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HIGH TECH HIGH

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Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2007-08

High Tech High School

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This executive summary of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is intended to provide parents and community members with a quick snapshot of school accountability. The data presented in this report are reported for the 2007-08 school year, except the School Finances and School Completion data that are reported for the 2006-07 school year. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should review the entire SARC or contact the school principal or the district office.

About This School

Launched by an industry and educator coalition, High Tech High is designed to immerse students in a rigorous learning environment that engages their interests in the fields of math, science and engineering. High Tech High is a small, diverse learning community with a current enrollment of 535 students. HTH is founded on three design principles: personalization, adult-world connection, and a common intellectual mission. Innovative features include performance-based assessment, daily shared planning time for staff, state-of-the-art technical facilities for project-based learning, internships for students, and close links to the high tech workplace. The mission of High Tech High is to provide students with rigorous and relevant academic and workplace skills, preparing its graduates for rewarding lives in our increasingly technological society.

High Tech High was built on a culture of community and personalization. We recognize that students with different learning needs, family backgrounds and personal interests require individually crafted support and planning. The student-faculty ratio at High Tech High is 23:1, and each student has an advisor who remains constant throughout the four years of school. High Tech High's curriculum is built upon real project work by situating students directly in workplaces, by bringing industry specialists into the school, and by fostering relationships between students and mentors. A coherent intellectual mission is reflected in the emphasis on the use of technology as a tool and the relationship of learning to careers. High Tech High believes that all students and adults should be treated with dignity and respect. This culture embraces and promotes a positive learning environment where all students abide by a code of conduct.

Student Enrollment

Group	Percent
African American	10.74 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.74 %
Asian	5.74 %
Filipino	7.96 %
Hispanic or Latino	26.48 %
Pacific Islander	0.93 %

White (not Hispanic)	47.41 %
Multiple or No Response	0 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	21 %
English Learners	2 %
Students with Disabilities	7 %
Total Number of students	540

Teachers

Indicator	Teachers
Teachers with full credential	22
Teachers without full credential	7
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	2
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	7
Total Teacher Misassignments	9

School Facilities

Summary of Most Recent Site Inspection

High Tech High is located in a 40,000 square foot building formerly used by the Navy as a technical training center. The facility underwent approximately \$6 million in improvements in 1989, including a new roof, skylights, trusses, windows, floor, and mechanical systems. Another major renovation in 2001 gave the school an all new electrical, plumbing, and mechanical system, fitting it out as a high-performance school for project based learning. The school now has 25 classrooms and labs at the center of the building, and large, high-ceiling open areas at each end. In-house Facilities staff adequately maintain the building systems, and the custodians follow rigorous cleaning standards for all spaces. High Tech High shares a common lunch area with other High Tech High schools on-campus, as well as recreational areas where students participate in formal and informal recreation activities. Maintenance of the common outdoor space occurs daily and all students participate in an after lunch outdoor clean up.

Repairs Needed

No repairs needed at this time

Corrective Actions Taken or Planned

No actions planned at this time

Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

School Finances

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted Sources Only)
School Site	\$7,971
District	\$6,772
State	\$5,300

Student Performance

Subject	Students Proficient and Above on California Standards Tests
English-Language Arts	69%
Mathematics	28%
Science	44%
History-Social Science	40%

Academic Progress

Indicator	Result
2008 Growth API Score (from 2008 Growth API Report)	785
Statewide Rank (from 2007 Base API Report)	9
2008-09 Program Improvement Status (PI Year)	Not in PI

School Completion

Indicator	Result
Graduation Rate	100%

Postsecondary Preparation

Measures	Percent of Graduates
Pupils Who Completed a Career Technical Education Program and Earned a High School Diploma	NA
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for University of California or California State University Admission	100%



2007-08 School Accountability Report Card Report (SARC)

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 at the [SARC](#) Web site. 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 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 schools contact information.

School		District	
School Name	High Tech High	District Name	San Diego Unified
Street	2861 Womble Rd.	Phone Number	619-725-8000
City, State, Zip	San Diego , CA 92106-6025	Web Site	www.sandi.net
Phone Number	619-243-5000	Superintendent	Terry Grier
Principal	Brett Peterson	E-mail Address	pturnbull@sandi.net
E-mail Address	bpeterson@hightechhigh.org	CDS Code	37-68338-3731247

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

This section provides information about the school's goals and programs.

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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.

