

Ballico-Cressey Elementary School District

Ballico Elementary School

2008-2009 School Accountability Report Card

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School Profile

Ballico Elementary is one of two elementary schools in the Ballico-Cressey School District. Ballico School has developed and provides its students with a comprehensive, standards aligned, quality educational program that is sustained with parent and community support.

It is our commitment to provide a systematic educational program in all academic areas. Curriculum is standards based and differentiated to meet the individual needs of all our students. We provide a learning environment that promotes positive self-esteem and stimulates academic achievement and enthusiasm for learning. Instruction and learning activities are provided which help students understand and respect cultural diversity and individual differences.

Ballico School is a traditionally calendared school serving students in fourth through eighth grade set in the rural agricultural community of Ballico which is nestled in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Multi-cultural and linguistic diversity are hallmarks in Ballico's student population which is reflective of the various cultures and society of the Ballico School District.

Student Enrollment by Ethnic Group

2008-09

	Percentage
African American	0.6%
American Indian	0.0%
Asian	2.4%
Caucasian	34.1%
Filipino	0.6%
Hispanic or Latino	61.2%
Pacific Islander	0.0%
Multiple or No Response	1.2%

Discipline & Climate for Learning

Students at Ballico Elementary are guided by specific rules and classroom expectations that promote respect, cooperation, courtesy and acceptance of others. The goal of Ballico Elementary discipline program is to foster a learning environment which reinforces the concepts of self-discipline and the acceptance of personal responsibility. Parents and students are informed of school rules and discipline policies through the Parent/Student handbook which is sent home at the beginning of the school year.

The Suspensions and Expulsions table illustrates total cases for the last three years, as well as a percentage of enrollment. Suspensions are expressed in terms of total infractions, not number of students suspended, as some students may have been suspended on multiple occasions. Expulsions occur only when required by law or when all other alternatives are exhausted.

	Suspensions & Expulsions					
	School			District		
	06-07	07-08	08-09	06-07	07-08	08-09
Suspensions	30	35	0	35	40	0
Suspension Rate	16.4%	19.1%	0.0%	10.8%	13.0%	0.0%
Expulsions	1	1	0	1	1	0
Expulsion Rate	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%

Students are encouraged to participate in the school's additional academic and extracurricular activities, which are an integral part of the educational program. These schoolwide and classroom incentives promote positive attitudes, encourage achievement, and aid in the prevention of behavioral problems. Extracurricular activities, clubs, and programs include: Merit trips, Accelerated Reading Awards, California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF), Student Council, Honor Roll and Effort Roll.

The school's interscholastic athletic programs promote individual and team-oriented achievement and self-esteem through school-sponsored teams that compete with other schools in the area. Athletic programs include: Co-ed Soccer, Volley Ball, Basketball, Softball and Baseball.

Ballico School recognizes and celebrates the achievements and successes of students and staff on a regular basis. Students are recognized for their achievements during awards assemblies.

Enrollment By Grade

This chart illustrates the enrollment trend by grade level for the past 3 school years.

Enrollment Trend by Grade Level			
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
4th	28	43	22
5th	45	19	44
6th	38	42	27
7th	37	34	40
8th	35	35	37

Class Size

Average class sizes vary by grade level and subject area taught. In addition to credentialed teachers, students receive assistance in the classroom from two instructional aides and a 60% Resource Specialist. The table indicates the average class size by grade level or subject area, as well as the number of classes offered in reference to their enrollment.

Class Size Distribution												
Average Class Size		Classrooms Containing:										
		1-20 Students			21-32 Students			33+ Students				
07	08	09	07	08	09	07	08	09	07	08	09	
By Grade Level												
4	18	22	23	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
5	24	29	22	1	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-
By Subject Area												
English	23	22	20	1	2	3	2	3	3	1	-	-
Mathematics	22	22	21	2	3	3	3	2	2	-	-	-
Science	28	22	26	-	2	1	4	2	3	-	-	-
Social Science	27	22	21	1	3	3	3	2	2	1	-	-

Curriculum Development

All curriculum development in the Ballico-Cressey School District is based on the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Curriculum guides are updated regularly by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the Superintendent, to align with the state standards, district goals, and the statewide assessment program. The Ballico-Cressey School sets a high priority upon ensuring that sufficient and current textbooks and materials are available to support instructional programs.

Ballico School ensures that each student has adequate and current textbooks to assist them in learning in the core curriculum areas including:

- Reading/Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- History-Social Science
- Health

Contact Information

Parents or community members who wish to participate in leadership teams, school committees, school activities, or become a volunteer may contact Ballico Elementary at (209) 632-5371.

Instructional Materials

Ballico-Ballico Elementary held a Public Hearing on September 27, 2007, and determined that each school within the district has sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, or science lab equipment pursuant to the settlement of *Williams vs. the State of California*.

