

Cleveland Elementary School

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1993-1994 School Accountability Report Card

San Francisco Unified School District

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District Mission and Goals

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.

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.

Each school has a set of objectives to achieve these goals. In subsequent pages, these objectives will be listed. If the objective is shown with a check (✓), the objective has been achieved. N/A indicates that the objective is not applicable to the school. No mark at all indicates that the objective has not been achieved.

Philosophical Tenets

In order to achieve these objectives, the Board has adopted a set of philosophical tenets. For a copy of these tenets see the 1989-90 School Accountability Report Card or the Student Handbook.

Teacher/Staff Training, and Curriculum Improvement Programs

Professional development is a part of every school site plan and is a major component of the instructional support departments. The district's professional development program provides training 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. Training is planned by the Curriculum Committee. It begins with a Summer Retreat for the Restructuring Team. They will be paid to inservice on the use of technology. Money/substitute time is provided to attend conferences. We have three restructuring release days. Grade/committee planning with release time is scheduled throughout the year. California Literature Project, Bay Area Writing Project, EQUALS, BASTEC, Tribes, "Family Reading," cooperative learning and using centers are being explored. Selected staff receive on-site training in shared decision-making while serving on the School Leadership Council. There is a yearly Mill Valley weekend retreat. Selected members are involved with City Science, Title VI, and San Francisco Education Fund consulting.

School Description

Preparing for California's future, we are in the fourth year of our Spanish Immersion Program (K-4) which focuses on the preservation of the Spanish language and Latino culture, & provides English speakers an opportunity to acquire a 2nd language. The Spanish Immersion Program is our Primary School Theme. We are committed at Cleveland School to restructure the environment so that students will be prepared for living & working in California's multilingual/cultural region, an economy dependent on technologically literate citizens. This is our second year of implementing restructuring concentrating on four areas: technology in the curriculum (our Second School Theme), shared decision making, authentic assessment & community networking. The school has designated Language Arts as the Third Theme, & is in the process of identifying a comprehensive instructional program. A computer writing lab is being established... a curriculum component of the Language Arts Theme. The School provides Kindergarten through 5th grade education. We have six Spanish Bilingual classes staffed with Spanish Bilingual/multicultural teachers (K-5: Spanish Immersion classes) & six English speaking classes, three which are English Language Development (ELD) classes providing academic support for limited English speaking students. This is the third year of Jump Start, a program for Kindergarten students emphasizing small group teaching. The school is in the first year of PIP, a program working with high risk students through play therapy.

Grade Span:	K-5	Student Enrollment:	396	LEP/NEP*:	41.2%
Building (sq.ft.):	27,000	Average Daily Attendance:	98.5%	Special Education:	5.8%
Yr of Construction:	1911/66	Optional Enrollment Requests:	17.9%	EDY**:	47.0%
Children Center: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Pre-K: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		GATE:	3.0%

