

# Support Personnel Accountability Report Card 2012

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## SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL



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**Grade Levels: 9-12**  
**Enrollment: 1565**  
**Calendar: Traditional**  
**Principal: Ms. Janet Anderson**



### Principal's Message

South Pasadena High School (SPHS) is a public, coeducational, four-year comprehensive high school with an enrollment of approximately 1,565 students. The Student Support Personnel Team (SSPT) is an integral and systematic part of a total educational program dedicated to promoting and maintaining the emotional and physical safety, as well as the academic success, of all students. A commitment to the National Standards for School Counseling allows the SSPT to guide and advocate on behalf of students in an effective and results-based manner. Each student in the school has an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) set up according to his/her academic needs and goals. The ILP is reviewed annually and involves parents/guardians, specifically during students' sophomore year. To meet or exceed the state standards proposed by Assembly Bill 1802, the counseling staff provides individualized review of academic performance with students who have not passed the California High School Exit Exam and/or who have not earned enough credits to graduate. The SSPT has completed and is delivering a comprehensive guidance program for each grade level and has made excellent progress with the upward movement of at-risk students through each section of our watch list. Our plans for this year and next include intensive work on closing the Achievement Gap for underserved students, including comprehensive outreach efforts to meet the college-going needs of those students and their parents, and an emphasis on establishing a college-going culture for all students. Goals and data from this year's SPARC will be incorporated into the School Site Improvement Plan. The SPARC is also used to highlight the counseling department as they work to achieve the WASC Critical Academic Need and Single Plan for Student Achievement goals for student support.

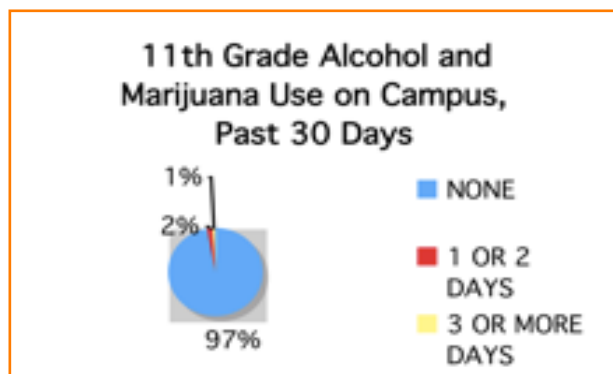
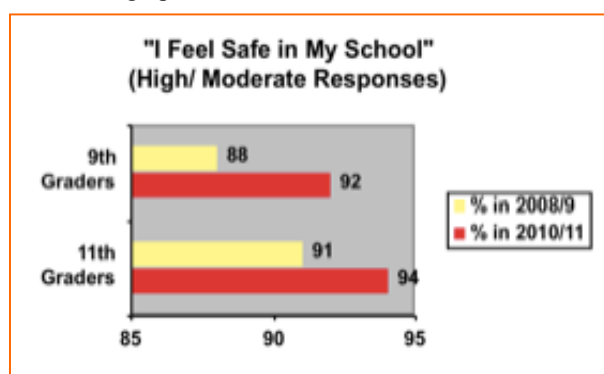
### Student Support Personnel Team

All members of our support staff hold appropriate credentials to provide quality service to students, meeting the NCLB guidelines for highly qualified staff. The SSPT is committed to ongoing professional development and remains current in the fields of counseling and education through membership in various professional organizations. Our counselors strive to maintain an equitable support system by contributing to the academic, career, and personal/social growth of ALL students.

Team Member	Degrees, Credentials Held
Principal	Masters Degree
Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Instruction, and Guidance	Masters Degree, Pupil Personnel Services Credential, Administrative Services Credential
Assistant Principal of Student Services	Masters Degree, Administrative Services Credential
Assistant Principal Technician III (2)	Some college, professional development
Academic Counselors (4)	Masters Degree, Pupil Personnel Services Credential
District Counselor	Masters Degree, Pupil Personnel Services Credential
DIS Counselor	Masters Degree, Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Workability Coordinator	Associate Degree
Regional Occupational Program Counselor	Masters Degree, Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Counseling Clerk, Typist III	Business Management and Technology Services Credential, professional development
Counseling Clerk, Typist II	Masters Degree, Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Psychologist (1.5)	Masters Degree, Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Registrar	Associate of Arts Degree, Associate of Science Degree
Attendance/Grades Clerk III	High School Diploma, professional development
District Nurse	Masters Degree, Registered Nurse, School Nurse Credential
Health Clerk	Bachelors Degree

### School Climate and Safety

The efforts of our Student Support Personnel Team have greatly contributed to the positive climate and level of safety at South Pasadena High School. The SSPT provided valuable assistance with our bullying and drug prevention programs, along with the completion of an updated School Safety Plan that has been reviewed by the School Safety Committee and adopted by the Board of Education. The California Healthy Kids Survey, administered every two years, continuously reflects the safe and inclusive environment at SPHS, as demonstrated in the graphs below.