All students, including English learners, are given their own individual standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in core subjects for use in the classroom and to take home. Textbooks and supplementary materials are adopted according to a cycle developed by the California Department of Education, making the textbooks used in the school the most current available. Materials approved for use by the state are reviewed by all teachers and a recommendation is made to the School Board by a selection committee composed of teachers and administrators. All recommended materials are available for parent examination at the district office prior to adoption. The table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school.

District-Adopted Textbooks					
Grade Levels	Subject	Publisher	Adoption Year	Sufficient	% Lacking
4th-5th	English/ Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin-Reading	2003	Yes	0.0%
6th-8th	English/ Language Arts	McDougal Littell	2003	Yes	0.0%
4th-5th	History/Social Science	Houghton Mifflin	2006	Yes	0.0%
4th-5th	Mathematics	Houghton Mifflin	2001	Yes	0.0%
6th-8th	Mathematics	McDougal Littell	2001	Yes	0.0%
4th-5th	Science	Houghton Mifflin	2007	Yes	0.0%
6th-8th	Science	Pearson/ Prentice Hall	2007	Yes	0.0%
6th-8th	Social Science/ History	Prentice Hall/ Pearson	2006	Yes	0.0%

Additional Internet Access/Public Libraries

For additional research materials and Internet availability, students are encouraged to visit the public libraries located in the town of Cressey, which contain numerous computer workstations.

Parent Involvement

Ballico Elementary greatly benefits from its supportive parents who give generously of their time and money. The school has a strong base of parent volunteers who volunteer on a regular basis. Parents are also welcome to join the Ballico-Cressey Booster Club and other advisory committees. The school also sponsors assemblies, performances, and community functions.



Counseling & Support Staff

It is the goal of Ballico Elementary to assist students in their social and personal development as well as academics. The school gives special attention to students who experience achievement problems, difficulty coping with personal and family problems, trouble with decision making, or handling peer pressure. The school currently does not have any academic counselors. The table lists the support service personnel available at Ballico Elementary.

Counseling & Support Services Staff

	Number of Staff	Full Time Equivalent
Athletic Director	1	As Needed
Bilingual Professional	1	0.5
Computer Technician	1	0.5
Curriculum Support Teacher	1	0.4
Health Clerk	1	As Needed
Library Technician	1	0.5
Resource Specialist Program (RSP) Teacher	1	0.6
School nurse	1	As Needed

Teacher Assignment

Ballico-Cressey Elementary School District recruits and employs the most qualified credentialed teachers. For the 2007-08 school year, Ballico Elementary had eight fully credentialed teachers who met all credential requirements in accordance with State of California guidelines.

	Teacher Credential Status			
	School			District
	06-07	07-08	08-09	08-09
Fully Credentialed	6	8	9	18
Without Full Credentials	2	3	1	1
Working Outside Subject	0	1	0	0

Teacher misassignments reflect the number of placements within a school for which the certificated employee in the teaching or services position (including positions that involve teaching English Learners) does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential.

Teacher vacancies reflect the number of positions to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year.

	Misassignments/Vacancies		
	06-07	07-08	08-09
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Misassignments of Teachers (other)	0	1	0
Total Misassignments of Teachers	0	1	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Highly Qualified Teachers

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that all teachers in core subject areas meet certain requirements in order to be considered as "Highly Qualified." Minimum qualifications include: possession of a Bachelor's Degree, possession of an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated competence in core academic subjects.

NCLB Compliant Teachers

	% of Core Academic Courses Taught By NCLB Compliant Teachers	% of Core Academic Courses Taught By Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
School	96.6%	3.4%
District	97.3%	2.7%
High-Poverty Schools in District	0.0%	0.0%
Low-Poverty Schools in District	0.0%	0.0%

Staff Development

As part of the growth process, opportunities for training and staff development are provided at both the district and individual school sites to administrators, teachers, and classified staff. The district offers three staff development "buy-back" days annually where staff members are offered professional growth opportunities in curriculum, teaching strategies, and methodologies.

Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, Ballico Elementary is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in grades five and seven. The physical fitness test is a standardized evaluation that tracks the development of high-quality fitness programs and assists students in establishing physical activity as part of their daily lives. Results of student performance are compared to other students statewide who took the test.

Percentage of Students in Healthy Fitness Zone

Grade Level	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	28.6%	35.7%	23.8%
7	16.2%	27.0%	10.8%

*Scores are not disclosed when fewer than 10 students are tested in a grade level and/or subgroup.

California Standards Test

The California Standards Test (CST), a component of the STAR Program, is administered to all students in the spring to assess student performance in relation to the State Content Standards. Student scores are reported as performance levels: Advanced (exceeds state standards), Proficient (meets standards), Basic (approaching standards), Below Basic (below standards), and Far Below Basic (well below standards). The combined percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and Advanced levels in English/Language Arts, Math, Social Science, Science, for the most recent three-year period, is shown. Summative scores are not available for Math (grades 8-11), Science (available for grades 5 and 8 only), and grade 9 Social Science. For results on course specific tests, please see <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.