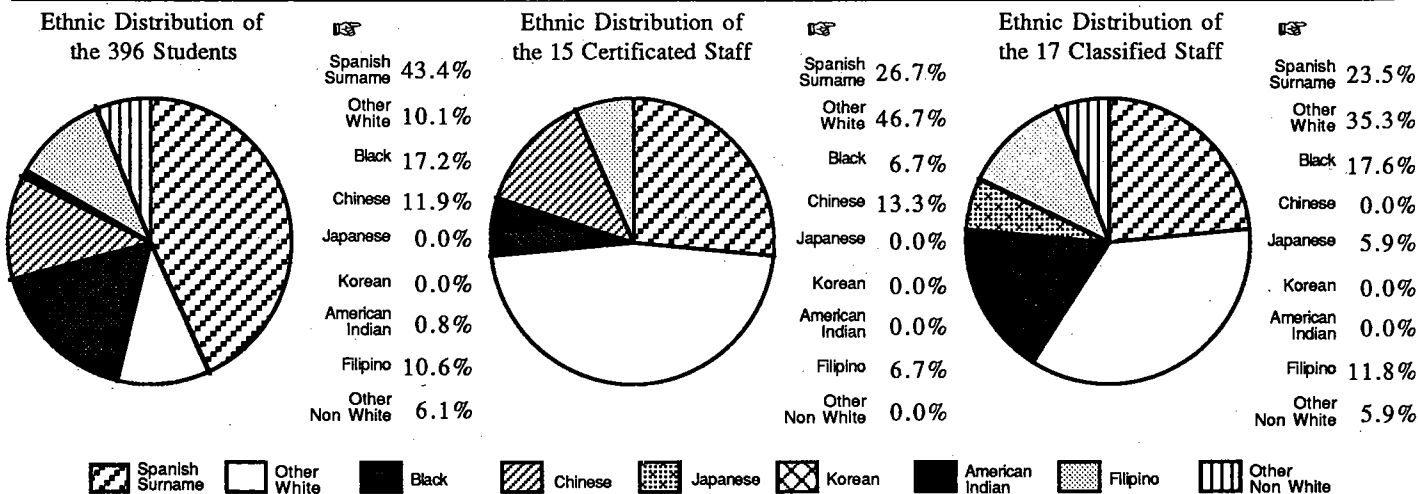
Counseling and Student Support Services

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. Consent Decree funds a Community Relations Specialist Elementary Advisor who works with the principal in assessing student needs, establishing for high risk students site-specific programs as tutoring, a Student Council, a Safety Monitor Program. In addition, she is a member of the Student Study Team, works as a liaison for students, mediates student crisis, and enlists parents. The school also has a Speech Therapist, and a Music Specialist. The school works with the tutors from the San Francisco Educational Services, Inc. and has established liaison with the Family Mosaic Project.

Teacher Assignment

Out of 3,058 certificated teachers in the District's schools, none are teaching out of their credentialed areas. At Cleveland, all teachers are teaching in the areas in which they are credentialed. A number of staff have multiple credentials and degrees. We have 6 regular teachers, 6 Spanish bilingual/bicultural teachers, 2 ELD teachers, 2 special education teachers, and 1 program resource teacher. In our two-way Spanish/English Immersion Program, most of our staff have the skills to teach content areas in the student's native language.

Ethnic Diversity



Objective 4a: Each school will have no more than 45 percent of its students from any one racial/ethnic group, and at least four racial/ethnic groups will be represented.

When filling staff vacancies, we give attention to making the ethnic diversity of staff reflective of the student population. This includes language & cultural diversity. We have become more ethnically, linguistically and culturally diverse. We are in need of Cantonese Speaking personnel to accommodate our increasing Cantonese LEP/NEP population.

Student Attendance and Dropout Rate

The District's K-5 average attendance for 1992-93 was 99.2% and the dropout rate was 1.8%. At Cleveland, attendance for the year was 98.5%, excused absences were 6.1%, unexcused absences were 1.5% and the dropout rate was 2.8%. An important District objective is to reduce dropout rates. Dropouts are defined as students who are absent without reason for 45 days or more. At our school we call the home of all absent students daily. A procedure of home contact has been set up for students who are consistently absent without a valid excuse. This involves the secretary, classroom teacher, Elementary Advisor and the principal. Students with more than three unexcused absences are given truancy letters with a notification to the Student Attendance Review Board.

Objective 1o: 1992-93 dropout rate will be reduced from its 1991-92 level.

Class Size

Grade Level	Contract Ratios	Contract Goals	District Averages	School Averages
K	31.2	28	30.1	30.0
1	26.0	24	27.0	28.0
2	26.0	24	25.9	26.0
3	29.8	25	27.9	29.0
4	32.2	30	27.4	29.0
5	32.2	30	28.9	33.0

Teacher Evaluation

Administrators, probationary teachers, and all classified personnel are evaluated by their supervisors every year. Tenured teachers are evaluated every two years.

The evaluation processes are determined through 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 Cleveland, 10 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: In Fall, the staff will have drafted a handbook defining roles/responsibilities/school policy including an adopted disciplinary policy with consequences/awards known & enforced by the school. A schoolwide homework policy will be established.

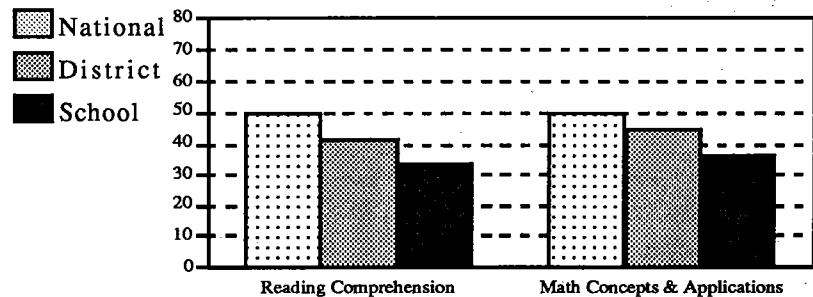
Objective 3a: Schools will provide interventions which result in the reduction of the number of suspensions and expulsions.



