



Valentine Elementary School

2008-2009 Local School Accountability Report

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Mission

The mission of William L. Valentine Elementary School, in partnership with parents and community, is to provide students with an academically focused program in a positive and caring learning environment. Using broad-based curriculum and support programs, we strive to empower the students for future success by providing student self-worth, social responsibility, and respect for individual differences.

A Summary of Program Offerings

With almost 700 students, Valentine Elementary School maintains a challenging educational program that is closely matched with the developmental stages and educational needs of the children.

Instruction is grounded in rigorous content and performance standards and curriculum that go far beyond the basics. Students become competent in using the tools of critical thinking and communication as they learn to become literate seekers of knowledge, effective users of ideas, information, communication, and problem solving. These skills are applied in core content areas including reading/English-language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, visual and performing arts, and health/physical education. Well-trained professionals effectively use the high quality instructional tools, including readily available technology tools. Good citizenship and personal accountability for behavior are an integrated part of every activity.

All students have equal access to the core and co-curriculum. Those with special needs (English learners, gifted/talented, and learning disabled) receive specialized support both in the mainstream and special programs that is designed to access the core curriculum in ways that best suit individual learning styles and needs.

Interesting and creative teaching and learning occur in a safe environment where positive attitudes and behavior are expected and achieved.



2007-2008 Student Population

Grade	Enrollment	Asian	African American	Hispanic	White	Other
K	75	23	1	10	25	16
1	97	38	1	1	41	16
2	109	47	0	10	42	10
3	131	59	0	8	57	7
4	137	54	1	11	68	3
5	123	53	0	7	61	2
Total	672	274	3	47	294	54
Percent	100%	40.77%	.45%	6.99%	43.75	8.03%

Safety and Climate for Learning

On the whole, the students are academically focused and thus, there are very few discipline problems. Open and honest relationships among teachers, children, parents, and administration are a solid foundation for a safe school environment.

On the 2006 Healthy Kids Survey 97% of fifth graders perceived school to be a safe environment. On the same measure, only 3% of the fifth graders reported they'd been hit or pushed in the past year.

A Comprehensive School Safety Plan is monitored and updated as appropriate by a representative team of school, parents, and community members including a law enforcement representative. The plan was most recently addressed in March 2005 Components required by Education Code 52012 and 52842 address the following goals:

- Goal #1: All students and staff members are provided a safe teaching and learning environment.
- Goal #2: All students are safe and secure while at school, when traveling to and from school, and when traveling to and from school related activities.
- Goal #3: District programs and approved community resources are made available to students and parents.
- Goal #4: Students, parents, staff, and community members shall effectively communicate in a manner that is respectful to all cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds.

Suspensions and Expulsions

A safe school environment is a given at Valentine. Home suspension or expulsion is rare.

School/District	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008	
	Number	Rate	Number*	Rate	Number	Rate
Suspensions	0	Less than 1%	1.9	Less than 1%	6	Less than 1%
Expulsions	0	0	0	0	0	0

Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR)

California Standards Tests

These charts represent the percent of students achieving at a level of “proficient” or higher on the California Standards Tests (CST). Scores for all students, as well as results for significant subgroups are reported.



Subject	Valentine			District			California		
	All Students			All Students			All Students		
Spring CST Year	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
English/Language Arts	88	84	86	86	88	87	42	43	47
Mathematics	89	90	92	86	87	93	40	40	58
Science (Grade 5 only)	75	88	92	83	86	95	35	38	46
History/Social Studies	Not tested in elementary grades								

Subject	Valentine		Valentine	
	White (45.3% of students)		Asian (42.6% of students)	
Spring CST Year	2007	2008	2007	2008
English/Language Arts	84	86	86	88
Mathematics	88	92	95	95
Science (Grade 5 only)	88	89	87	98

Subject	Males		Females		English Learners		Learning Disabled			
							Students with disabilities		All Students	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
English/Language Arts	82	83	85	88	41	*	55	*	84	86
Mathematics	91	94	90	91	91	*	82	*	90	92
Science Grade 5 only	90	93	85	92	*	*	*	*	88	92

* Results for less than 10 students are not reported.