California Standards Test (CST)									
Subject	School			District			State		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
English/Language Arts	49	50	57	48	49	56	43	46	50
Mathematics	30	36	51	34	42	53	40	43	46
Science	33	53	53	33	53	53	38	46	50
History/Social Science	39	11	50	39	11	50	33	36	41

California Standards Test (CST)				
Subgroups				
Subject	English/ Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History/ Social Science
African American	*	*	*	*
American Indian	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*	*
Filipino	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	48	46	52	42
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Caucasian	74	59	54	58
Males	56	56	60	57
Females	58	46	46	44
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	51	46	52	36
English Learners	26	41	20	*
Students with Disabilities	18	29	*	*
Migrant Education	*	*	*	*

*Scores are not disclosed when fewer than 10 students are tested in a grade level and/or subgroup.

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is a score on a scale of 200 to 1,000 that annually measures the academic performance and progress of individual schools in California. The state has set 800 as the API score that schools should strive to meet.

Statewide Rank: Schools receiving an API Base score are ranked in ten categories of equal size (deciles) from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest), according to type of school (elementary, middle, or high school).

Similar Schools Rank: Schools also receive a ranking that compares that school to 100 other schools with similar demographic characteristics. Each set of 100 schools is ranked by API score from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) to indicate how well the school performed compared to similar schools.

API School Results				
	06-07	07-08	08-09	2009 API Growth Score
Statewide Rank	7	6	6	
Similar Schools Rank	9	6	7	
All Students				
Actual Growth	-7	6	58	812
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
Actual Growth	16	8	44	784
Hispanic or Latino				
Actual Growth	3	9	72	797
Caucasian				
Actual Growth	0	-1	27	840
English Learners				
Actual Growth	-	-	-	-

Adequate Yearly Progress

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is a federal law enacted in January 2002 that reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It mandates that all students (including students who are economically disadvantaged, are from racial or ethnic minority groups, have disabilities, or have limited English proficiency) in all grades meet the state academic achievement standards for Mathematics and English/Language Arts by 2014. Schools must demonstrate "Adequate Yearly Progress" (AYP) toward achieving that goal.

The Federal NCLB Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements:

Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in English/Language Arts (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).

There are several consequences for schools that do not meet the AYP standards, including additional tutoring and replacing of staff. Students would also be allowed to transfer to schools (within their district) that have met their AYP, and the former school would be required to provide the transportation to the new site. Results of school and district performance are displayed in the chart.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)				
Made AYP Overall	School		District	
	English - Language Arts	Mathematics	English - Language Arts	Mathematics
Met AYP Criteria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
API School Results	Yes		Yes	
Graduation Rate	N/A		N/A	

Federal Intervention Program

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 (English/Language Arts 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.

Federal Intervention Programs		
	School	District
Program Improvement (PI) Status	In PI	Not in PI
First Year in PI	2008-2009	-
Year in PI (2009-10)	Year 1	-
# of Schools Currently in PI	-	1
% of Schools Identified for PI	-	50.00%

National Assessment of Educational Progress

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a nationally representative assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. Student scores for reading and mathematics are reported as performance levels (i.e., basic, proficient, and advanced) and the participation of students with disabilities (SD) and English language learners (ELL) is reported based on three levels (identified, excluded, and assessed). Detailed information regarding the NAEP results for each grade, performance level, and participation rate can be found on the National Assessment of Educational Progress Web page at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>.

The first table displays the National Assessment of Educational Progress Results for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) for grades four and eight by scale score and achievement level.

The second table displays the participation rates on the National Assessment of Educational Progress for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) by students with disabilities and/or English language learners for grades four and eight. NOTE: Only a sample group of California's schools and districts participate in the NAEP testing cycle. Therefore, students in any particular school or district may not be included in these results. The NAEP reflects state test results and is not reflective of either the LEA or the individual school.

National Assessment of Educational Progress					
Reading and Mathematics Results for Grades 4 & 8					
By Performance Level - All Students					
	Average Scale Score		% at Each Achievement Level		
	State	National	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Reading 2007 Grade 4	209	220	30	18	5
Reading 2007 Grade 8	251	261	41	20	2
Math 2009 Grade 4	232	239	41	25	5
Math 2009 Grade 8	270	282	36	18	5

National Assessment of Educational Progress				
Reading and Mathematics Results for Students with Disabilities (SD) and/or English Language Learners (ELL)				
By Grades 4 & 8 and Participation Rate - All Students				
	Participation Rate			
	State		National	
	SD	ELL	SD	ELL
Reading 2007 Grade 4	74	93	65	80
Reading 2007 Grade 8	78	92	66	77
Math 2009 Grade 4	79	96	84	94
Math 2009 Grade 8	85	96	78	92

School Facilities

School staff members pride themselves on offering clean, safe and adequate school facilities. Ballico Elementary School offers a safe and clean learning environment.

