



School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Reported Using Data from 2009-10 School Year Published During 2010-11

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published by February 1 of each year, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE *DataQuest* Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, *DataQuest* is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., state Academic Performance Index [API], federal Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]), test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides the schools contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Hillview Middle	District Name	Menlo Park City Elementary
Street	1100 Elder Ave.	Phone Number	650-321-7140
City, State, Zip	Menlo Park , CA 94025-5503	Web Site	www.mpcsd.org
Phone Number	650-326-4341	Superintendent	Kenneth Ranella
Principal	Michael Melton	E-mail Address	cmetzler@mpcsd.org
E-mail Address	mmelton@mpcsd.org	CDS Code	41-68965-6044150

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the school, its programs, and its goals.

Hillview Middle School, with a current enrollment of approximately 697 students, is the single middle school for sixth through eighth grade students in the Menlo Park City School District. In 2000 Hillview was recognized by the United States Department of Education as one of the nation's Blue Ribbon Schools. In 2009 Hillview was named a California Distinguished School for the eighth time, making it the most frequently named school in the history of the California School Recognition Program. The school staff includes 44 full or part-time teachers, 1.7 full & part-time counselors, 1 librarian, 2 part-time student activities directors, 11 aides, 8 classified staff, 1 vice principal, and 1 principal. The student body is approximately 70% white and 30% minority, with Asians, African-Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics the largest minority groups.

The Hillview community values education very highly, and this is reflected in daily attendance rates, with over 96% of our students present on an average daily basis.

The goals of middle-level education in Menlo Park are to maintain a strong educational program and to meet the needs of preadolescent students. The Hillview Mission Statement reads as follows:

Hillview Middle School offers a challenging academic program in a safe, caring environment. We encourage students to master basic skills, sample a variety of educational, social, and cultural experiences, and begin assuming more responsibility for their learning and their citizenship. We recognize and address the needs of individual learners, and provide integrated, active, innovative, and exciting learning experiences. Staff, parents, and students work together to create an educational community whose members treat one another with concern and respect. Our goal is to provide students with the skills and opportunities necessary for them to make a direct contribution to their community. Hillview honors educational achievement and excellence at every level.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parental involvement.

Community support for Hillview is demonstrated in many ways. Back-to-School and Open House evenings routinely draw the parents of almost all of our students. The Hillview PTO, with membership of almost 70% of our families and teachers, raises thousands of dollars for school programs, contributes over a thousand hours of volunteer time, runs an extensive after-school sports program, organizes weekly hot food days for students, sets up frequent parent network meetings, and makes many other contributions. The Hillview Site Council is responsible for overseeing and approving the School Improvement Plan and manages its annual budget for enhancement of the school site and curriculum.

Hillview receives additional program support from the University of San Francisco Psychology Department, the Menlo Park Police, Fire, and Recreation Departments, and from Mid-Peninsula Tennis Patrons. Special mentor relationships between Hillview students and community members are arranged by our counselors.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	232
Grade 7	228
Grade 8	223
Total Enrollment	683

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	6%
Filipino	0%
Hispanic or Latino	11%
Pacific Islander	2%
White (not Hispanic)	69%
Multiple or No Response	10%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	4%
English Learners	4%
Students with Disabilities	9%

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

This table displays by grade level the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Grade Level	2007-08				2008-09				2009-10			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
English	22.8	19	24		24.7		42		24.2	7	21	
Mathematics	23.3	16	12		24.1	10	16	1	25.0	8	17	2
Science	23.4	9	19		24.7	4	23		24.5	5	23	
Social Science	22.9	11	18		24.2	1	27		24.2	7	21	

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

The Menlo Park City School District incorporates requirements of all legislative mandates into a single Emergency Preparedness plan that is updated annually. The principal manages the Site Emergency Plan that coordinates concerns of parents, students, and staff for the safety and welfare of all. The Site Emergency Plan is reviewed and revised annually and appropriate drills and training are provided to help all persons become familiar with their responsibilities. Emergency preparedness also includes close cooperation and planning with police, fire, civic emergency agencies and school/parent groups.

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Suspensions	2.6	4.9	3.1	0.8	1.7	1.7
Expulsions	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms based on the most recent data available, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

Hillview Middle School has 39 classrooms, a multipurpose room a library, and an administration building. The main campus is approximately 50 years old. A major renovation of the facility was completed in 2002, and as a result, all classrooms are wired for internet, phone and cable TV. In 2006, the community approved a \$91.1 million bond measure to improve district facilities. As part of the Bond program, the school District has decided to replace the existing facility with new facilities on the existing field and converting the current building area to a new field. The new campus will be state of the art and handle the increased school enrollment. The project began in 2010 and will be completed by 2012.

The District takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the Director of Maintenance and Operations and the site Principal conduct an annual walk-through to identify and prioritize necessary maintenance projects.

The District maintenance staff keeps the school in good repair and working order by completing necessary tasks in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Cleaning standards for all schools in the district have been established. The principal and Director of Maintenance and Operations work closely with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

The District participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components. Typically, this includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior or exterior painting, and floor systems. The District budgets and transfers 0.5% of the general fund budget to the deferred maintenance program annually. The district's complete deferred maintenance plan is available at the district office.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	N/A	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	N/A	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	N/A	X			
Electrical: Electrical	N/A	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	N/A	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	N/A	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	N/A	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	N/A	X			
Overall Rating	GOOD - As a result of the most recent inspection, no outstanding deficiencies were reported. (Submitted quarterly to the Board of Education.)				N/A

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the CDE *DataQuest* Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10
With Full Credential	41	40	40	147
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	N/A

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: *Total Teacher Misassignments* includes the number of *Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners*.

