

West Portal Elementary School

HIGHLIGHTS

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Mr. William Lucey, Principal

Principal's Introduction

The staff at West Portal School is dedicated to providing the best educational program which promotes academic excellence and builds self-esteem. West Portal is a caring community which is committed to high academic standards and willingly assumes the responsibility to see that every child realizes their potential. Our community energizes our school atmosphere as we come together for a single purpose of educational excellence. The partnership of students, staff and parents that has been formed at West Portal is the driving force of our school.

Last Year's Best Achievements

We are proud of our API ranking of 861 which is a 25 point growth from last year. All our subgroups showed gains in both Reading/Language Arts and Math on the CST Test.

School Snapshot

2004/2005 Student Enrollment: 538
03/04 Average Daily Attendance: 97.3%
Title I/State Pre-K Program: No
Children's Center/Childcare: No
Student Uniforms: No
Building (square feet): 44,700
Year of Construction: 1927

Grade span: K-5
Accountability Act and Improvement Programs:

Key Elements of School Safety Plan

- Up-to-date emergency plan to insure the safety and security of the students and staff .
- Professional development in fostering a safe and nurturing learning environment for students.
- Health and safety education for all students, including tobacco, drug and violence prevention.
- Community agreements that promote self-discipline and respect for others.
- Maintenance of the cleanliness in our school facilities.

Key Programs

- Chinese Language Immersion Program
- Library Program
- Computer Program
- GATE Program
- Inclusion Program
- Master Teachers Program – SFSU, National University, USF
- Instrumental Music (Gr. 4/5), Music & Art Program (All Grades)
- Multicultural Class Activities and Celebrations
- Poets in the School
- Perceptual Motor Program K, P.E. Program 1st-5th grades
- Student Council, Buddy Program
- Teacher/Paraprofessional Support for English Language Learners
- Student Success Team

Focus for Improvement

Our focus this year is to continue improving Reading Comprehension, writing and writing skills.

Opportunities for Parent Involvement

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Parents/Guardians automatically become members of the West Portal Parents Club when their children are enrolled. The Parents Club plays a vital role in the school. Members meet monthly. They volunteer in the classrooms, go on field trips, work in the library, plan class festivities, share in decision making, support the instructional program, and serve as curriculum resources.

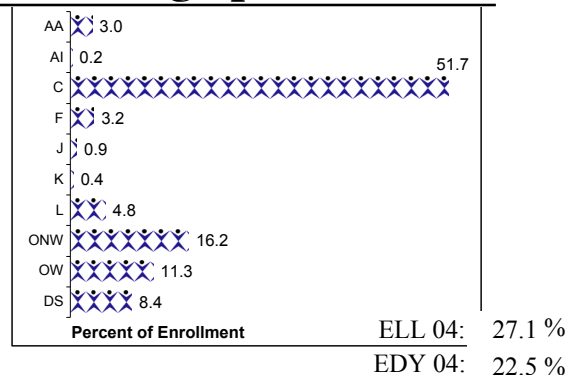
School Description

West Portal consists of a General Education program strand that presently includes 16 classrooms (K-5) and a Chinese Immersion program strand that includes 8 classrooms (K-5). The General Education program is known for its developmentally appropriate practices, and for the ability of teachers to incorporate science, and cultural and artistic enrichment into the curriculum. Our Chinese two-way language immersion alternative program has provided a Cantonese bilingual and cultural education at West Portal since 1984. Our vision for students is that they will strive to reach their full potential, create their own visions and welcome responsibilities and challenges. An exemplary nonprofit childcare is available through West Portal CARE.

School Vision

The mission of West Portal Elementary School, a supportive, nurturing, lifelong learning community for children and adults, is to enable students to be self-directed achievers, reaching their full potential by gaining a knowledge base, and finding joy and value in learning in a rich, meaning-centered, hands-on, rigorous curriculum in an active learning environment.

Student Demographics (Fall 2004)



**These are selected highlights of the SARC. The complete SARC required by the California Department of Education can be seen at www.sfusd.edu under "school information."*

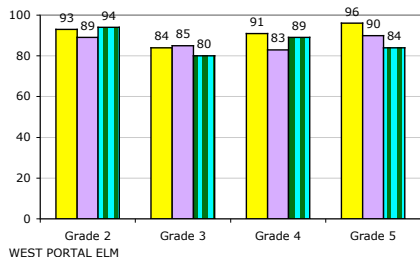
West Portal ES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

State Assessments

CST English/Language Arts Grade Level Trends

2002 2003 2004

% Students at Basic & Above

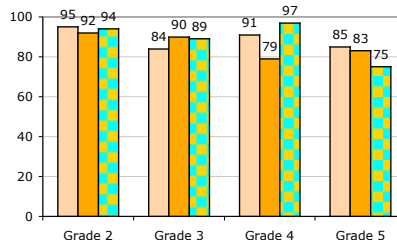


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CST Math Grade Level Trends

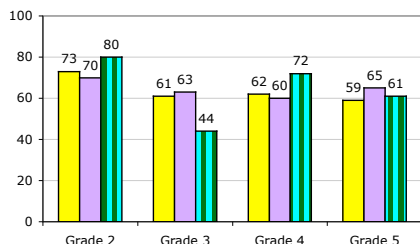
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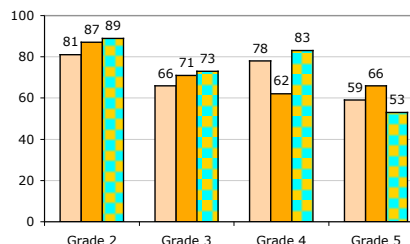
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% Students at Proficient and Above



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Testing is done in the spring of the year.

API Data

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Base API Score	820	823	857	836
Statewide Rank	9	9	10	9
Similar Schools Rank	7	5	9	3
Growth Target	A	A	A	A
Percent Tested in Spring	99 %	100 %	100 %	99 %
Actual Growth	13	46	11	25
Growth API Score	833	869	868	861

(Note: A indicates that no growth target was assigned in that year.)

School met all 2004 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Phase 1? Yes

Percent of students at a performance level of 4 or higher

Writing California Writing Standards (Grade 4)		
2002	2003	2004
90.9%	93.9%	94.7%

3 year trend data on performance assessments

CAT6 - 2 year trend			
Reading NPR		Math NPR	
2003	2004	2003	2004
66	62	81	78

Comparisons Comparison of school to District and State for each grade level

2004 CST/ELA

% students achieving at proficient or advanced level

Gr	School	District	State
2	80%	38%	36%
3	44%	33%	30%
4	72%	43%	40%
5	61%	46%	40%

2004 CST/Math

% students achieving at proficient or advanced level

School	District	State
89%	55%	51%
73%	52%	48%
83%	49%	45%
53%	40%	38%

2004 CAT6 Reading

% tested students scoring at or above 50th percentile (nat'l average)

School	District	State
77%	47%	47%
43%	33%	35%
63%	37%	36%
52%	42%	41%

2004 CAT6 Math

% tested students scoring at or above 50th percentile (nat'l average)

School	District	State
91%	63%	59%
77%	56%	54%
78%	54%	49%
68%	55%	50%