Our custodial staff receives specialized training that allows them to perform their duties effectively and efficiently. All state and district guidelines that govern custodial tasks have been implemented and are followed in accordance with the law. In addition, the District's grounds keepers maintain the grounds and landscape features. Regular inspections are conducted to ensure a safe and clean environment for students and staff. Facilities information was current as of July 6, 2009.

Maintenance & Repair

Our facilities are kept in good condition by our maintenance and operations department. These facilities as well as all restrooms, floors, walls, roofs, plumbing and electrical systems are routinely inspected and repaired as part of our preventive maintenance program. All facilities are fully lighted, heated, air conditioned, and wired in an infrastructure with access to all rooms. The fire alarm and safety system is inspected routinely by the school and by the local city fire department. In addition, our grounds and facilities are clean and free of litter and graffiti. Students are housed in fully equipped, modernized classrooms. Playground areas feature play equipment and groomed fields for sport play.

Deferred Maintenance Budget

The district participates in the State 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's Deferred Maintenance Budget for the 2008-09 school year is \$18,000.

Deferred Maintenance Projects

There were no deferred maintenance projects scheduled for the 2008-09 school year.

Safe School Plan

Safety of students and staff is a primary concern of Ballico Elementary. The school is always in compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to hazardous materials and state earthquake standards. The School Site Safety plan was last reviewed and updated in the Spring of 08 by the School Safety Committee. All revisions were communicated to the both the classified and certificated staff.

The school's disaster preparedness plan includes steps for ensuring student and staff safety during a disaster. Fire and disaster drills are conducted on a monthly basis throughout the school year. Lockdown drills are held once a year. Staff and administrators supervise students before and after school, during lunch, and break periods. There is a designated area for student drop off and pick up.

Teacher & Administrative Salaries as a Percentage of Total Budget

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 the districts budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found at the CDE website, www.cde.ca.gov.

Average Salary Information		
Teachers - Principal - Superintendent		
2007-08		
	District	State
Beginning Teachers	-	\$38,481
Mid-Range Teachers	-	\$55,789
Highest Teachers	-	\$70,849
Elementary School Principals	-	\$88,862
Middle School Principals	-	\$94,015
High School Principals	-	\$97,594
Superintendent	-	\$110,994
Salaries as a Percentage of Total Budget		
Teacher Salaries	38.8%	37.2%
Administrative Salaries	9.3%	6.6%

School Facility Conditions				
Date of Last Inspection: 09/01/2007				
Overall Summary of School Facility Conditions: Fair				
Items Inspected	Facility Component System Status			Deficiency & Remedial Actions Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems (Gas Leaks, Mech/HVAC, Sewer)	X			
Interior			X	
Cleanliness (Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation)	X			
Electrical			X	
Restrooms/Fountains	X			
Safety (Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials)	X			
Structural (Structural Damage, Roofs)	X			
External (Grounds, Windows, Doors, Gates, Fences)	X			

School Site Teacher Salaries

The chart illustrates the average teacher salary at the school and compares it to the average teacher salary at the district and state (based on FY 2006-07 financial statements).

Average Teacher Salaries	
School & District	
School	-
District	-
Percentage of Variation	-
School & State	
All Elementary School Districts	\$56,284
Percentage of Variation	100.00%

District Revenue Sources

In addition to general state funding, Ballico Elementary receives state and federal funding for the following categorical funds and other support programs:

- English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP)
- Lottery
- School Safety and Violence
- Arts & Music Block Grant
- Economic Impact Aide
- Gifted and Talented Education
- School and Library Block Grant

District Expenditures

Ballico-Cressey Elementary spent an average of \$8,734 to educate each student (based on 2006-2007 FY audited financial statements). The table provides a comparison of a school's per pupil funding from unrestricted sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state.

Expenditures per Pupil	
School	
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	-
From Restricted Sources	-
From Unrestricted Sources	-
District	
From Unrestricted Sources	-
Percentage of Variation between School & District	-
State	
From Unrestricted Sources	\$5,512
Percentage of Variation between School & State	-

Data Sources

Data within the SARC was provided by Ballico-Cressey Elementary School District, retrieved from the 2007-08 SARC template, and/or located on Dataquest (<http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>). Dataquest is a search engine, maintained by the California Department of Education (CDE), which allows the public to search for facts and figures pertaining to schools and districts throughout the state. Among the data available, parents and community may find information about school performance, test scores, student demographics, staffing, and student misconduct/intervention.