

Clarendon Elementary School

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School Description

In 1995 Clarendon Alternative School was named a California Distinguished School. Our goal at Clarendon is to create a community of children, staff, parents, and community members who work together to facilitate growth for all and to create a high-quality learning environment which respects children as individuals and enables them to move towards the realization of their own full potential as human beings.

Two distinctive alternative programs share the same site at Clarendon Alternative Elementary School. The Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program (JBBP) offers Japanese language and cultural instruction to all students, both native-Japanese and English speaking. The Second Community Program actively promotes strong parent participation. Both parent organizations fund raise to support enrichment activities, including dance, music, art, physical education, computers and fieldtrips. The Second Community and JBBP work cooperatively to provide a culturally diverse student population with a comprehensive curriculum stressing academic excellence and intellectual growth, as well as social, emotional and physical development.

As a school which houses two distinct alternative programs, we believe that people working together in a mutually respectful, democratic decision-making context can creatively and effectively build a successful school community. We believe that sharing common goals and working to achieve them are important. Our children are our future and their education is a joyous responsibility.

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.

To achieve this mission, the Board of Education has adopted the following goals: 1) To improve teaching and learning to enhance the academic achievement of all students; 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 build a school environment that is fully integrated in all its programs and activities and provides equal opportunity for all students; 5) To improve and expand the Early Childhood Education Program and integrate it into the K-12 Program; and 6) To increase and expand inter-agency collaboration to better serve our students.

School Priorities

For each goal there are a number of measurable objectives. Every school has developed a school site plan to achieve each objective and identified their individual school priorities: 1) Improve language arts instruction throughout the grades. Special ephasis will be given to improving the writing curriculum. 2) Continue to improve educational technology. 3) Clarendon will improve the achievement/performance of students in quartiles two and three. Emphasis will be on addressing our African American, Filipino and Korean students.

Philosophical Tenets

In order to achieve these objectives, the Board has adopted the following set of philosophical tenets:

- * 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 is an interactive process that occurs when students understand and are able to communicate new concepts through carefully crafted and guided challenging experiences defined by clear learning goals and rigorous performance standards.
- * All individuals are entitled to be treated with respect and dignity.
- * All individuals can learn.
- * All individuals learn in many different ways and at varying rates.
- * Each individual learns best in a particular way.
- * All individuals are both potential learners and potential teachers.
- * Learning has both cognitive and affective dimensions.
- * Teachers, administrators and staff are partners with students in the learning process. If students fail, all partners should accept full responsibility for this failure and take action to ensure success.
- * Parents want their children to attain their fullest potential as learners and to succeed academically.

Grade Span:	K-5	Student Enrollment:	557	LEP/NEP*:	11.1%
Building (sq.ft.):	39,500	Average Daily Attendance:	99.7%	EDY**:	20.3%
Year of Construction:	1962	Optional Enrollment Requests:	100.0%	% of Points Met***:	76%
Children Center/Childcare: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Title I / State Pre-K Program: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Student Uniforms: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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. The school encourages parents to become involved and communicate directly with teachers.

Communication is enhanced through parent liaisons employed at the school site. Part-time resource specialists are available to work with students who are referred by their teachers or parents for academic support services or speech therapy. A school committee meets to determine support services for children who demonstrate special needs. Clarendon Elementary collaborates with community service agencies like RAMS, Family Services and the San Francisco State University Psychology Department's Graduate Interns.

Student Attendance and Dropout Rate

The District's elementary average attendance for 1996-97 was 99.1% and the dropout rate was 1.7%. At Clarendon, attendance for the year was 99.7%, excused absences were 2.7%, unexcused absences were 0.3% and the dropout rate was 0.2%. An important District objective is to reduce dropout rates. Dropouts are defined as students who are absent without reason for 45 days or more. To maintain our high attendance rate, the secretary monitors absences daily. We are in close contact with the home. Parents are requested to call the school each morning to report that their child will be absent or tardy that day. Teachers provide homework if absences are extended.

Teacher Assignment

Out of 2,698 permanent certificated classroom teachers in the District's schools, none are teaching out of their credentialed areas. Eight teachers have master's degrees; one teacher has a Ph.D. in Education; six are specialists in Early Childhood Education. The principal has an Ed.D. in Multicultural and International Education and two masters degrees, one in Educational Administration and another in Curriculum and Instruction. All teachers in Japanese Bilingual classrooms have proficiency in Japanese language. Japanese-speaking paraprofessionals assist bilingual teachers on waiver.

