

Alamo Elementary School

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District Mission

The mission of the San Francisco Unified School District is to provide each student with an equal opportunity to succeed by promoting intellectual growth, creativity, self discipline, cultural and linguistic sensitivity, democratic responsibility, economic competence and physical and mental health so that each student can achieve to his or her maximum ability.

Goals In order to achieve this mission, the Board of Education has adopted the following goals: 1. To improve teaching and learning to enhance student achievement. 2. To improve staff, parent and community participation in the educational process. 3. To maintain school environments that are safe, secure and attractive. 4. To achieve a school district that is fully integrated in all its programs and activities and provides equal opportunity for all students.

Objectives and Site Plans For each goal there are a number of measurable objectives. Every school develops a school site plan to achieve each objective.

Philosophical Tenets In order to achieve these objectives, the Board has adopted the following set of philosophical tenets. Each staff member working in the District is expected to accept and act in accordance with these tenets:

- All individuals can learn.
- Each individual learns best in a particular way.
- Learning has both cognitive and affective dimensions.
- Parents want their children to attain their fullest potential as learners and to succeed academically.
- All individuals are both potential learners and potential teachers.
- All individuals should learn to live and work in a world that is characterized by interdependence and cultural diversity.
- All individuals want to learn and to be recognized for their achievements.
- Learning can be subdivided into a number of specific, concrete competencies that can be used as a focus for teaching.
- All individuals are entitled to be treated with respect and dignity.
- All individuals learn in many different ways and at varying rates.
- If individuals do not learn, then those assigned to be their teachers should accept responsibility for this failure and should take appropriate remedial action.

School Description

Alamo has a large multi-ethnic student population. This rich culturally diverse population provides a unique opportunity for cross-cultural awareness. A strong academic and enrichment program is provided to develop intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth for a diverse range of children. As one of CALIFORNIA'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS we are proud

of our 375 registered, trained volunteers who participate in all phases of our program. Alamo's staff and parents involve the community through field trips, Grandparents' Day, and thematic enrichment programs. As a Clinical School, our model staff exemplifies effective teaching strategies for beginning teachers.

Grade Span:	K-5	Student Enrollment:	679	LEP/NEP*:	11.8 %
Building (sq.ft.):	47,600	Average Daily Attendance:	99.8 %	Special Education:	7.4 %
Yr of Construction:	1926	Optional Enrollment Requests:	20.0 %	EDY**:	28.0 %

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*LEP/NEP: Limited English Proficient or Non English Proficient
**EDY: Educationally Disadvantaged Youth