National Norm Referenced Test

“Valentine Elementary School Students consistently score in the top 10% of the California schools.”

This data is reported as the percent of students scoring above the 50th percentile on the California Assessment Test, Sixth Edition in grade 3 as is mandated for NCLB

Subject	Valentine Grade 3 Students			District Grade 3 Students			California Grade 3 Students		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Spring of the Year	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Reading	91	79	77	85	84	80	42	42	37
Mathematics	95	98	99	93	93	98	53	53	56

*This score represents grades 2-5. It is not comparable to 2005 scores that report grade 3 only.

“The teachers administer benchmark assessments to measure progress on locally adopted standards.”

Subject	All Grade Students Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Above	
	Asian	White, Not Hispanic
Spring of the year	2008	2008
Reading	69	86
Mathematics	100	98

*Subject	All Grade Students Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Above				
	Males	Females	Economically Disadvantaged	English Learners	Learning Disabled
English/Language Arts	69	86	*	*	*
Mathematics	99	100	*	*	*

* There are less than 10 students in this sub-group and thus, scores are not reported.

Local Assessments

The Valentine faculty is developing benchmark performance assessments that are aligned to local and state content standards according to the schedule set forth in the District’s Accountability Design. Summary reporting systems are additionally in progress. For more information contact the Principal Dr. Tray Schreiber at (626) 299-7090.

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index, or API is a scale from 200 to 1000 points that annually measures the academic performance and progress of individual schools in California. Valentine has consistently scored significantly above the state's annual target of 800. Although Valentine qualifies for the API Awards Programs, the California legislature has not allocated funds.



API Base Score				API Growth Scores			
Academic Performance Index reported for All Students							
Base Year	2005	2006	2007	Comparison Years	From 2005 to 2006	From 2006 to 2007	From 2007 to 2008
Percent Tested	100	100	100	Percent Tested	100	100	100
API Base Score	945	946	941	API Growth Score	948	943	947
Growth Target	A	A	A	Actual Growth	+3	-3	+6
Statewide Decile Rank	10	10	10				
Similar Schools Rank	6	7	5				

A = Above 800 which is the California State Target Score. Schools that exceed this score are expected to grow by 1 point every year.

API Base Scores				API Growth Scores			
Academic Performance Index reported by Significant Subgroups							
Base Year	2005	2006	2007	Comparison Years	From 05 to 06	From 06 to 07	From 07 to 08
Asian							
API Base Score	958	957	952	API Growth Score	958	954	965
Growth Target	A	A	A	Actual Growth	-1	-3	13
White							
API Base Score	937	943	939	API Growth Score	943	940	942
Growth Target	A	A	A	Actual Growth	+8	-3	3

A = Above 800 which is the California State Target Score. Schools that exceed this score are expected to grow by 1 point every year.

Every child is at the heart of Valentine Elementary School.

Annual Yearly Progress

Valentine met Annual Yearly Progress requirements for NCLB.

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all students perform at or above the proficient level on the state’s standards based assessments by 2014. Valentine Elementary School met the following criteria for all students, as well as for all significant subgroups and thus was not named for any state or federal intervention programs.

