

POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-2007 STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COLLEGE READINESS FOR ALL

Superintendent's Message

We are committed to continuous improvement focused on increased student achievement. The State of the District Report charts the progress of our students and school district toward meeting PUSD targets and State of California goals and standards.

The foundation for this report began six years ago when the PUSD staff and community worked with the Board of Education to set forth a comprehensive strategic plan that focused on the work of our school district.

The strategic plan builds on increasing literacy skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. We have raised the academic bar for all graduates because we believe graduates will need to pursue college or other postsecondary training to remain competitive in a global economy.

As a result of the District's consistent focus, we have realized significant growth over the past five years.

- ◆ Since 2002 the District's overall Academic Performance Index (API) has grown from 818 to 858.
- ◆ The State of California has set a target of 800 or better; currently, only 30% of schools in the state are above 800. In contrast, 94% of PUSD schools are above 800.
- ◆ The new high stakes graduation test, the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), took effect for the class of 2006. Only five students in Poway Unified who were on track to graduate did not pass the final test. Our pass rate was 99.97%.



- ◆ The percentage of students taking one or more advanced placement classes during their high school career has risen from 29% in 2002 to 49% in 2006.

The State of the District Report further refines the data by subgroup performance and looks at a host of other measures. This data is tracked over time as one part of our accountability and improvement system.

The report also contains information about attendance and growth patterns, financial summaries, building projects and construction timelines, employees of the year, student recognition, and major accomplishments for 2006.

The Executive Summary details the results of five years of academic progress on targets related to our goals.

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State and National Student Performance Indexes Are Best Ever in 2006

Poway Unified students score much higher than students across the county, state, and nation on common measures such as Advanced Placement tests, SAT-I and No Child Left Behind requirements.

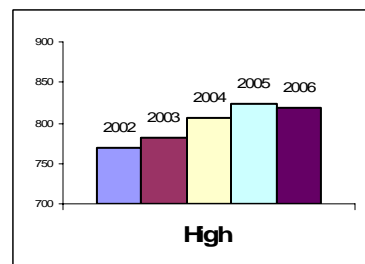
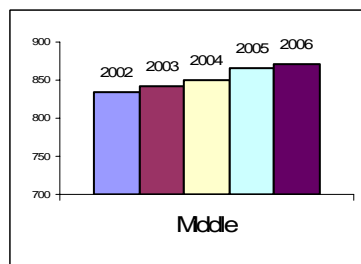
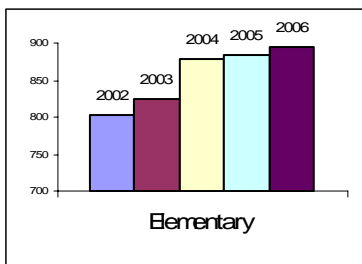
Percentage of Schools Achieving No Child Left Behind Requirements

Level of Schools	2003	2004	2005	2006
Elementary Schools	86%	95%	95%	100%
Middle Schools	80%	80%	100%	100%
High schools	60%	80%	100%	80%

API Shows Achievement of Academic Standards Improving

There is a five-year trend of continuously higher performance for all subjects and all subgroups. Every grade level has made significant gains on state tests since 2002 and should achieve targets established for 2008.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX



PUSD Students Close Achievement Gap on California High School Exit Exam

Group	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
All PUSD	92%	96%	99.96%
African American	75%	94%	100%
Asian	96%	98%	100%
Filipino	91%	96%	100%
Hispanic	80%	90%	99.5%
White	95%	97%	99.99%

The class of 2006 was the first graduating class required to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) to earn a diploma. PUSD eliminated the achievement gap on this measure of student achievement.

However, passing the CAHSEE is not a measure of college readiness. On measures of college readiness, the achievement gap persists.

