

# School Accountability Report Card

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## Ethel Dwyer Middle

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the 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

### DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located 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. Academic Performance Index [API], Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP], test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

### Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

## II. About This School

### Contact Information (School Year 2008-09)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Ethel Dwyer Middle	District Name	Huntington Beach City Elementary
Street	1502 Palm Ave.	Phone Number	(714) 964-8888
City, State, Zip	Huntington Beach, CA 92648-	Web Site	<a href="http://www.hbcasd.k12.ca.us">www.hbcasd.k12.ca.us</a>
Phone Number	714-536-7507	Superintendent	
Principal	Don Ruisinger	E-mail Address	
E-mail Address	<a href="mailto:don.ruisinger@hbcasd.k12.ca.us">don.ruisinger@hbcasd.k12.ca.us</a>	CDS Code	3-066530602884

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## School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

We will provide an environment where students learn about themselves and the world around them, develop their potential, and acquire the skills necessary to become life-long learners.

We envision a school that provides an environment that focuses on high academic instruction and values responsibility!

Dwyer Middle School provides a stimulating, quality instructional environment for approximately 1150 students in the northwest section of Huntington Beach, four blocks from the ocean.

The Dwyer staff, over 60 members strong, is dedicated to the proposition that all students can learn and must learn at relatively high levels of achievement. We have created classes that help students achieve at this high level of performance. We are confident that with our help, students will master the challenging academic program we have created at Dwyer. We work collaboratively with colleagues, students, and parents to ensure that our academic programs continue to improve.

Our API grew twenty points in 2007, from 816 to 836. Though, Dwyer was designated a Year 1 Program Improvement School by the state in 2006, because Low Socioeconomic Status students did not meet state percentage standards for proficient and advanced in math, in 2007 Dwyer students met all AYP objectives in all subgroups. This means that Dwyer stays in Year 1 of program Improvement. In order to continue to raise the bar for all of our students and to close the gap for our struggling learners, Dwyer teachers have instituted a tiered approach to placing students in CORE language arts/social studies, math, and science. Students are placed in one of 7 possible literacy skill levels in language arts; one of 5 possible math skill levels, and one of 3 possible skill levels in 8th grade science. Each student is placed according to a multiple measures approach that includes GPA, CST assessments, teacher recommendations, Cat-6 assessments, district common assessments, and teacher created assessments. We have also continued our intervention programs for students who are at risk of not meeting state standards in both math and language arts. Using multiple measures, each Dwyer student is assessed at the end of the school year and at the beginning of the next year to determine if they need interventions outside the regular classroom setting. To meet these student needs, Dwyer has instituted a comprehensive, 3 tiered literacy intervention program. Tier 1 includes 6 -Minute Solution to improve reading fluency for all students and Reading Counts and the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) for all students in all CORE classrooms. Tier 2 includes Rewards and Prentice Hall interventions which are research based, small group interventions that students receive in addition to their regular instruction in their CORE class. Tier 3 intervention classes include READ 180 CORE classes for 6th, 7th and 8th graders, and High Points for English Learners. These Tier 3 classes take the place of a regular CORE class. Math interventions include an intervention class for 6th graders, in addition to their regular math class, that uses web based programs from Mind Institute and Study Island, and individual 7th grade tutors for each student. 7th and 8th graders receive intervention classes in addition to their regular math classes as well. These classes utilize the Study Island web-based program among other intervention strategies.

After-school classes are also provided for students. These include study skills, test prep, and Homework Club at each grade level.

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## Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities.

