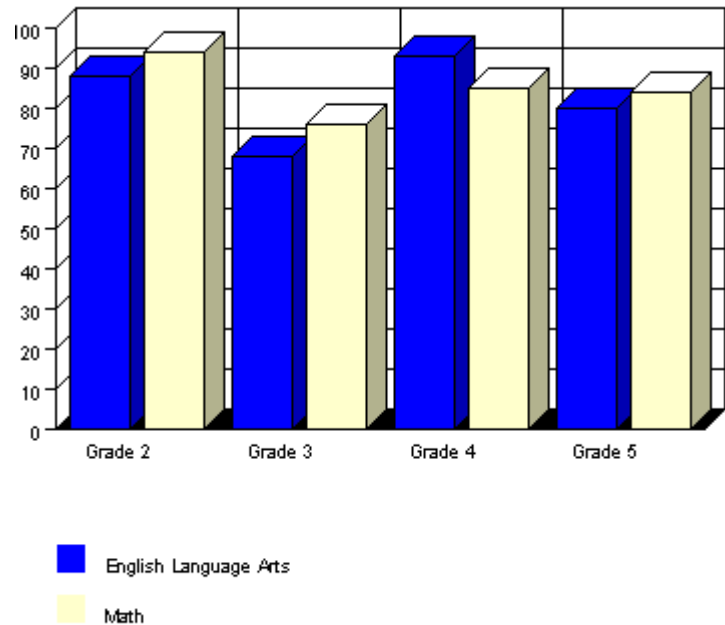
Come visit our dynamic learning community on our beautiful campus. We're not just about the dramatic buildings. We're about the wonderful learners who come everyday to explore and discover. We're about the energetic learners who come every day to blaze a trail to our future!

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## High Standards and Achievement

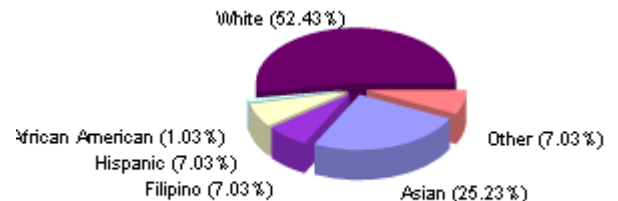
The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The percentage of Stone Ranch Elementary School students meeting Proficient or Advanced is recorded in the chart below. Students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced level have met state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

### California Standards Testing (CST) (% Proficient)



School Facts...	
Grades	K-5
Enrollment	967
Class Size 2007-08	
K-3	20
Avg 4-5	30

## Demographics



Three-Year Disciplinary Record			
	05-06	06-07	07-08
Attendance Rate	96.0%	96.30%	94.62%
Suspensions	0.3	0.5	0.7
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	922
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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$263,741,394</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$269,078,032</b>

**2007-08 School Accountability Report Card**

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