

Performance Index

School-by-school rankings

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The Academic Performance Index (API), the cornerstone of the state's Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999, is an achievement gauge for California public schools based on standardized test results. The index assigns a score for each campus, ranging from a low of 200 to a high of 1,000, with 800 as the long-term performance target.

Though it has changed over the years, API scores in 2005 were primarily calculated using results of

the California Standards Tests (CSTs) and the California High School Exit Exam. Minimal weight was placed on the norm-referenced California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition Survey, which replaced the Stanford 9.

In addition to establishing the API and annual growth targets, the Public Schools Accountability Act calls for assistance and the possibility of state intervention for schools that don't meet their goals.

How to use this chart

► The number in the second column represents that school's baseline API figure (on a scale of 200 to 1,000) based on 2005 test scores.

► The third column shows how each campus ranks – in percentiles – among other public elementary, middle and high schools in California, with 10 as a top score.

► The fourth column compares each school with others that have similar

demographics. Again, 10 is the top score.

► The final column indicates the school's 2006 growth target, as set by the state. "A" indicates the school scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in 2005.

► Each target is set at 5 percent of the difference between the school's API and the ultimate statewide goal of 800.

South Bay scores and rankings

District / name	API Base 2005	State Rank 2005	Similar School Rank	Target Growth '05-'06	District / name	API Base 2005	State Rank 2005	Similar School Rank	Target Growth '05-'06	District / name	API Base 2005	State Rank 2005	Similar School Rank	Target Growth '05-'06	District / name	API Base 2005	State Rank 2005	Similar School Rank	Target Growth '05-'06
Centinel Valley Union					Inglewood Unified					Manhattan Beach Unified ★					Torrance Unified				
► High schools					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools				
Hawthorne	610	2	6	10	Bennett/Kew	795	7	10	1	Grand View	934	10	10	A	Adams	821	8	4	A
Lawndale	706	6	10	5	Centinela	738	5	9	3	Meadows Avenue	940	10	9	A	Anza	862	9	2	A
Leuzinger	553	1	3	12	Freeman	734	5	10	3	Pacific	969	10	10	A	Arlington	865	9	3	A
Culver City Unified					► Middle schools					► Middle school					► Middle schools				
► Elementary schools					► High schools					► High school					► High schools				
El Marino	897	10	7	A	City Honors	785	9	10	1	Rancho Vista	915	10	9	A	Calle Mayor	856	10	5	A
El Rincon	796	7	6	1	Inglewood	576	1	5	11	Silver Spur	948	10	10	A	Casimir	832	9	6	A
Farragut	818	8	8	A	Morningside	568	1	5	12	Soleado	909	10	6	A	Hull	764	7	2	2
Howe	773	6	9	1	Lawndale					► Middle schools					► Middle schools				
La Ballona	757	6	5	2	► Elementary schools					► High schools					► High schools				
► Middle school					► Elementary schools					► High school					► High schools				
Culver City	759	7	6	2	Addams	754	6	9	2	Palos Verdes	930	10	9	A	Jefferson	799	8	1	1
Culver City	734	7	8	3	Anderson	680	3	5	6	Ridgecrest	918	10	9	A	Lynn	864	10	4	A
El Segundo Unified					► Middle schools					► Middle schools					► Middle schools				
► Elementary schools					► High schools					► High school					► Middle schools				
Center Street	861	9	4	A	Green	695	3	5	5	Palos Verdes Peninsula	844	10	7	A	Madrona	819	9	2	A
Richmond Street	903	10	9	A	Mitchell	718	4	7	4	Palos Verdes	836	10	7	A	Magruder	752	7	4	2
► Middle school					► Middle school					► High school					► High schools				
El Segundo	844	9	10	A	Roosevelt	693	3	8	5	Palos Verdes Peninsula	844	10	7	A	Richardson	855	10	3	A
► High school					► High schools					► High school					► High schools				
El Segundo	794	9	10	1	Twain	766	6	7	2	North	760	8	5	2	South	774	9	2	1
Hawthorne					Lennox					Redondo Beach Unified ★					Wiseburn				
► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools				
Eucalyptus	734	5	9	3	Buford Avenue	700	3	7	5	Alta Vista	883	10	7	A	Anza	838	8	9	A
Jefferson	702	4	8	5	Huerta	639	2	4	8	Beryl Heights	867	9	9	A	Burnett	813	8	5	A
Kornblum	716	4	10	4	Felton	669	2	4	7	Birney	814	8	6	A	Cabrillo	821	8	8	A
Ramona	760	6	9	2	Jefferson	648	2	3	8	Jefferson	927	10	9	A	► Middle school				
Washington	699	3	7	5	Moffett	645	2	2	8	Lincoln	837	8	6	A	Dana	767	7	9	2
Williams	727	5	10	4	► Middle school					► Middle schools					► Middle schools				
York	686	3	8	6	Lennox	632	2	7	8	Madison	876	9	10	A	► High school				
Zela Davis	716	4	10	4	Animo	638	3	7	8	Tulita	840	8	4	A	Animo Inglewood	686	5	9	6
► Middle schools					► High school					► High school					► High school				
Bud Carson	652	3	9	7	Lennox Math/Sci.	702	6	10	5	Washington	778	7	4	1	Calif. Academy of Math and Science	951	10	10	A
Hawthorne	680	4	10	6	Hermosa Beach ★					Other					Other				
Prairie Vista	671	4	10	6	► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools				
► High school					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools				
Hawthorne Mathematics & Science Academy	836	10	10	A	Hermosa Valley	893	10	10	A	Alta Vista	883	10	7	A	Hermsworth	830	9	7	A
Hermosa Beach ★					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools					► Elementary schools				
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Hermosa Valley	893	10	10	A	Hermosa View	931	10	10	A	Beryl Heights	867	9	9	A	Hermsworth	830	9	7	A
Hermosa View	931	10	10	A	Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified ★					Redondo Beach Unified ★					Wiseburn				
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