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DISTRICT FACTS

Geographic Size: 100 sq. miles

Number of Schools: 34
 23 Elementary schools
 6 Middle schools
 4 Comprehensive high schools
 1 Continuation high school

Also:
 1 New Directions Program
 21 Preschools
 1 Poway Adult School

Location of Schools:
 PUSD schools are situated in two cities and the unincorporated area of San Diego County:
 11 Schools in the City of Poway
 20 Schools in the City of San Diego
 3 Schools in unincorporated area of San Diego County

Number of Students: 32,800 (K-12)

Ethnic Diversity:

African American	3.0%
American Indian/Alaskan	0.5%
Asian	15.0%
Filipino	7.0%
Hispanic	10.0%
Pacific Islander	0.6%
White	58.0%
Other	7.0%

2006-2007 Budget: \$251 million

Graduation Rate: 96.2%

Attendance Rate: 96.49%

Number of Teachers: 1,732

Size in California: 27th largest
Size in San Diego County: 3rd largest

Introduction

The **Executive Summary** presents information found in the PUSD State of the District Reports for 2002 through 2006, highlighting five-year trends and general progress toward targets established for 2006 and 2008.

The 2006-2007 report shows the district is realizing continued gains in many of its key indicators.

The foundation for the report began six years ago. At that time, the Poway Unified staff and school community worked with the PUSD Board of Education to set forth a comprehensive strategic plan that focused the work of the school district on two goals and developed a plan for implementing the goals. This is the fifth edition of the State of the District Report. It is rich with a variety of data related to district targets and key measures. The district's targets fall under two major goals:

▲ Goal #1: Increase achievement for all students through a comprehensive literacy effort.

▲ Goal #2: Provide a physical learning environment to support learning for all students.

The College Readiness Initiative

Our goal is to improve student achievement for all students. Research indicates that a rigorous curriculum provides the best preparation for successful postsecondary training and college. Poway Unified School District's college readiness initiative includes performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), completion of required college preparatory coursework referred to as the UC/CSU "a-g" requirement, and the successful completion of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

College Readiness



College Readiness Targets Reachable

For our students to be successful, every step along the way counts. The progress being made at high school can only happen when progress has been made in middle and elementary school. PUSD is making significant gains on college readiness indicators that should lead to achievement of 2008 targets.

Percent of Students Completing a-g Requirements					
2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2008 Target
53%	54%	58%	58.5%	57.5%	60%

Students Completing AP Courses with a "C" or Better			
2004	2005	2006	2008 Target
33%	44%	49%	50%

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Our Second Goal focuses on Poway Unified's effort to complete the renovation and modernization of 24 schools in the Proposition U bond program and build new schools in the western portion of the school district under the *Building for Success* program. The Citizens' Oversight Committee is actively carrying out its mission of overseeing the Proposition U program, and reviewing and informing the public regarding the expenditure of the bond funds.



The *Building for Success* Program

Construction Projects

The first five school projects were completed in 2006: Westwood, Midland, and Tierra Bonita Elementary Schools, Twin Peaks Middle School, and the Rancho Bernardo High School Music Building. Mt. Carmel and Poway High's major construction and modernization projects continue for the third year, with completion expected later in 2007. Construction is underway at Garden Road, Chaparral, and Painted Rock Elementary Schools. Nine additional schools are currently in the design phase. (The elementary schools in the design phase are: Los Peñasquitos, Valley, Pomerado, Sunset Hills, Sundance, and Rolling Hills. Also, Meadowbrook Middle School, Black Mountain Middle School, and Abraxas High School.)

Mt. Carmel High School



Twin Peaks Middle School



Building New Schools

New schools in PUSD are funded through Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) and state funds. Stone Ranch Elementary School opened in August 2004, Oak Valley Middle School opened in August 2005, and Monterey Ridge Elementary School opened in August 2006. Other schools scheduled to open before 2010 include Del Sur Elementary School (2008-2009), Willow Grove Elementary School (2008-2009), and Del Norte High School (2009-2010).

Oak Valley Middle School



Stone Ranch Elementary School

For more information, please visit these websites:

New Construction: <http://www.powayusd.com/admin/bss/facilities/cfd.asp>

Proposition U: <http://www.powayusd.com/bond/>