High Tech High's Parent Association has been active for five years and has been instrumental in improving communication with parents and getting more parents involved in making decisions that positively affect student learning outcomes. The Parent Association holds monthly meetings second Thursday of each month at the school site. Parents have an active voice at High Tech High. Parents have ample opportunities to volunteer in classrooms, plan and coordinate fundraising efforts to give money back into school programs by way of a grant program, foster a positive social environment for students from all communities, provide optimal nutrition to students during testing times throughout the year, and communicate to all members of the HTH community via a HTH parent e-newsletter and weekly news blast. The parent website can be found at www.parentpage.org

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
Kindergarten	0
Grade 1	0
Grade 2	0
Grade 3	0
Grade 4	0
Grade 5	0
Grade 6	0
Grade 7	0
Grade 8	0
Ungraded Elementary	0
Grade 9	144
Grade 10	146
Grade 11	127
Grade 12	123
Ungraded Secondary	0
Total Enrollment	540

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
African American	10.74 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.74 %
Asian	5.74 %
Filipino	7.96 %
Hispanic or Latino	26.48 %
Pacific Islander	0.93 %
White (not Hispanic)	47.41 %
Multiple or No Response	%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	21 %
English Learners	2 %
Students with Disabilities	7 %

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	22.2	12	10	1	23.7	5	17		22.4	11	13	
Mathematics	22.3	12	10		23.6	5	17		21.3	20	15	
Science	20.7	18	11		23.3	5	13		22.4	9	11	
Social Science	23.0	9	9		23.3	5	13		23.1	5	11	

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2007-08)

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

High Tech High updates its safety practices yearly and the safety plan is on file at the front desk and in each classroom. All students practice evacuation procedures multiple times each year. School evacuation maps are strategically located throughout the school. The safety plan includes addresses prevention, response, and recovery related to emergencies.

Prevention: Prevention programs are the first component in an integrated school safety plan. The purpose of the program is to create a safe school environment that supports academic achievement. These programs address a variety of issues to include violence/substance abuse and threat assessment. High Tech High's primary goal is to prevent emergencies.

Response: Some emergencies or disasters cannot be prevented. In those cases the second component, emergency response and emergency operations plans in place to insure an effective response. HTH school will minimize the impact of an emergency or disaster. It is important for all involved response entities to coordinate and plan their activities in advance. This will minimize confusion and enhance the response.

Recovery: HTH is prepared to assist students and staff in their emotional recovery from an emergency or disaster. Recovery procedures are practiced and discussed regularly throughout the school year.

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	0	.0076	.046	13.54	9.7	8.2
Expulsions	0	0	0	.7	0.3	0.2

IV. School Facilities

Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2008-09)

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.

High Tech High's facilities are unique among high schools. High Tech High is located in a 40,000 square foot building, formerly used by the Navy as a technical training center. The facility underwent approximately \$6 million in improvements in 1989, including a new roof, skylights, trusses, windows, floor, and mechanical systems. The school now has 25 classrooms and labs at the center of the building, and large, high ceiling open areas at each end. Each classroom is adequately maintained by the staff and our daily custodial staff. All interior areas including common space and restrooms are cleaned daily.

High Tech High shares a common lunch area with the surrounding High Tech High schools as well as the green area where students participate in sport activities. Maintenance of the common outdoor space occurs daily and all students rotate and participate in an after lunch outdoor clean up.

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			
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			
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary		Good		

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 at the [DataQuest](#) Web site.

Teachers	School			District
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08
With Full Credential	17	20	22	6569
Without Full Credential	12	7	7	756
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	NA	10	2	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	6	7	8
Total Teacher Misassignments	16	9	14
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

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 at the school, at all schools in the district, at high-poverty schools in the district, and at low-poverty schools in the district. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the [NCLB](#) Web site.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	89.5	10.5
All Schools in District	97.7	2.3
High-Poverty Schools in District	96.8	3.2
Low-Poverty Schools in District	99.6	0.4

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)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist		N/A

Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist		N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	2.0	N/A
Other		N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

This table displays 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.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Yes- Curriculum includes several novels and textbooks	0%
Mathematics	Yes- We offer a variety of mathematical texts	0%
Science	Yes- We offer a variety of scientific text	0%
History-Social Science	Yes- Curriculum integrates history and social science	0%
Foreign Language	We offer Spanish textbooks for foreign language requirements	0%
Health	We do not offer health	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Yes we provide textbooks as resources for art, graphic design and multimedia	0%
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	The school has several different types of lab equipment and textbooks	0%

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 and teacher salaries can be found on the [Certificated Salaries and Benefits](#) Web page.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$9,190	\$500	\$8,691	\$60,094
District	N/A	N/A	\$6772	\$55,123
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	25%	9%
State	N/A	N/A	\$5300	\$65008
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	48%	-8%

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.