Student Achievement

CLAS Scores - Spring 1993

The California Learning Assessment System (CLAS) is administered in English-Language Arts (Reading and Writing) and in Mathematics to Grade 4 students and in Science and History/Social Science to Grade 5 students. Results from the Spring 1993 CLAS administration were not available from the California Department of Education at the time of this publication.



LEP/NEP = 41.2% Special Education = 5.8% EDY = 47.0% GATE & High Potential = 3.0%

The California Learning Assessment System (CLAS) is a state mandated annual test. It is currently being administered each Spring at Grades 4,5,8, and 10. Portions of the Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) are also used by this District to measure individual student progress and proficiency standards

In 1992-93, 31 Districtwide Common Expectations were reported in two groups based on applicable objectives. GROUP A: Standardized Testing for all students: 1a, - 1f; Desegregation, Tenets, and Site Plan: 4a, - 4h. GROUP B: College Preparation, and Graduation: 1g-1l,1p,1q; Attendance and Drop-out Prevention: 1m, - 1o; Parent Participation, School Environment and School Portfolio Assessment: 2a,2b,2c,3a,3b,4i. For partially met and fully met, four and eight of the successfully accomplished objectives respectively must have come from Group A. Cleveland has successfully met 59% of its objectives.

Quality of School Instruction and Leadership

The Curriculum Committee develops criteria, process & content for evaluating student progress & peer critiquing assessment. It's Elementary is used by the school staff in implementing change. The Council plans, implements, monitors process of restructuring. A Master Calendar is formulated with regularly scheduled meetings for planning. We have grade level sharing, peer & partner reading &/or Reading Buddies. We are exploring "Family Reading," & Tribes. A team is being trained in using the computer for writing. The Leadership Council is experimenting with a democratic consensus model of governance which includes student representation.

Substitute Teachers

During the Spring of the 1992-93 school year, the Cleveland teacher attendance rate was 93%. The school pulls on a known, reliable team of substitutes when they are needed. They are critical in supporting teachers by providing them release time for grade-level meetings, school planning and conference attendance.

Expenditures and Services Offered

1991-92 SALARY COMPARISON		
	* STATE	SFUSD
Beginning Teacher Salary	26,139	26,136
Mid-range Teacher Salary	40,628	41,286
Highest Teacher Salary	51,103	47,162
Principal's Average Salary	65,164	61,573
Superintendent Salary	107,492	120,000
* Districts over 20,000 ADA		

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The review, selection, and purchase of textbooks and instructional materials are carried out in conjunction with the California eight-year curriculum improvement cycle. Each year, textbooks and instructional materials are reviewed and adopted in one or two specific subject areas. In 1992-93, materials were adopted in English as a second language, foreign language, and modern world history. The state Instructional Materials Fund allocation for the school district this year is \$1.7 million. Currently the average cost of a textbook is \$30. We use district provided textbooks, but are in need of supplementary instructional materials, both books and computer software, to accommodate Spanish-Speaking students and our growing Cantonese-Speaking students. We plan to purchase computer software which will network our computers to deliver an instructional program for Chapter 1 students with peer tutoring from non-Chapter 1 students in our computer lab. The school is exploring ways to staff the library and to upgrade the technology in the library. Grant money from foundations is used to purchase video equipment and training. The school presently has an video editing lab with video cameras and other equipment. The Second Annual Video Festival will be held in Spring.

School Facilities and Safety

Current Conditions:

We are committed to improving site appearance. Percita Eyes, mural project, has created a mural on the exterior south side of the school building. A second mural is in the planning stages with funding the only obstacle.

Planned Improvements:

Teachers are encouraged to create school beautification projects.

Needed Improvements:

The school desires to create a primary grade yard equipped with play equipment.

Objective 3b: The appearance of the school site will be improved



Parent Involvement

Parents interested in volunteering can contact their child's teacher or the principal. We have an active PTA & have parents on school committees. Parents completed a video which discusses parenting skills addressing the issues experienced at home. Parent training is being explored on "Family Reading"... the goal is incorporating Family Reading as part of the monthly parent meetings. The Curriculum Committee is exploring development of a more participative parent involvement program. The school is exploring the involvement of parents on the School Leadership Council.

Objective 2a: Together with parent leaders from established site committees and organizations, schools will develop plans to increase parent participation.



If you need any further information about our school or if you wish to ask anything about this document, please feel free to call us.

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