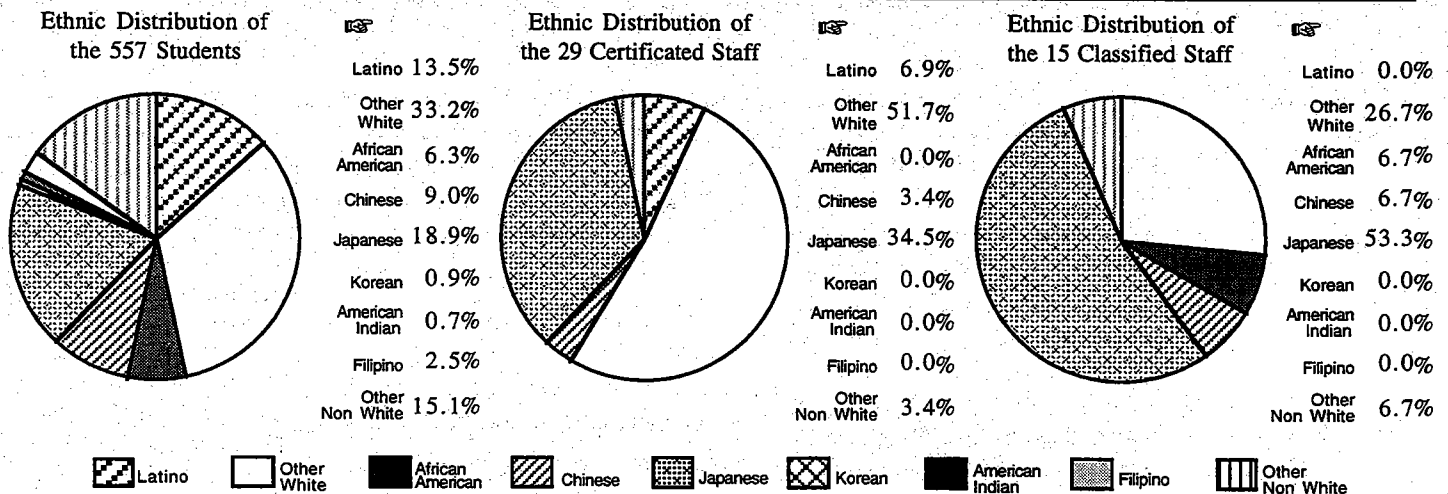
Class Size and Instructional Minutes

Grade Level	Contract Ratios	Contract Goals	District Averages	School Averages	Minutes Per Year**
K	***	28	19.1	20.0	43,200
1	***	24	19.0	19.4	50,400
2	***	24	18.8	20.0	50,400
3	***	25	24.5	24.5	50,400
4	32.2	30	26.6	33.0	54,000
5	32.2	30	27.3	32.0	54,000

** All schools offer and often exceed the minimum required number of instructional minutes per year. All instructional days meet or exceed the state minimum requirement for instructional minutes.

*** Grades K-3 class size goal of 20 determined by the District's participation in the State's Primary Grade Class-size Reduction Program.

Ethnic Diversity



Objective 4a (subpart): 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. (Based upon previous year's enrollment.)*

Children are encouraged to celebrate diversity through a variety of school activities. All classroom teachers provide instruction on the subject of diversity. The school library program regularly uses literature to extend or expand cultural lessons. Consultants provide related experiences through art, music and dance.

*Several District objectives are listed in this document. 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.

Teacher Evaluation

Administrators, probationary and long term substitute 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

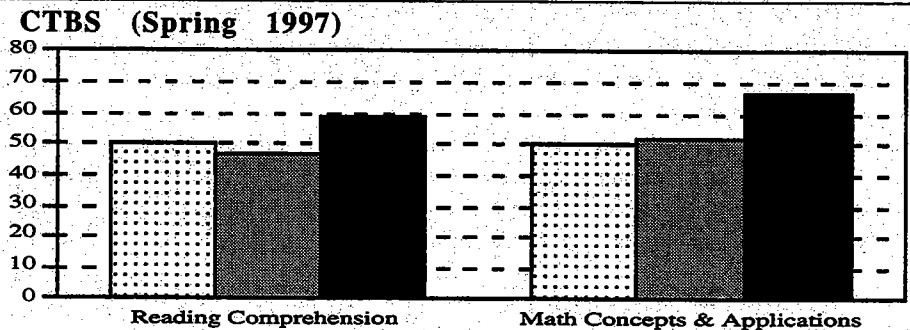
In order to provide a healthy climate, we have regulations consistent with the Student Behavior Handbook. Last year, at Clarendon, no student was suspended for violations of those regulations. The following program(s) have been included in the School Site Plan to achieve the District's objective to reduce the number of suspensions: Students discuss rules and consequences for their actions in class. Staff members communicate with each other in order to provide consistency in our school discipline policies. School and family work cooperatively to resolve any behavior problems.