Contact Person Name: Donald Ruisinger, Principal

Contact Person Phone Number: 714-536-7507

The administration and staff at Dwyer Middle School have a deep respect for community input, and a coordinated strategic plan has been developed to involve parents and other community members. Every fall parents are invited to meet teachers at Dwyers Back-to-School Night and gain an understanding of the vision, expectations, and practices in each class. The Family Night Dinner follows a few weeks later, and it provides a social evening for staff and parents to become better acquainted. Throughout the year, there are numerous opportunities for parents and community members to team with staff and develop the plans and policies that guide the school in technology, health and safety, drug and tobacco education, student achievement awards, and textbook adoption. The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and the School Site Council (SSC) regularly collaborate with parents to help define school direction. In the spring, parents and the community are invited to Dwyers Open House to see a sampling of each students academic accomplishments. The PTSA and SSC are only two of the many possibilities for parent involvement. At the beginning of the year, parents are given a list of areas on campus where help is needed and appreciated. Typically, the school logs more than 12,000 hours of volunteer service, but as many as 36,000 additional hours have been provided. There are many ways in which community members interact with Dwyer students and offer their support to the school. Students from Huntington Beach High School and Long Beach State University provide tutoring services; local businesses donate prizes for the positive referral program; and senior citizens volunteer their time to help in the classrooms; the YMCA runs an intramural sports program during lunch and after school. Local businesses and organizations sponsor contests in art and writing to strengthen student learning. The City Gym offers daily activities to Dwyer students after school.

Dwyers students participate in numerous community projects planned by the Leadership class and the National Junior Honor Society, and students also become involved in the community through their local congregations. The partnership that exists between the school and the community enhances the educational experience and encourages community involvement and support. The Huntington Beach Education Foundation, a joint business and educational partnership, provides funding for teacher mini-grants, classroom speakers, supplemental materials and supports the Parent Empowerment Academy.

## Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students	Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	0	Grade 8	395
Grade 1	0	Ungraded Elementary	0
Grade 2	0	Grade 9	0
Grade 3	0	Grade 10	0
Grade 4	0	Grade 11	0
Grade 5	0	Grade 12	0
Grade 6	340	Ungraded Secondary	0
Grade 7	408	Total Enrollment	1143

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## Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	0.52%	White (not Hispanic)	61.15%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.96%	Multiple or No Response	9.71%
Asian	8.49%	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	17.00%
Filipino	0.96%	English Learners	9.00%
Hispanic or Latino	17.67%	Students with Disabilities	9.00%
Pacific Islander	0.52%	n/a	--

## Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

This table displays by subject area the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Subject	2005-06				2006-07				2007-08			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	25.8	13	50	0	25.1	8	37	3	27.0	10	21	11
Mathematics	30.4	4	24	17	28.3	5	18	8	25.9	10	12	6
Science	30.0	0	19	7	29.4	3	21	7	28.9	4	24	4
Social Science	27.6	2	37	0	27.7	3	36	3	28.6	4	25	11

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## III. School Climate

### School Safety Plan (School Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

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### Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Suspensions	14.9	10.6	14.3	4.5	4.1	5.0
Expulsions	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

Date School Safety Plan last reviewed:

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## IV. School Facilities

### School Facility Conditions

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

**No Data Available**

### Planned Improvement

Dwyer has completed a 3 year restoration of its main classroom building. All classrooms were renovated, and the final teachers completed the moved back into the building last February. Currently, a new locker room is under construction on campus. When completed in January, 2008 it will house coaches and physical education teachers. In addition, 4 to 6 new regulation basketball/volleyball courts will be added to the 3 courts that we completed last year. The upper field is due to be refurbished this spring. Upon its completion, Dwyer's athletic facilities will be second to none in Huntington Beach.

### School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Gas Leaks	x			
Mechanical Systems	x			
Windows/Doors/Gates (interior and exterior)	x			
Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, and ceilings)	x			
Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior)	x			
Structural Damage	x			
Fire Safety	x			
Electrical (interior and exterior)	x			
Pest/Vermin Infestation	x			
Drinking Fountains (inside and outside)	x			
Restrooms	x			
Sewer	x			
Playground/School Grounds	x			
Roofs		x		All roofs inspected - recommendations under consideration
Overall Cleanliness	x			

### Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the overall summary of the results of the most recently completed school site inspection.