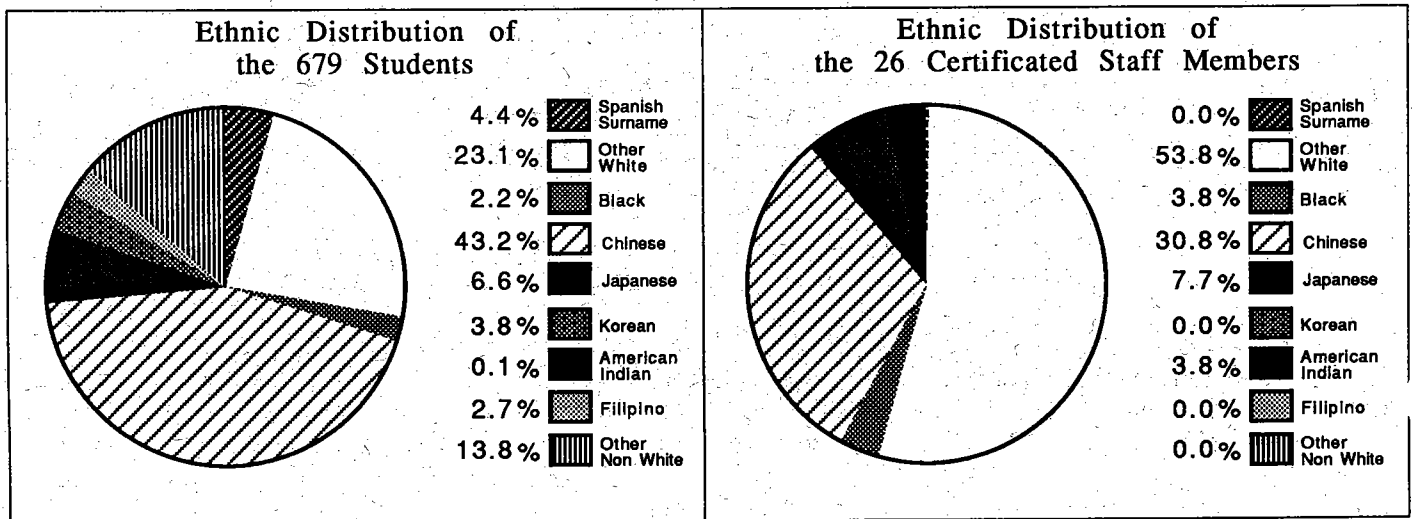
Counseling and Student Support Services

District general funds are not available for counseling services at the elementary school level. However, some schools have added support staff funded through special programs, projects, or grant awards. At Alamo School, a Speech Therapist, Resource Specialist, and Child Study Team meet weekly regarding potential at-risk students. Teachers and administrators confer frequently with parents to develop strategies for student success. Paraprofessionals staff the library, computer, ESL, Sensory Motor, and art programs. In keeping with our school motto, BE A FRIEND, students are encouraged to resolve peer conflicts through dialogue.

Student Attendance and Dropout Rate

The District's K-5 average attendance for 1988-89 was 99.1% and the dropout rate was 3.6%. At Alamo, attendance for the year was 99.8%, excused absences were 3.3%, unexcused absences were 0.2% and the dropout rate was 0.5%. An important District objective is to further reduce dropout rates. Dropouts are defined as students who are absent without reason for 45 days or more. To keep our attendance rate high, school activities are designed to promote self-esteem. Independent Study contracts are assigned to ensure student progress during absences.

School Data



Teacher Assignment

Out of 3,772 teachers in the District, only 51 are teaching out of their credentialed areas. At Alamo, all teachers are teaching in the areas in which they are credentialed. Alamo has one credentialed Chinese bilingual teacher. Two teachers are certified as English Language Development Specialists. Seven teachers are pursuing this certification to meet the needs of LEP/NEP students.

Class Size

Grade Level	Contract Ratios	Contract Goals	District Averages	School Averages
K	31.6	28	28.3	27.5
1	26.0	24	26.5	28.0
2	26.0	24	26.1	29.0
3	32.6	25	26.9	28.3
4	32.6	30	27.7	32.3
5	32.6	30	28.6	32.8

Teacher, Staff Training, and Curriculum Improvement Programs

As part of the District's Development Plan, the Department of Instructional Improvement and Staff Development provides professional development opportunities to enable new and experienced teachers to implement the District's core curriculum for all students, to update subject area expertise, and to acquire new instructional strategies. Two Alamo mentor teachers provide District and site training.

The Alamo staff is involved in Bay Area Writing Project Workshops, AIMS and Math Solutions. Teachers participate in math, science, and sheltered English workshops. A number of teachers are participating in the Clinical School Project. Three teachers are involved in a science teacher-training workshop (PRISM) sponsored by Lawrence Hall of Science.

Teacher Evaluation

Administrators, probationary teachers, and all classified personnel are evaluated every year. Tenured teachers are evaluated every other year.

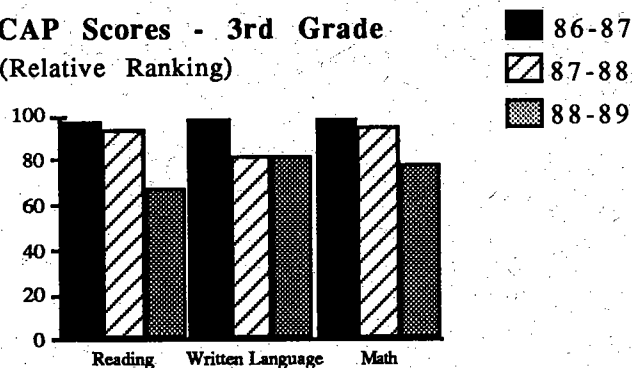
The evaluation processes are consistent with contractual agreements with the United Administrators of San Francisco, the United Educators of San Francisco, and the Civil Service Commission of the City and County of San Francisco.

Student Behavior

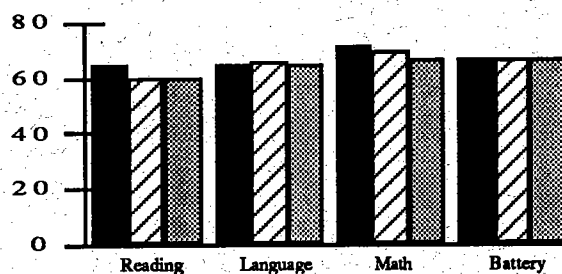
In order to provide a healthy climate, we have regulations consistent with the Student Behavior Handbook. Last year, at Alamo, 6 students were suspended for violations of those regulations. The following program(s) have been included in the School Site Plan to achieve the District's objective to reduce the number of suspensions: "Here's Looking at You 2000," cooperative learning, "tribes," organized Student Council, and an active parent participation program reinforce the school motto, "BE A FRIEND."