Objective 3a: Schools will reduce the number of suspensions per year to meet district standards.*

Student Achievement

Portions of the Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) are used by this District to measure individual student progress and proficiency standards.

CTBS: National
 District
 School



LEP/NEP = 11.1%

Special Education = 5.2%

EDY = 20.3%

GATE & High Potential = 11.1%

Teacher/Staff Professional Development, and Curriculum Improvement

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 opportunities to enable new and experienced teachers to implement the district's core curriculum for all students, to update subject area expertise, use data to plan instructional improvement strategies, and to acquire new instructional strategies for continuous instructional improvement. Leadership development across content areas is facilitated centrally and multiple professional development institutes engage educators and parents in instructional leadership development. Teachers and paraprofessionals attend inservice training provided by the district. Staff participates in a variety of specialized curriculum training projects such as the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Thinking Math, Exploratorium Hands-on Science Project, City Science, Early Literacy Project, Model Schools Project, and the California Foreign Language Council. Clarendon continues to be a Phase II Restructuring School Site.

Quality of School Instruction and Leadership

Teachers provide instructional lessons that can be individualized to enhance learning for all students including ESL, GATE and those with special needs. Students progress at their own rates in order to raise self-esteem and provide success. Students who do not speak English as their primary language have the same opportunities as others to be successful. To assist Clarendon, the staff has selected language arts with an emphasis on writing as the curriculum focus area for our 1997-1998 Program Quality Review (PQR).

Average Salaries, Budget Percentages and Expenditure Per Student

1995-96 SALARY COMPARISON		
	* STATE	SFUSD
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$27,916	\$28,016
Mid-range Teacher Salary	\$44,063	\$43,296
Highest Teacher Salary	\$51,460	\$50,552
Principal's Average Salary	\$69,378	**\$65,864
Superintendent's Salary	\$115,378	\$136,000
Expenditure per Student	-	**\$3,364
% of Budget for Teacher Salaries	43.03%	40.58%
% of Budget for Administrators	5.17%	3.86%

* Districts over 20,000 ADA
 ** Elementary Schools Only

Substitute Teachers

During the 1996-97 school year, the Clarendon teacher attendance rate was 96%. The school maintains a list of preferred substitute teachers that are familiar with the school and our students. If a substitute is not available instruction is provided by a classroom teacher or the school principal.

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 and District priorities. In 1996-97, there were district-wide adoptions of K-8 English Language Arts, K-5 Spanish Language Arts, 9-12 Spanish, economics, biology, biotechnology and physics instructional materials. Content and performance standards for English Language Arts, mathematics and science are being implemented. All classes provide students with district adopted curriculum materials. Multiple copies of core and extension literature, math manipulatives, some science kits, calculators, maps, globes, primary source materials, Japanese language books and tapes, oral language development kits, TVs and VCRs provide students with opportunities for hands-on, minds-on learning. There is a strong focus on academic achievement and a variety of resources are available to encourage all students to work to their maximum potential. All classes receive some instruction in Clarendon's computer lab and computerized library lending system.

School Facilities and Safety

Current Conditions:

In 1996 seven new bungalow classrooms were added to the school in order to accommodate lower class size in kindergarten, first and second grade. This year sinks and water fountains were installed in each bungalow. Over the summer a new play structure was built in the lower school yard and the bathrooms on the middle yard were remodeled.

Planned Improvements:

New window shades will be installed in classrooms located in the main building. All classrooms throughout the school will be connected to a state of the art emergency alarm system. Benches will be built in the middle school yard. If additional funding becomes available selected external areas of the main school building will be repainted.

Needed Improvements:

The exterior of the main school building needs to be painted. Loose floor tiles need to be repaired or replaced with vinyl floor covering. The main building needs to be made accessible to the handicapped. An elevator needs to be installed in the main building and restrooms need to be redesigned to meet ADA specifications.

Parent Involvement

The Clarendon Combined School Site Council is made up of representatives from both the Second Community Program and the Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program. Parents from both programs are expected to contribute to the excellence of the school by helping in classes, fund raising and participating in organized parent group activities. Every class has parents helping with field trips, computers, paper work, cooking, book clubs, language instruction, and sharing career advice. The combined parent groups raise approximately \$80,000 a year. They take part in decisions on personnel, school policy, and curriculum.

For further information about our school or if you have questions about this document, please feel free to call us.

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Kung kailangan ang karagdagang impormasyon tungkol sa ating paaralan O gustong magtanong tungkol sa mga kailangang dokumento, maaari kayon tumawag sa amin.

Если у Вас есть вопросы, или нужна дополнительная информация, пожалуйста позвоните по телефону.

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