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## **Poway Unified State Test Scores Among the Highest in the County**

(San Diego, CA) – Poway Unified School District test scores are among the highest in San Diego County, as students continue to exceed county averages in the preliminary results of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

These assessments were administered to 17,500 PUSD students in the Spring of 2022. Test scores are recorded as Standards Exceeded, Standards Met, Standards Nearly Met, and Standards Not Met. In English language arts (ELA), an overall average of 76% of PUSD students met or exceeded standards, compared to 53% in San Diego County. In mathematics, PUSD ranked first among all unified school districts in San Diego County with an overall average of 66% of PUSD students meeting or exceeding standards, compared to 39% in San Diego County.

In the years prior to the pandemic, PUSD’s overall ELA and math scores increased annually. Following the pandemic, the 2022 test was significantly revised by the California Department of Education (CDE), providing a new baseline for school districts to measure progress moving forward. Due to the significant changes in the test, Districts are unable to make direct comparisons with previous years’ results. Carol Osborne, Associate Superintendent of Learning Support Services remarked, “Our commitment to student learning has been unwavering and our students are incredibly resilient. Our results show that despite the pandemic, they continue to achieve. The area of mathematics continues to be an opportunity for us to review our programs and strengthen our learning opportunities. Unfortunately, as we look deeper into our results, it’s clear that the pandemic disproportionately affected the achievement of our most vulnerable students (when it comes to food, income, and housing). We are committed to continuing our efforts around closing the learning gap across all student groups.”

### **Individual Schools performing above the PUSD overall average include:**

#### *ELA Percent Met or Exceeded*

- 89% Westview High School, Rancho Bernardo High School
- 87% Del Sur Elementary School
- 86% Adobe Bluffs Elementary School
- 85% Deer Canyon Elementary School
- 84% Del Norte High School, Creekside Elementary School, Monterey Ridge Elementary School
- 82% Design39Campus, Mesa Verde Middle School, Oak Valley Middle School
- 81% Park Village Elementary School, Stone Ranch Elementary School, Westwood Elementary School
- 80% Chaparral Elementary School

- 79% Willow Grove Elementary School, Tierra Bonita Elementary School
- 78% Canyon View Elementary School
- 77% Connect Academy, Rolling Hills Elementary School

*Math Percent Met or Exceeded*

- 85% Park Village Elementary School
- 84% Deer Canyon Elementary School, Adobe Bluffs elementary School
- 83% Del Sur Elementary School
- 82% Monterey Ridge Elementary School
- 80% Creekside Elementary School, Stone Ranch Elementary School
- 79% Willow Grove Elementary School
- 78% Canyon View Elementary School
- 76% Rolling Hills Elementary School, Del Norte High School, Chaparral Elementary
- 75% Westwood Elementary School
- 74% Westview High School, Design39Campus
- 72% Rancho Bernardo High School
- 71% Sunset Hills Elementary School, Sundance Elementary School, Tierra Bonita Elementary School, Oak Valley Middle School, Painted Rock Elementary School
- 70% Morning Creek Elementary School, Shoal Creek Elementary School
- 68% Mesa Verde Middle School, Los Peñasquitos Elementary School

**About Poway Unified School District**

The Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is an award-winning, national leader in TK through 12 public education. PUSD serves 41 schools in the northern suburbs of San Diego County. PUSD is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest public school district in the County, serving nearly 35,000 ethnically diverse students and 4,000 staff members. Named a 2019 California Exemplary District and 2022 California Pivotal Practices District, PUSD’s vision is “to create culture and conditions to empower world-class learners.”

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