Indicator	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by Highly Qualified Teachers as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in a school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. High poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under the ESEA can be found on the CDE Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	100.0	0.0
High-Poverty Schools in District	N/A	N/A
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100.0	0.0

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1.65	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	1.0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0.0	N/A
Psychologist	0.5	N/A
Social Worker	0.0	N/A
Nurse	0.25	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.2	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.2	N/A
Other	0.0	N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school; whether the textbooks and instructional materials are from the most recent adoption (yes/no); and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Most Recent SBE or Local Governing Agency Approved Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Prentice Hall Literature ('02) State approved, Board adopted 2003	0	
Mathematics	Grade 6: California Math, Course 1, McDougal Littell ('08) Board Adopted 2008 Grade 7: Prentice Hall Mathematics, Pre-Algebra, Pearson ('09) Board Adopted 2008 Algebra: Grade 8: California Math, Algebra 1, McDougal Littell ('08) Board Adopted 2008 Grades 7/8: Structure and Method, Book 1, 'McDougal Littell ('00) Board adopted 2008 Geometry: Grade 8: Discovering Geometry, Key Curriculum Press ('97) Board adopted 2008	0	
Science	Grades 6-7: Science Explorer, Pearson Prentice Hall ('07) State approved, Board adopted 2007 Grade 8: Glencoe Science Focus on Physical Science, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill ('07) State approved, Board adopted 2007	0	
History-Social Science	History Alive!, Teachers Curriculum Institute ('05) State approved, Board adopted 2006 Oxford University Press ('05) Various Supplementary Titles State approved, Board adopted 2006	0	

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found on the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental / Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic / Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary

School Site	\$6,627	\$1,064	\$5,562	\$88,468
District	N/A	N/A	\$6,950	\$86,027
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-20%	3%
State	N/A	N/A	\$	\$66,995
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	%	32%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services (e.g., information about supplemental educational services related to the school's federal Program Improvement status) that are provided at the school through either categorical funds or other sources.

Instructional and curriculum needs are met through various funding sources. District funds support, in addition to core academic programs, additional personnel for student support and instructional leadership. The PTO, the Student Council, the Site Council, and the Education Foundation have all supplied grants to provide for major core events such as the Greek Festival for 6th graders, the 7th grade Renaissance Faire, and the History Day Project that is part of the 8th grade U.S. History curriculum. The Education Foundation's Jeanie Ritchie grants to teachers have recently funded projects such as rocketry, fetal pig dissection, and writing workshops with professional authors. The school's computer lab was equipped with district, PTO, and SIP funds. Other computers and equipment have been obtained through donations and district, SIP, and PTO funding. A state technology grant funded the acquisition of a variety of video equipment. The library/media center, known as the Barbara Miller Library and Technology Center, is fully automated.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

This table displays district salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$	\$
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$	\$
Highest Teacher Salary	\$	\$
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$	\$
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$	\$
Superintendent Salary	\$	\$
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	%	%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	%	%

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs); the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment

(CAPA). The assessments under the STAR program show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and nine through eleven. The CAPA includes ELA and mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations. The CMA is an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for grades three through nine, mathematics for grades three through seven and Algebra I and science in grades five, eight, and ten. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2009 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/pkt5intrpts09.pdf>.

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
English-Language Arts	85	87	87	82	85	85	46	50	55
Mathematics	81	82	86	82	84	87	43	46	55
Science	84	82	91	85	88	91	46	50	57
History-Social Science	81	83	80	81	83	80	36	41	47

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA				
All Students at the School				
Male	84	87	94	82
Female	91	88	86	81
Black or African American	54	46		
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	86	88	85	92
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	55	57	85	50
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	50	33		
White	94	89	93	87
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	25	44	50	18

English Learners	9	62		
Students with Disabilities	52	31	70	25
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2009-10)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the CDE Physical Fitness Testing Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. *Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy, or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.*

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zones		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
7	9.3	40.5	45.4

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of state academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found on the CDE Academic Performance Index (API) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools' API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2007	2008	2009
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	9	8	9

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years. *Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant or data were not available.*

Actual API Change

Group	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
All Students at the School	5	17	-3
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	3	15	-5
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – 2010 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the 2010 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2010 Growth API Score		
	School	LEA	State
All Students at the School	931		
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	958		
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found on the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the six AYP criteria described above.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2010-11)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found on the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	

XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

Not Applicable

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

The District values professional development of teachers and administrators as an ongoing process of personal growth and learning for the individual, and as a source and stimulus for increased students growth and achievement. Professional development opportunities provided by the District include Staff Development Days, attendance at workshops, courses and conferences by individual teachers, opportunities for collaborative planning and curriculum development, and systematic programs of observation and analysis of teaching. The Site Council also supports staff development programs with SIP funds.

All first and second year teachers throughout the district participate in the Beginning Teacher Support and

Assessment (BTSA) program, a state-funded, standards-based program that provides support through mentoring, training, and evaluation. A veteran teacher Advisor provides coaching for all new teachers in the district.

The District continues to support hands-on, inquiry-based science instruction. After six years focused at the K-5 level, the project has expanded to include resources and support for professional development at the middle school level.