The school supports an academic internship program. High Tech High also offers elective courses, known as x-block where students have opportunities to get involved with activities such as technology and multimedia, botball, football, soccer, rock climbing, exploring other cultures, and yoga

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2006-07)

This table displays district-level salary information 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.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$37790	\$40721
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$57422	\$65190
Highest Teacher Salary	\$76834	\$84151
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$104884	\$104476
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$106912	\$108527
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$112437	\$119210
Superintendent Salary	\$210769	\$210769
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37.2 %	39.9 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.0 %	5.5 %

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.

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	73	73	69	44	45	47	42	43	46
Mathematics	31	31	28	39	39	41	40	40	43
Science	45	36	44	26	31	42	35	38	46
History-Social Science	56	53	40	31	31	34	33	33	36

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. 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 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	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	48	15	14	23
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*
Asian	79	50	73	52
Filipino	71	32	*	28
Hispanic or Latino	54	15	37	23
Pacific Islander	*	*		*
White (not Hispanic)	83	35	58	58
Male	67	35	59	48
Female	71	21	31	33
Economically Disadvantaged	41	17	17	12
English Learners	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	32	14	36	29
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

California High School Exit Examination

The California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) is primarily used as a graduation requirement. However, the grade 10 results of this exam are also used to establish the percentages of students at three proficiency levels (not proficient, proficient, or advanced) in ELA and mathematics in order to compute Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designations as required by the federal NCLB Act of 2001. Detailed information regarding CAHSEE results can be found at the [CAHSEE](#) Web site.

CAHSEE Results by Performance Level for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level in English-Language Arts and mathematics.

Subject	School			District			State		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
English	82.3	82.6	83.3	50.1	47.0	52.2	51.1	48.6	52.9
Mathematics	74.2	80.3	78.6	48.0	49.9	49.2	46.8	49.9	51.3

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.

CAHSEE Results by Performance Level for Student Groups – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at each performance level in English language-arts and mathematics for the most recent testing period.

Group	English			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students	16.7	62.3	21.0	21.4	43.6	35.0
Male	18.5	56.9	24.6	26.9	38.8	34.3
Female	15.1	67.1	17.8	16.4	47.9	35.6
African American	10.5	78.9	10.5	10.0	50.0	40.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	0.0	81.8	18.2	9.1	63.6	27.3
Filipino	27.3	45.5	27.3	18.2	54.5	27.3
Hispanic or Latino	23.9	54.3	21.7	25.5	36.2	38.3
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
White (not Hispanic)	12.2	63.3	24.5	24.5	40.8	34.7
English Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	22.6	51.6	25.8	30.0	23.3	46.7
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	25.0	58.3	16.7	25.0	41.7	33.3

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.

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 on the [Physical Fitness Testing](#) Web page.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zones
5	0
7	0
9	19.3

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or privacy protection. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

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.

API Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. These ranks are published when the Base API is released each March. 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	9	9	10

"N/A" means a number is not applicable or not available due to missing data.

"*" means this API is calculated for a small school, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program test scores included in the API. The API is asterisked if the school was small either in 2007 or 2008. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted.

"A" means the school or subgroups scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in 2008.

"B" 3731247

"C" means the school had significant demographic changes and will not have any growth or target information.

"D" means this is either an LEA, an Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) school, or a special education school. Target information is not applicable to LEAs, ASAM schools, or special education schools.

"E" indicates this school was an ASAM school in the 2007 Base API Report and has no target information even though the school is no longer an ASAM school.

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
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008
All Students at the School	37	-2	-22	785
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	56	-17	-22	734
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)	46	17	-30	829
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			-19	696
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				

"N/A" means a number is not applicable or not available due to missing data.

"*" means this API is calculated for a small school, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program test scores included in the API. The API is asterisked if the school was small either in 2007 or 2008. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted.

"A" means the school or subgroups scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in 2008.

"B" means the school did not have a valid 2007 Base API and will not have any growth or target information.

"C" means the school had significant demographic changes and will not have any growth or target information.

"D" means this is either an LEA, an Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) school, or a special education school. Target information is not applicable to LEAs, ASAM schools, or special education schools.

"E" indicates this school was an ASAM school in the 2007 Base API Report and has no target information even though the school is no longer an ASAM school.

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.

