



**San Francisco Unified School District**  
**School Accountability Report Card Highlights 2007/2008**

**West Portal Elementary School**

5 Lenox Way, San Francisco, CA 94127 • 415-759-2846 • Mr. William Lucey, Principal

**School Description and Mission Statement**

West Portal School is a Kindergarten through 5th grade school of over 550 students. The primary purpose of West Portal School is learning. This perspective is consistently supported by the students, the staff and the parent community. Our vision and mission statements reflect the belief in some very basic premisses: 1) All students can learn and succeed, 2) Success breeds success, 3) Schools control the conditions of success within the school environment, and 4) Collaboration amongst all the stakeholders is essential.

**School Facility Conditions & Improvements**

West Portal is presently being under construction through the 2003 Prop A Bond. Ramps, bathrooms, entry ways, stairwells, classroom sinks and bathrooms, kitchen, elevator and fire alarm system have been either upgraded or replaced in order to comply with the State's ADA compliances. Much of the work has been completed and the remaining is in the process of completion. After this work is completed, the outdoor yards will be worked on in order to comply with ADA accessibility. Also, certain outdoor areas on campus will be greened and transformed into outdoor learning areas through funds connected with Prop A.

**School Instruction and Leadership**

West Portal consists of a General Education program strand that presently includes 16 classrooms and a Chinese Immersion program strand that includes 8 classrooms. We have several demonstration classrooms that have met selected criteria in the areas of classroom environment, project-based instruction, language-rich climate, and adult support for students. The General Education program is known for its developmentally appropriate practices, and for the ability of teachers to incorporate science, 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.

**School Safety Plan**

The children, staff and parents at West Portal School are aware of the school's Safety plan. Principal and staff form the Crisis Response Team and develop a Safe School Plan to prepare for emergencies, which will be reviewed, by parents, teachers and students each year. Staff, students and parents participate in fire drills once a month and earthquake and emergency drills twice a year. Staff is provided the latest info. directives from the district regarding safety and health issues. Child abuse prevention and reporting procedures are disclosed for staff at faculty meetings. Staff receives updates in CPR/first aid and emergency training. Weekly home-school communication folders convey messages to parents about traffic safety and safe school information.

**Opportunities for Parental Involvement**

Parents and guardians play a vital role in the school. They volunteer in the classroom and at home, come on field trips, work in the library, plan class festivities, share in decision-making, support the instructional program, and serve as curriculum resources. They started our noontime game room, organize Exploratorium science nights at West Portal and after school activities, coordinate our annual participation in the Chinese New Year Parade, and provide other support for our children. All parents and guardians are invited to join the West Portal Parents Club, and participate in the fund-raising programs that provide instructional materials as well as enrichment activities. Parents and guardians are our most valuable resource.

**Types of Services Funded**

West Portal provides an after school tutoring program for are targeted at risk students. This year this is being provide though Discretionary Block Grant funds.

*\* These are selected highlights of the SARC. The complete SARC required by the California Department of Education can be seen at [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu) under "school information."*



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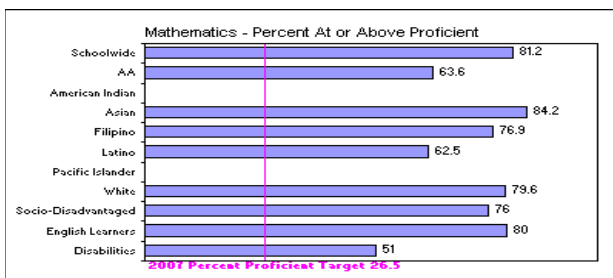
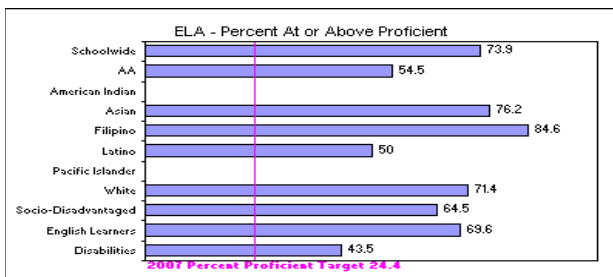
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Academic Performance Index (API)				
API Data	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07
API Base Score	836	853	899	898
Statewide Rank *	9	9	10	10
Similar Schools Rank *	3	5	9	7
Growth Target **	A	A	A	A
Percent Tested	99	100	100	100
Actual Growth	25	46	1	-3
API Growth Score	861	899	900	895

