

Coronado Public Schools API Test Scores
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On September 15, 2009, the annual Accountability Progress Report showing academic achievement results for the spring 2009 State Testing And Reporting (STAR) program results were announced. The District Academic Performance Index (API) score improved and we are pleased to report that nearly all of our schools made significant growth. The California Department of Education also announced that all schools in the District met the achievement criteria established for the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Only 51% of California schools made AYP.

The API is a scale ranging from 200 to 1000 with all districts and each school assigned a single number based on student performance on STAR tests. The State set a score of 800 as the target, which indicates a school is high performing. Only 42% of California scores are at 800 or above. Our District has its highest API score ever, 888. It is the highest performing K-12 unified school district in San Diego County.

A school scoring over 900 is considered “well above average” and in the top 10% of schools throughout the state. Village Elementary continues with that distinction and improved their score 35 points since last year. Silver Strand made significant growth by increasing their score 30 points in the past two years. Coronado High School has its highest API ever with an eleven point growth. It is tied as the second highest performing comprehensive high school in San Diego County. The slight decline at Coronado Middle School is not significant, however, the professional staff members are analyzing results to understand the small decline and address individual student instructional needs. Coronado Middle School’s API increased significantly two years ago. The growth results for the API in the District and each school are as follows:

School	2009 API	2008 API	Change
District	888	878	+10
Village	944	909	+35
Strand	883	870	+13
Coronado Middle	891	901	-10
Coronado High*	861	850	+11

**CHS is tied as the second highest performing comprehensive high school in the County.*

State and federal measures of student academic achievement are important. However, Coronado Unified School District teachers, parents and administrators also analyze the results of other measures to assure we are providing a rich and rigorous educational program that will allow our students to reach their full academic potential. The District Strategic Plan and each school site’s Strategic Plan has specific goals and action steps that are written, implemented and evaluated annually which contribute to our students’ success as measured on the statewide assessment system. Coronado Schools Foundation provides block grant funds that enable these goals to be realized as well as Technology Resource Teachers for each campus. We couldn’t do it without you, CSF!