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	No
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	No
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	Yes	No

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.

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	N/A	58
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	27.0

XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

Admission Requirements for California Public Universities

University of California

Admission requirements for the University of California (UC) follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state's high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work. For general admissions requirements please visit the [University of California](#) Web site.

California State University

Admission requirements for the California State University (CSU) use three factors to determine eligibility. They are specific high school courses; grades in specified courses and test scores; and graduation from high school. Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all

applicants. Most CSU campuses utilize local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For general admissions requirements please visit the [California State University](http://www.california.edu) Web site.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

This table displays the school's one-year dropout rates and graduation rates for the most recent three-year period for which data is available. For comparison purposes, data are also provided at the district and state levels. Detailed information about dropout rates and graduation rates can be found on the [DataQuest](http://www.dataquest.org) Web site.

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Dropout Rate (1-year)	0	0.8	0	2.8	3.3	4.5	3.1	3.5	4.4
Graduation Rate	98.7	96.3	100.0	82.9	83.6	80.2	85.0	83.0	79.5

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

Students in California public schools must pass both the English-language arts and mathematics portions of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) to receive a high school diploma. For students who began the 2007-08 school year in the 12th grade, as evidenced by that school year's October CBEDS enrollment, this table displays by student group the percent who met all state and local graduation requirements for grade 12 completion, including having passed both portions of the CAHSEE or received a local waiver or state exemption. Detailed information about the CAHSEE can be found at the [CAHSEE](http://www.cahsee.org) Web page. Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.

Group	Graduating Class of 2008		
	School	District	State
All Students	100%	92%	N/A
African American	91%	83%	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	100%	98%	N/A
Asian	100%	96%	N/A
Filipino	100%	98%	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	100%	88%	N/A
Pacific Islander	100%	97%	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	100%	97%	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	100%	89%	N/A
English Learners	100%	66%	N/A
Students with Disabilities	100%	59%	N/A

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2007-08)

This section provides information about the degree to which pupils are prepared to enter the workforce, including a list of career technical education (CTE) programs offered at the school.

High Tech High offers regional occupational programs in engineering, biotechnology, and multimedia. However, students take them as a HTH graduation requirement as we expect all students to go to college.

Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays information about participation in the school's CTE programs.

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of the school's pupils participating in CTE	NA
Percent of the school's pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	NA
Percent of school's CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	NA

Courses for University of California and/or California State University Admission (School Year 2007-08)

This table displays, for the most recent year, two measures related to the school's courses that are required for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) admission. Detailed information about student enrollment, in and completion of, courses required for UC/CSU admission can be found at the [DataQuest](#) Web site.

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	100%
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	100%

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling Professional Development

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

Larry Rosenstock was selected by the Board of Trustees to become High Tech High's Founding Principal. He currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for High Tech High schools. Mr. Rosenstock brings broad experience as an educational innovator to High Tech High. His most recent post was as chief executive officer of Price Charities, where he directed substantial funding to innovative public school reform projects in San Diego. Prior to joining Price Charities, Mr. Rosenstock directed the New Urban High School Project for the U.S. Department of Education, was CEO for vocational programs for the Cambridge Public Schools, a lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a staff attorney for the Harvard Center for Law and Education. He also has eleven years experience teaching in urban public schools. Mr. Rosenstock consults with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Labor, and urban school districts nationwide.

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Brett came to the Gary and Jerri-Ann Jacobs High Tech High in 2002. Though he has taught several courses here ranging from German to World Religions, his passion for history has never diminished. In addition to enjoying his time as a Humanities teacher, Brett was named the Director of HTH in the spring of 2007.

His belief that teaching and learning go hand in hand guided him as he earned a Master's in History from the University of San Diego and a Master's in Curriculum Design from UCSD. Before coming to San Diego he earned a BA in History from the University of Notre Dame (Go, Irish!).

When not updating his bio, he enjoys spending time with friends and traveling this small world of ours.