## Student Results

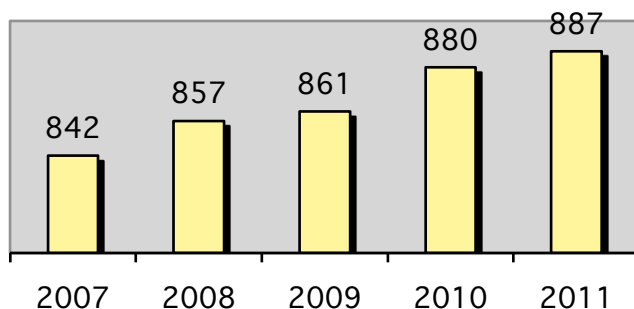
Our SSPT recognizes the importance of results-oriented program planning based on the ASCA National Standards. This year, students at SPSHS have demonstrated impressive results in all three domain areas of the ASCA National Model.

### Academic Domain

**Standard A:** *Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the life span.*

The graph on the right demonstrates the significant increase in our Academic Performance Index (API) over the past five years. Our SSPT works tirelessly to boost academic achievement through individual planning, and collaboration with teachers, parents, and community partners.

**Annual API Growth**



**Effects of Group and Individual Counseling for Personal/Social Issues**



### Personal/ Social Domain

**Standard A:** *Students will acquire the knowledge, attitudes and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.*

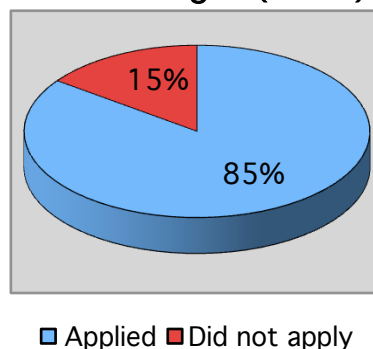
We recognize the critical impact that personal and social issues have on student wellbeing and achievement. Positive peer relationships have been strongly linked to academic success. Students who have participated in individual and group counseling show an increase in the number of close friendships at school, as displayed in the graph to the left.

### Career Domain

**Standard C:** *Students will understand the relationship between personal qualities, education, training, and the world of work.*

Our SSPT stresses the impact of higher education on future earnings, job satisfaction, and overall quality of life. Individual planning, guidance lessons, special events, year-round visits from college representatives, and collaboration with parents, teachers, and administrators contribute to a strong college-going culture at SPSHS. In 2011, an overwhelming majority of seniors applied to 2 or 4-year colleges and universities, as shown to the right.

**% of Seniors Applying to 2 or 4-Year Colleges (2011)**



## Community Partnerships/ Resources

Our SSPT collaborates with numerous stakeholders to provide students with the resources they need to reach their highest potential across the academic, career, and personal/social domains. An active Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Booster Club are an integral part of our successful community relationships.

### **Academic Domain**

South Pasadena Educational Foundation, college articulation programs, Revolution Prep, Eureka, Educational Resources, Huntington Education Center, Carney Education Services, Stepping Stones, Miller Educational, Learning Edge, Academic Advantage.

### **Career/College Domain**

College representatives, Regional Occupational Program (ROP), Workability (job skills and placement program) Armed Services, Pasadena City College.

### **Personal/Social Domain**

Arroyo Counseling Services, Asian American Christian Counseling Center, Asian Pacific Family Center, Department of Children and Family Services, Family Counseling Services of West San Gabriel Valley, Foothill Family Services, Korean American Family Service Center, Fuller Psychological & Family Services, La Vie Counseling Center, Pacific Clinics, Pasadena Mental Health Center, New Visions, Insight, Action Family Counseling, Tarzana Treatment Center, Young & Healthy, and over a dozen local therapists.

*For more information on community resources or to become a volunteer please contact:*

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