Student Achievement

CAP Scores - 3rd Grade
(Relative Ranking)



CTBS (Combined [K-5] Normal Curve Equivalents)



LEP/NEP = 11.8%

Special Education = 7.4%

EDY = 28.0%

GATE & High Potential = 20.0%

The California Assessment Program (CAP) is a state mandated annual test which measures how well students as a group are mastering the State Curriculum at different grade levels. The Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) is used by this District to measure individual student progress and proficiency standards. In addition to the standardized tests, Alamo School uses other methods of evaluation including The Brigance Test, teacher-made evaluative tools, the IDEA Profile, Holistic Scoring, quarterly progress reports, parent conferences, curricular profiles, and surveys. Alamo's fifth graders had the District's highest physical fitness scores, with 87% passing the mile-run test. Seven students passed the rigorous standards of the "President's Physical Fitness Test" and received awards. Alamo students frequently win awards and recognition in state-wide writing and art contests. Forty-four percent of the fifth grade class have been identified by the Gifted and Talented Education Program. Alamo has been recognized as a CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL.

Quality of School Instruction and Leadership

Wide use of manipulatives in Math, "hands-on" Science, and a literature based integrated language arts program are enriched with field trips, multicultural activities, library programs, and computer education to move students beyond the academic goals of the district. The site administrators support a wide range of teaching styles, and a variety of instructional approaches in order to provide equal access to the curriculum for all students. Administrators meet regularly with staff, Faculty Council, PTA, Site Council, and Volunteer Committees to provide for input and shared decision making.

Expenditures and Services Offered

In 1989-90, the District spent \$1,361,177 at Alamo. Additionally, the District supervised the expenditure of \$151,230 in special grant funds for a total of \$1,512,407 to operate the school for a year. This works out to \$2,227 per student per year. School Improvement funding provides for paraprofessionals to run the Library, Computer, Sensory Motor, Physical Fitness, and Volunteer Programs. ECIA/Chap.2 funding provides paraprofessionals for LEP/NEP students. S.F. Ed. Fund and PRISM grants have been awarded to Alamo for staff designed programs. The PTA financially supports enrichment programs and activities.

Substitute Teachers

During the fall of 1989, the Alamo teacher attendance rate was 95.6%. Substitute teachers covered 99.0% of the absences. The other 1.0% were covered by equally dividing students among other classrooms at grade level.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Each subject area of the core curriculum is revised on a seven year cycle with the development of a district curriculum guide and the adoption of a textbook program. The curriculum cycle also includes staff training, program implementation, and program monitoring activities.

School Site Textbook/Material Allocations

For the 1989-90 school year, the amount of State and District funds allocated for each student is \$11 for Elementary Schools, \$8 for Middle Schools, and \$21 for High Schools. At Alamo School, teachers select supplemental materials to remediate and enrich instruction. The IDEA Kit, Carousel of Ideas, Peabody Kit and other language development materials are used for LEP/NEP students. Math manipulatives, AIMS materials, Junior Great Books, Graphic Learning, field trips, and performing arts groups extend learning opportunities and enhance instruction according to students' needs.

School Facilities and Safety

Recent Improvements:

Alamo was recently painted and new carpeting installed in the Library and three classrooms. A roof leak was repaired. Tree roots were trimmed and the sidewalk was repaired. Students designed and created colorful hanging banners to exemplify school spirit.

Planned Improvements:

Telephone system will be installed. One classroom is scheduled to be painted, and the ceiling tiles in the library will be replaced. The PTA is replacing library materials damaged by the recent earthquake.

Needed Improvements:

Alamo's play structure/mat, furniture and carpets need replacing. The schoolyard needs resurfacing and repainting. Ventilation needs to be improved throughout the building, particularly in the Computer Lab. Hallway walls are needed for four classrooms.

Parent Involvement

Parents participate in the PTA, SSC, and Volunteer Program. The PTA funds equipment and educational materials. The SSC is staffed by administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents. They meet regularly to plan, implement, and evaluate the school's programs. Directed by the Volunteer Coordinators, parents work in classrooms, library, sensory motor, field trips, hospitality, the school newspaper, and support school-wide thematic enrichment programs. LEP and working parents attend Brown Bag Workshops to make materials needed by teachers. Trained volunteers also run the Junior Great Books Reading Program.

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