



SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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REPORT CARDS ARE OUT FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

■ THE REQUIREMENT

Why is there a report card?

In November 1988, California voters passed Proposition 98. This ballot initiative promised California public schools a stable source of funding. In return, all public schools in California must provide information about themselves to the public through a School Accountability Report Card.

Each school in the San Diego Unified School District issues a School Accountability Report Card every year. Parents (and sometimes students) help school staff write the report cards for their school. Report cards report to parents on what and how well schools are doing.

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What's included?

To make sense of the many different kinds of information displayed in the report card, our schools have organized the report card around the areas of student learning, teaching quality, integration and diversity, shared decision-making, and finances.

Each school report card is introduced by a school profile with background information about the school and its students. This profile also presents the district mission and the school's goals—goals that school administrators, staff, and parents have specifically set for the school. Parents may want to judge the rest of the report card by how well they feel the school is meeting its own goals and how good a job the school is doing.

The body of the report card is made up of the 13 reporting areas originally re-

quired by Proposition 98, two additional areas mandated by the state legislature, and two areas (marked by an *) the district has added because of their importance to students and society and to the process of improving schools. Each of the 17 areas has been written with two purposes in mind:

- Answering important questions that parents have about the school
- Letting parents know how successful the school has been in meeting its goals.

The 17 report card areas use graphs and tables to present information about the school and to address some of the following issues:

- Student Learning
 - Student Achievement
 - School-to-Career Transition
 - Attendance/Dropouts
 - Discipline and Climate for Learning
- Teaching Quality
 - Teaching Assignments
 - Teacher/Administrator Evaluation
 - Substitutes
 - Instructional and Leadership Quality
 - Instructional Time
 - Training and Curriculum Improvement
 - Counseling and Support Services
 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials
 - School Facilities and Safety
 - Class Size
- Integration and Diversity
 - Race and Human Relations*
- Shared Decision-Making
 - Community Involvement*
- Finances
 - Expenditures and Services Offered

■ A COPY FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD

How can you get one?

A copy of your school's report card will be sent to every household in your school in which English is the dominant language. Copies are also available from the school, the district's Communications Department at (619) 725-5578, and the Internet (www.sandi.net/research/sarcs). If many students in your school speak another language and do not know English well, the report card may be translated into that language. Check with your school on the availability of translated report cards.

■ MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

How can you find out more about your school?

Each school sets aside time to go over the report card with parents. The date and time are announced in the "Report Card Meeting Information" box on the front page of the report card and in other communications from the school. Schools with many parents who do not speak English may arrange for translators at these sessions.

If you have more questions about your child's school, call the school or visit it in person. Your school has more information and will be happy to answer your questions. We hope the report cards prompt you to learn more about the school and encourage you to be more involved in your child's education.

Each school is striving and planning to improve your child's schooling. Please join other parents and become a part of this process. Your school will gladly inform you about how you can become more involved.

"The mission of San Diego City Schools is to improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom."