



School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2010–11 School Year

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Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see 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

Ed-Data Partnership Web Site

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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.

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II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2011–12)

School		District	
School Name	Oak Knoll Elementary	District Name	Menlo Park City Elementary
Street	1895 Oak Knoll Ln.	Phone Number	(650) 321-7140
City, State, Zip	Menlo Park, CA, 94025-6120	Web Site	www.mpcsd.org
Phone Number	(650) 854-4433	Superintendent	Maurice Ghysels, Ed.D.
Principal	David Ackerman, Principal	E-mail Address	mghysels@mpcsd.org
E-mail Address	dackerman@mpcsd.org	CDS Code	41689656044176

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2010–11)

Oak Knoll School, located 40 miles south of San Francisco in the city of Menlo Park, is one of the four schools in the Menlo Park City School District. Enrollment is approximately 750 students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

The school staff includes 34 regular education teachers, one librarian, two Special Education teachers, two Reading Specialists, one Resource specialist, one Speech and Language specialist, an art, music, and a PE teacher, and two administrators. Part-time staff includes psychologist and nurse, band and orchestra teachers. The staff is supported by a school secretary, two clerks, and twelve classroom aides.

Oak Knoll has a small minority population: 20% of the total student body. The Oak Knoll community values education, and therefore, less than 1% of our students are absent without excuse daily.

Oak Knoll School is dedicated to providing a quality educational program for all students. It is our mission to inspire students to achieve at high levels and to investigate questions of interest. It is our goal to create a school where children are inspired: inspired to learn, inspired to create, and inspired to take risks. We wish to create a school where learners are continually awed by the wonder and joy of learning. Oak Knoll values excellence, compassion, cooperation, creativity, love, determination and joy.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2010–11)

Parents regularly volunteer at Oak Knoll School to provide teacher instructional support and to coordinate special projects and activities planned by staff or by the Parent-Teacher Association. Back-to-School and Open House evenings draw 90-95% of our parents.

PTO membership is over 95%. Through annual family events such as the Family Feasts, and the Otter Run, the PTO provides for community involvement in the school, and contributes thousands of dollars yearly to support school programs. An after school sports program in basketball is coordinated by the PTO.

Community organizations provide support for Oak Knoll. The Menlo Park Police Department cooperates with staff in presenting safety and drug information to students. The Menlo Park Fire Department makes safety inspections, conducts monthly fire drills, and instructs students in fire safety.

Oak Knoll supports its community through its service squads and the Caring & Sharing Committee of the PTO. Students participate in food/clothing drives, Earth Day celebrations, paperback book drives, and recycling. The students participate in a yearly charity fund raiser.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2010–11)

Grade Level	Number of Students	Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	124	Grade 5	129
Grade 1	123	Grade 6	0
Grade 2	119	Grade 7	0
Grade 3	114	Grade 8	0
Grade 4	130		
		Total Enrollment	739

Student Enrollment by Subgroup (School Year 2010–11)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Asian	7.3%
Filipino	0.3%
Hispanic or Latino	9.2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.4%
White	71.4%
Two or More Races	8.0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	4.2%
English Learners	8.1%
Students with Disabilities	7.6%

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	Avg. Class Size	2008–09 Number of Classes*			Avg. Class Size	2009–10 Number of Classes*			Avg. Class Size	2010–11 Number of Classes*		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	18.2	5			21.7	1	5		20.7	6	0	0
1	19.5	4	2		20.5	3	3		20.5	6	0	0
2	18.7	6			20.2	3	3		20.0	5	0	0
3	23.2		5	1	22.3	1	5		17.6	5	0	0

4	22.2		5	25.2		5	25.8	0	4	0
5	22.8		5	22.4	1	4	26.0	0	4	0

* Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2010–11)

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

Rate*	School 2008–09	School 2009–10	School 2010–11	District 2008–09	District 2009–10	District 2010–11
Suspensions	0.1	0.9	0.0	1.7	1.7	2.0
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.07

* The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment.

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2011–12)

Oak Knoll School has 36 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, music and art facilities and an administration building. The main campus is approximately 50 years old. A major renovation of the facility was completed in 2010. 12 new classrooms and a new multipurpose facility opened in September 2010. These new classrooms will be replacing portable classrooms that are placed on the school playground area. Additional modernization is also planned for the existing classrooms.

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 2011–12)

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

Note: Cells shaded in black do not require data.

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School 2008–09	School 2009–10	School 2010–11	District 2010–11
With Full Credential	45	43	44	156
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence				

(with full credential)	0	0	0	0
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Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

* Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2010–11)

The Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), requires that core academic subjects be taught by Highly Qualified Teachers, defined as having at least a bachelor's degree, an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated core academic subject area competence. For more information, see 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 Highly Qualified Teachers	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.00%	0.00%
All Schools in District	100.00%	0.00%
High-Poverty Schools in District	0.00%	0.00%
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100.00%	0.00%

Note: 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.

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2010–11)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0.0	

Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.5	
Library Media Teacher (librarian)	1.0	
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0.0	
Psychologist	0.8	
Social Worker	0.0	
Nurse	0.25	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.65	
Other	0.0	

Note: Cells shaded in black do not require data.

* One Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full-time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full-time.

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2011–12)

This section describes whether the textbooks and instructional materials used at the school are from the most recent adoption; whether there are sufficient textbooks and instruction materials for each student; and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Year and month in which data were collected: December 2011

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and instructional materials/year of adoption	From most recent adoption?	Percent students lacking own assigned copy
Reading/Language Arts	SRA/Open Court Reading ('02) State approved, Board adopted 2003	Yes	0
Mathematics	Everyday Mathematics, McGraw Hill (Third Ed., 2008) State approved, Board adopted 2008	Yes	0
Science	Full Option Science Systems (FOSS), Delta Education, Inc. ('07) State approved, Board adopted 2007	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Reflections, Harcourt School Publishers ('07) State approved, Board adopted 2006	Yes	0

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2009–10)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental / Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic / Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$6,717	\$1,986	\$4,731	\$84,966.85
District			\$7,484	\$88,438
Percent Difference – School Site and District			-37%	-4%
State			\$5,455	\$65,524
Percent Difference – School Site and State			-13%	30%

Note: Cells shaded in black do not require data.

Supplemental/Restricted expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted. **Basic/unrestricted** expenditures are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the *CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending* Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/>. For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the *CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits* Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>. To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data Web site at: <http://www.ed-data.org>.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2010–11)

Our school program is supported through varied funding sources including support from the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation. Oak Knoll's educational programs and resources were also enhanced with support from PTO and SIP funds. In November 1995, the community renewed a parcel tax for eight years to maintain class size and support academic programs. Additionally, a \$22 million bond measure was approved to upgrade all district facilities. In April 2000, the local community approved a new \$298 per year parcel tax. These funds are being used to reduce class size ratios; provide extra support for students; enhance programs in art, music, physical education and middle school electives; expand learning opportunities for teachers; and continue to implement the district's Technology Plan.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2009–10)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary		

	\$51,451	\$41,183
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$83,299	\$63,647
Highest Teacher Salary	\$102,039	\$80,955
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$145,132	\$102,400
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$154,984	\$106,158
Superintendent Salary	\$245,677	\$151,742
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	48.00%	41.00%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	7.00%	6.00%

Note: For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including:

- **California Standards Tests (CSTs)**, which 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.
- **California Modified Assessment (CMA)**, an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for grades three through eleven; mathematics for grades three through seven, Algebra I, and Geometry; and science in grades five and eight, and Life Science in grade 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.
- **California Alternate Performance Assessment (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 assessments under the STAR Program show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels.

For detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, see the CDE STAR Results Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.

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

Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding
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Subject	the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11
English-Language Arts	85%	85%	85%	85%	84%	84%	49%	52%	54%
Mathematics	88%	88%	87%	84%	85%	85%	46%	48%	50%
Science	85%	97%	92%	88%	91%	91%	50%	54%	57%
History-Social Science	0%	0%	0%	83%	82%	87%	41%	44%	48%

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.

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

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English- Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History- Social Science
All Students in the LEA	84%	85%	91%	87%
All Students at the School	85%	87%	92%	0%
Male	82%	87%	91%	0%
Female	89%	88%	93%	0%
Black or African American	36%	45%	0%	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	91%	86%	82%	0%
Filipino	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	60%	52%	0%	0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	0%
White	89%	93%	98%	0%
Two or More Races	93%	90%	100%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	36%	32%	0%	0%
English Learners	45%	48%	0%	0%
Students with Disabilities	62%	52%	75%	0%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

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.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2010–11)

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) 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. For detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state, see the CDE *PFT* Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	9.50%	24.60%	59.50%

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.

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. For detailed information about the API, see the CDE *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	2008	2009	2010
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	7	9	7

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

Group	Actual API Change 2008–09	Actual API Change 2009–10	Actual API Change 2010–11
All Students at the School	24	1	2
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			

Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	24	-2	-4
Two or More Races	N/D		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

Note: "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – 2011 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2011 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2011 Growth API					
	Number of Students	School	Number of Students	LEA	Number of Students	State
All Students at the School	480	943	1,909	934	4,683,676	778
Black or African American	11	691	46	749	317,856	696
American Indian or Alaska Native	0		0		33,774	733
Asian	32	977	121	972	398,869	898
Filipino	1		7		123,245	859
Hispanic or Latino	40	825	249	821	2,406,749	729
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7		25	792	26,953	764
White	349	962	1,263	960	1,258,831	845
Two or More Races	39	978	193	952	76,766	836
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	22	698	114	728	2,731,843	726
English Learners	35	787	175	787	1,521,844	707
Students with Disabilities	47	795	185	750	521,815	595

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal ESEA 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)

For detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, see the CDE *AYP Web page* at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2010–11)

AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall	Yes	No
Met Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Met Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	No
Met API Criteria	Yes	Yes
Met Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2011–12)

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. For detailed information about PI identification, see the CDE *PI Status Determinations Web page*:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/tidetermine.asp>.

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		0
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		0.0%

Note: Cells shaded in black do not require data.

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. A Differentiated Instruction Leadership Team has been established to continue advanced training and lead efforts to learn about instructional strategies to address the needs of learners of all abilities.

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.

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