

School Fact Sheet, 2007–2008

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Willard Middle School

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TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Teachers

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of teachers (FTE)	24	27	30
Students per teacher	19	21	22
Average years of teaching experience	12	10	12
Teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	8%	23%	15%
Full credential holders	100%	90%	93%
Trainee credential holders	0%	8%	5%
Emergency permit holders	0%	3%	4%

SOURCE: 2007 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent middle schools only. Because teachers can hold more than one type of credential, percentages rarely add up to 100 percent.

Our teachers bring an average of 12 years of teaching experience to their classes. All of our teachers have a full credential. Statewide about 93 percent of middle school teachers hold this credential.

Average Class Sizes

CORE COURSE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
English	22	26	26
History/social science	27	28	28
Math	19	27	27
Science	27	28	28

SOURCE: 2007 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent middle schools only.

The average class size of core courses varies at our school from a low of 19 students to a high of 27 students. Our average class size for all classes schoolwide is 25 students. The average class size schoolwide for other middle schools in the state is 27 students.

Students

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of students	462	558	661
English learners	9%	17%	20%
Low-income students	57%	42%	52%
Students whose parents attended/graduated college	79%	64%	54%

SOURCE: 2007 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent middle schools only.

The factors above may affect students' performance in school. Most of the 41 students at our school designated as English Learners speak Spanish at home.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

A complete annual accountability report for our school is available on our district Web site. You can request printed copies of this report at our school or district office. For more information, contact the district at:

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2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way
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To view this report and the reports of other schools in our district online, please visit our Web site at:
<http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us>

This data is current as of November 2008 but is subject to change. Facts about teachers and students are from the census of early October 2007. Testing data is based on tests taken in the spring of 2008. The CDE issued API and AYP results in November 2008.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

California Standards Tests

This series of tests is based on what California students are expected to know and learn at each grade level.

Student Proficiency

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■ FAR BELOW BASIC ■ BELOW BASIC ■ BASIC ■ PROFICIENT ■ ADVANCED

SUBJECT	PERCENT PROFICIENT OR HIGHER	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES
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English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

Our school	45%	
Calif. middle schools	47%	

Math (excluding Algebra)

Our school	44%	
Calif. middle schools	42%	

Algebra

Our school	24%	
Calif. middle schools	42%	

History/Social Science

Our school	38%	
Calif. middle schools	37%	

Science

Our school	50%	
Calif. middle schools	51%	

SOURCE: The scores for the California Standards Tests are from the spring 2008 test cycle. State averages represent middle schools only.

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We use two measures to track our school's academic achievement over time: the Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). These measures combine test results differently and often provide differing views of student progress.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API): This is California's way of rating schools. Using student test scores, the API places schools on a scale from 200 to 1000. Our school's API was 745, compared with 747 for the average middle school. The state expects schools to attain an API of 800 eventually.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP): This is a federal measure that requires schools to meet test score goals schoolwide and for all subgroups* of students. We met 17 out of 19 criteria for yearly progress. Because we fell short in two areas, we did not make AYP. Note that the number of criteria may vary from school to school.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX		FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met schoolwide growth target	Yes	Met AYP	No
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes	Met schoolwide test participation rate	Yes
API score	745	Met schoolwide test score goals	Yes
Growth attained from prior year	+24	Met subgroup* test participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* growth targets	Yes	Met subgroup* test score goals	No
		Met API for AYP	Yes
		Program Improvement school	Yes

SOURCE: API growth score, 2008 test cycle. API and AYP current as of November 2008.
*—Numerically significant groups, such as English learners and ethnic groups, with separate API and AYP goals.
N/A—Data unavailable or unreported; statistically insignificant number of valid test scores; testing data under review; or school uses alternative accountability measures.



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