Item Inspected	Facility Condition			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary		x		

Date of inspection:

Completion date of inspection form:

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## V. Teachers

### Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

	School			District
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
Teachers				
With Full Credential	45	46	45	16
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	2
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	--	--	11	n/a

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Indicator	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	--	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	--	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	--	--	--

### Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers in the school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the NCLB Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0%	0.0%
All Schools in District	99.7%	0.3%
High-Poverty Schools in District	--	--
Low-Poverty Schools in District	99.7%	0.3%

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## VI. Support Staff

### Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	--	--
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	--	--
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	--	--
Psychologist	--	--
Social Worker	--	--
Nurse/a	--	--
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	--	--
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	2.0	--
Other	--	--

## VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

### Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2008-09)

#### Textbook Information

This section provides information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school, and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Pursuant to the settlement of Williams vs. the State of California, Huntington Beach City School District thoroughly inspected each of its school sites at the start of the 2008-09 school year to determine whether or not each school had sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, and/or science laboratory equipment.

All students, including English Learners, are required to be given their own individual textbooks and/or instructional materials (in core subjects), for use in the classroom. Additionally, all textbooks and instructional materials used within the District must be aligned with the California State Content Standards and frameworks, with final approval by the Board of Education.

This section provides information if any insufficiency exists, and the reason that each pupil does not have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials.

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## Textbook Availability

Textbooks and instructional materials used in the district in the core subject areas of English-Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and History-Social Science

Subject Area	Textbook Title and/or Publisher	Year of Adoption
English-Language Arts	Prentice Hall	2003
History-Social Science	Teachers' Curriculum Institute	2007
Mathematics	Prentice Hall - 7-8	2002
Mathematics	McDougal Littell - 6-7	2002
Science	Pearson Prentice Hall	2008

## Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials

This table displays information about the percent of pupils who lack their own assigned textbooks and instructional materials

Core Curriculum Area	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History-Social Science	0%
Foreign Language	0%
Health	--
Visual and Performing Arts	--
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	--

Textbook Information Collection Date: October 7, 2008

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## VIII. School Finances

### Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found at the Current Expense of Education Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the Certificated Salaries and Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Subject Area	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School	\$4,735.85	\$719.34	\$4,016.51	\$73,775.00
District	n/a	n/a	--	\$71,359.00
Percent Difference – School Site and District	--	--	--	3.3%
State	n/a	n/a	\$5,300.00	\$64,702.00
Percent Difference – School Site and State	--	--	32.0%	12.3%

### Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services that are available at the school and funded through either categorical or other sources.

Dwyer Middle School staff see themselves as an essential part of the support system for students. Our teachers, classified staff, assistant principal, and the principal join with the school psychologist, nurse, speech and language specialist, and resource specialist to ensure the well-being of students. The ratio of academic counselors to students is 1:1,262. Student counseling provided by the assistant principal is complemented by a school psychologist who provides individual and group short-term counseling. The district nurse is scheduled at Dwyer Middle School for two half days each month. The nurse and health clerk are responsible for student care, health counseling, and record keeping. Two consulting nurses conduct immunizations, vision and hearing testing, and scoliosis screenings. The Student Study Team meets at least three times each week to discuss referred students. Strategies are discussed and plans are implemented to assist students to achieve success at school.

Dwyer Middle Schools Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program is part of the language arts and social science curriculum for identified students in sixth through eighth grades. GATE classes are taught by appropriately trained, certified teachers. The schools Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program targets students who may need extra support in order to achieve college entrance. Tutoring, college preparation activities, college visits, and instruction in studying and notetaking skills are only a few of the services offered. The districts special education program addresses the needs of students with special needs through appropriate assessment, identification of problem areas, placement, program implementation, evaluation, and review. Huntington Beach City School District participates in the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education (WOCCE), which also serves Fountain Valley, Ocean View, Westminster, and Huntington Beach Union High school districts. The consortium allows participating districts to pool special education resources and expertise. Dwyer Middle School offers both a Resource Specialist Program and Special Day Class in a collaborative model; students receive instruction in the regular classroom with assistance from Special Education teachers and instructional aides.