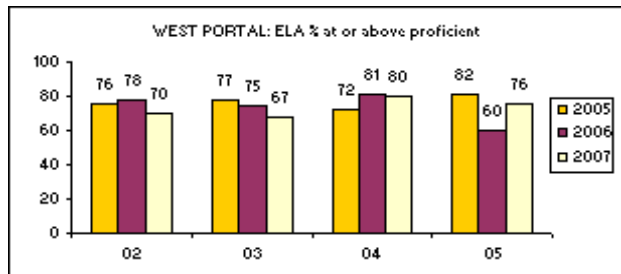
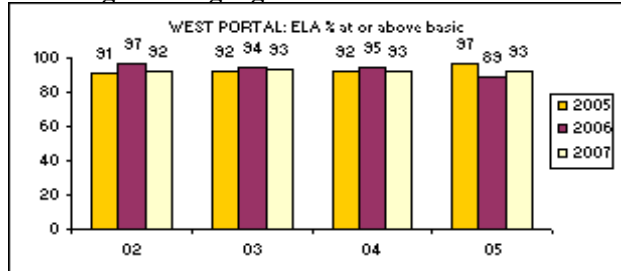
\* These rankings are based on previous year's data.  
 \*\* "A" means the school scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in 2006.  
 "B" means the school did not have a valid 2006 API base and will not have any growth or target information.

Federal Accountability: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)			
	2005	2006	2007
Met All AYP Criteria?	Yes	Yes	Yes

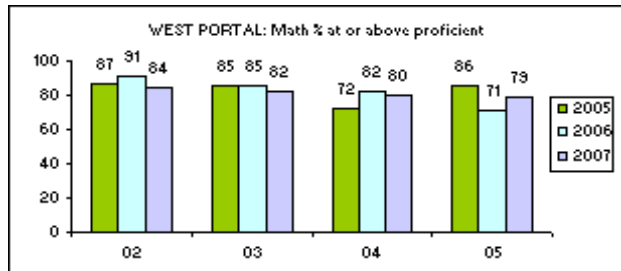
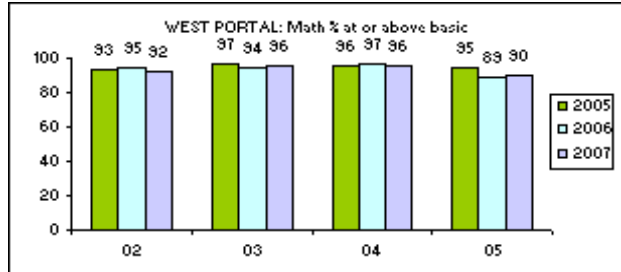


**State Assessments**

**CST English/Language Arts**



**CST Mathematics**



**California Standard Tests (CST) Comparisons**  
 Comparison of school to District and State for each grade level at percent students achieving at proficient or advanced level

Grade	2007 ELA			2007 Mathematics			2007 History <small>Grades 8, 11 were tested in 2007</small>			2007 Science <small>Grades 5, 8, 10 were tested in 2007</small>		
	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
02	70%	52%	48%	84%	65%	59%						
03	67%	40%	37%	82%	64%	58%						
04	80%	56%	51%	80%	63%	56%						
05	76%	50%	44%	79%	55%	49%				72%	42%	37%

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