The mission of HTH is to provide each student with rigorous and relevant academic and workplace skills in order to prepare graduates for rewarding lives in our increasingly diverse society. The school's educational philosophy is derived from the *New Urban High School Project*, a 1996 study commissioned by the U.S. Department of Education to identify the strategies that had been successfully used as a lever for whole-school reform. The lead authors of this research (Larry Rosenstock and Dr. Robert Riordan) went on to become High Tech High founding educational leaders. Their philosophy is that the best learning occurs when the educational program is based on three key educational principles:

- *Personalization.* HTH will cultivate academic excellence by encouraging each student to personally invest in her or his education. By knowing students well, the HTH faculty and staff will encourage students to develop personal strengths and interests. Each student will have an individual staff advisor, who will visit the home of each new student (or visit with new student families on campus if so requested). Students will pursue their particular interests through projects and prepare personal digital portfolios to document their achievements.
- *Adult World Connection.* HTH students will engage in real world projects that enable them to learn while working on problems of interest and concern to adults in the community. Students in 11th and 12th grade will spend time off-site in academically germane workplace internships, tailored to student interests, which will stress problem solving opportunities in the workplace.
- *Common Intellectual Mission.* The curriculum will be engaging and rigorous. Assessment will be performance based. Students will create products, solve problems, and present their work to both students and adults. In addition to traditional letter grade and standardized test assessment, faculty will assess students' learning through digital portfolios and verbal presentations of learning ("POLs"). HTH will avoid "tracking" and other forms of ability grouping.

The primary goals of HTH are: (1) To integrate technical and academic education in a school that prepares students for post-secondary education and for leadership in science and the global community; (2) To increase the number of underrepresented students in math and science who succeed in high school and post-secondary education and who become productive members and leaders in the global community; and (3) To provide all High Tech High International students with an extraordinary education that prepares them to be thoughtful, engaged citizens prepared to take on the leadership challenges of the 21st century.

High Tech High proven approach to education: teachers work with students on specific, real-world *projects* that focus on science (particularly life sciences), develop analytical thinking and technical skills, and foster each student's sense of accomplishment and community. Class size will be small, with a preferred student/teacher ratio of no more than 25 to 1. Teachers will work in cross-disciplinary teams to increase the integration and depth of subject matter, as well as to increase the communication between instructors and students. Teachers and staff will participate in on-going professional development and collaboration.

Students at HTH will have access to a rigorous curriculum that provides opportunities to apply knowledge across disciplines, to construct new knowledge, and to apply knowledge and skills in meaningful real-world settings. The curriculum will meet or exceed the course requirements for admission to the University of California: students must complete 9 units of history/social science, 12 units of English, 12 units of math, 12 units of lab sciences, 6 units of language other than English (with Spanish being the predominate language studied), 3 units of college prep electives, and 3 units of visual/performing arts. In addition, HTH students will be required to complete one workplace internship of at least 100 hours and a significant senior project. Students may elect to take some courses for honors credit for which UC will grant weighted GPAs. Students taking any Senior Institute course may choose to sign up for honors credit, earned by completing the extra tasks described in writing in the course syllabus.

Block scheduling will be used to accommodate *project-based learning*, providing both teachers and students the time they need to create projects that hold true to the design principles and learning goals of the school. The school's daily schedule will include a daily teacher meeting to plan projects, participate in staff development activities, and reflect on teaching practice. Students will attend five class periods a day, with core courses such as Humanities, Math and Science taught in two-period blocks. Electives will be allotted one class period.

The HTH curriculum will support state standards and student achievement of the HTH Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs). Students will be expected to achieve competency in six learning areas: (1) collaboration (working as a team); (2) technology; (3) communications, both oral and written; (4) art and design; (5) ethics and responsibility, and (6) critical thinking (Habits of Mind, including perspective, evidence, relevance, connection and supposition).

Individual education plans and the advisory program. An advisor (a teacher or other academic staff member) will be assigned to each student. The advisor will stay with the student throughout the student's four years at HTH. Through weekly advisory group meetings and individual conferences, the advisory program will provide a critical context for academic planning, home/school communication, team and community building, and reflection about the HTH philosophy and program. The group advisory program follows monthly themes such as communication, teambuilding, college advising, real world immersion, leadership, ethics, environment, health, and safety.

The advisor also will work with each student in his/her group to develop an individual education plan, will visit the student's home to gain insight into the student's resources and challenges, will meet with parents and family members to explain the education plan and obtain commitment to it, and will serve as the key communication line between parents and the school. Advisors will help students prepare their digital portfolio (see section on assessment), monitor their academic progress, and serve as the student's advocate, facilitating communication among students, teachers and other school resource persons. The advisory also will include college counseling and applications.

Faulty members at High Tech High will participate in ongoing professional development. This will normally include:

- Regular meetings, 45 minutes per day, without students, for collaboration and program development
- 3 weekly student/faculty team meetings
- Weekly all-staff meetings
- Various development workshops throughout the year
- Two-week long teacher preparation session in August before the opening of school
- A week-long session during winter break

Several day-long professional development sessions throughout the year