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## Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

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 a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the Certificated Salaries and Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Range	District	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$39,603.00	\$40,667.00
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$74,571.00	\$66,167.00
Highest Teacher Salary	\$90,955.00	\$84,142.00
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$114,113.00	\$104,640.00
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$114,270.00	\$107,227.00
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$0.00	--
Superintendent Salary	\$187,500.00	\$167,564.00
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	44.8%	42.3%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.5%	5.4%

## IX. Student Performance

### California Standards Tests

The California Standards Tests (CSTs) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, and 9 through 11; and history-social science in grades 8, and 10 through 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web page at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

### CST Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
English-Language Arts	61%	65%	68%	68%	70%	70%	42%	43%	46%
Mathematics	56%	60%	60%	69%	69%	70%	40%	40%	43%
Science	53%	70%	76%	59%	66%	75%	35%	38%	46%
History-Social Science	48%	59%	53%	55%	55%	54%	33%	33%	36%

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## CST Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percentage of Students Scoring At Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	56%	25%	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	75%	53%	--	--
Asian	88%	88%	87%	71%
Filipino	87%	73%	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	42%	36%	60%	37%
Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White (not Hispanic)	73%	64%	79%	55%
Male	64%	60%	80%	57%
Female	73%	60%	72%	48%
Economically Disadvantaged	38%	39%	55%	29%
English Learners	16%	30%	26%	11%
Students with Disabilities	27%	24%	34%	19%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--

## California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2007-08)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the healthy fitness zone on all six fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found at the Physical Fitness Testing Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy, or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards
5	0.00%
7	63.00%
9	0.00%

## X. Accountability

### Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found at the API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

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## API 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 10 percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest 10 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 10 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	2005	2006	2007
Statewide	9	9	9
Similar Schools	2	2	4

## API Changes by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays by student group the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years, and the most recent API score. Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.

Group	Actual API Change			Growth API Score 2007-08
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	
All Students at the School	11	21	3	840
African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	7	6	20	942
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	17	39	16	745
Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White (not Hispanic)	8	19	0	853
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	-23	63	19	725
English Learners	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	--	51	13	626

## Adequate Yearly Progress

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

- 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)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the AYP Web page <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

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## AYP Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	n/a	n/a

## Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2008-09)

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. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the AYP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

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	--	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	--	

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## XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

### Professional Development

This section provides information on how teachers and staff are trained for instructional improvement.

All training and curriculum development at Dwyer Middle School revolves around the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Teachers align classroom curriculum to ensure that all students either meet or exceed state proficiency levels.

Huntington Beach City School District regularly collaborates with all levels of district and school site staff when developing professional development activities in alignment with the No Child Left Behind Improving Teacher Quality Expectations. Instructional program improvement is driven by student needs and guided by state standards and frameworks. District and school administrators use site trend analyses, state testing, district-level assessments, teacher response, and administrator observations to identify more effective methods and strategies to achieve positive results for teachers and students.

The Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and principals meet monthly to analyze current instructional programs, instructional materials, implementation timelines, and student achievement. Feedback is gathered at the site level through direct input and staff observation. Periodic Curriculum Development Committees are formed to address identified areas of need and focus. In the 2005-06 school year, three mandatory staff development days were held during the school year. District-level training activities and professional development revolved around the new language arts textbook adoption and differentiated instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students.

Ongoing examination and modification of practice is essential to professional growth. The primary purpose of professional development is to directly improve teaching and learning for all children. A portion of Dwyer Middle School's categorical program budget is allocated for professional development activities to support improved instruction. Focus areas for staff development include: writing, reading in every subject area, and using a variety of instructional strategies to meet all learning styles.

As a part of the Middle Grade Partnership Network, Dwyer Middle School teachers also have access to the programs and techniques of the other partnership schools. The network provides research-based guidance, support, materials, and networking opportunities to assist participating schools in building strong school-family-community partnerships. Programs are based on school improvement goals and the needs and interests of students, parents, and teachers.

Staff members attend teaching seminars and other events designed to enhance their teaching techniques and expand their knowledge base. Teachers new to the profession are supported by peer coaching and are encouraged to attend inservices offered by the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education or education consultants. Teachers are encouraged to attend subject-specific seminars and major conferences and share what they learn with other staff members.

The Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program offers additional support and opportunities to new teachers. The program is designed to assist those new to teaching to expand and deepen their teaching skills, help the school district retain more new teachers, and improve learning opportunities for students.

Classified staff and instructional assistants are provided training and development opportunities at the school, district, and county levels. In-services for classified staff are geared to their specialty areas.

### Professional Development Days

This table displays information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

	Instructional Days With At Least 180 Instructional Minutes		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Annual number of school days dedicated to staff development	3	3	3