- A gradually increasing percent of students who score proficient or above on California Standards meet uniform objectives set by the federal government.
- 95% participation rate in standardized testing
- Growth in four-year high school graduation rate
- Growth in Academic Performance Index

English/ Language Arts						
	Federal Requirement in 2006	Valentine Were the federal requirements met in 2006?	Federal Requirement in 2007	Valentine Were the federal requirements met in 2007?	Federal Requirement in 2008	Valentine Were the federal requirements met in 2008?
All Students	95% participation on tests with 24.4% or more of those students scoring at/above proficient	Yes	95% participation on tests with 24.4% or more of those students scoring at/above proficient.	Yes	95% participation with 35.2% at/above proficient. On ELA and Math respectively	Yes
Asian		Yes		Yes		Yes
White		Yes		Yes		Yes

Mathematics				
	Federal Requirements for 2007	Valentine Were the federal requirements met in 2006?	Federal Requirements for 2008	Valentine Were the federal requirements met in 2007?
All Students	95% participation on tests with 26.5% or more of those students scoring at/above proficient.	Yes	95% participation on tests with 37% or more of those students scoring at/above proficient.	Yes
Asian		Yes		Yes
White		Yes		Yes

California Physical Fitness Test 2008

Data reported are the percent of 124 grade 5 students meeting fitness standards scoring in the healthy fitness zone on all six fitness standards.

Tasks	% Scoring in the "Healthy Fitness Zone" on Assessed Tasks					
	Aerobic Capacity	Body Composition	Abdominal Strength	Trunk Extensor Strength	Upper Body Strength	Flexibility
% in the Healthy Fitness Zone (HFZ)	82.3	81.5	93.5	98.4	83.1	97.6
% of Students in the "Healthy Fitness Zone" (HFZ) on Tasks						
6 of 6 Tasks	61.3					
5 of 6 Tasks	21.0					
4 of 6 Tasks	12.1					
3 of 6 Tasks	4.0					
2 of 6 Tasks	1.6					
1 of 6 Tasks	0.0					
0 of 6 Tasks	0.0					

Texts and other Instructional Materials

Students enjoy quality texts, supplementary materials, and other instructional resources that complement the standards based instruction. Every student has access to textbooks, including English Language Learners and students with other special needs.

Reading/Language Arts (2003) and Mathematics (2002) and Social Studies (2006) and Science (2007) are standards based texts.

The Board of Education has certified there are sufficient textbooks purchased in compliance with Education Code 60119 and Section 6042.5 on September 25, 2007. For specific information about compliance with the Williams Settlement, use this link:

<http://www.san-marino.k12.ca.us/di/administration/instruction/williams.htm>

Class Size

100% of classes in grades k through 3 participate in the California Class Size Reduction

GRADE LEVEL		K	1	2	3	4	5
2005-2006							
Average Class Size		18.7	19.2	20.0	18.5	29.8	27.8
Numbers of	1-20	4	6	6	6	0	0
	21-32	0	0	0	0	4	4
	33+	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006-2007							
Average Class Size		21.2	19.6	19.7	20.7	24.0	25.0
Numbers of	1-20	0	5	5	2	0	0
	21-32	4	0	1	5	5	5
	33+	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007-2008							
Average Class Size		18.8	19.8	18.3	18.7	28.0	24.8
Numbers of	1-20	4	5	6	7	0	0
	21-32	0	0	0	0	5	5
	33+	0	0	0	0	0	0



Support Services

When there is evidence of concern about a student, the teacher, parent, or student requests a Student Success Team meeting to explore the child’s needs and develop a plan to support the child.

The personal touch is an important ingredient for the long-range success of our children. A part-time school psychologist is on site to support students as they cope with learning and/or emotional concerns. A full range of learning specialists and designated instructional services are available for children who qualify for special education.

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	2006	2007	2008
Teachers with full credentials in the subject area taught	38	40	39
Teachers assigned outside of subject area taught	0	0	0

Teachers in Alternative Routes to Certification	1	0	0
Teachers with Emergency Permits	0	0	0
Teachers with Waivers	0	0	0
Total number of certificated teachers	39	40	39

Teacher Certification to Instruct English Learners

Classroom teachers Certified SDAIE or CLAD	Completed requirement and waiting for CCTC documents	Training or Test is in progress	Yet to begin certification
39	0	0	0

Teacher Academic Preparation

2007-2008 Percent of teachers with academic preparation as charted below

	Valentine	SMUSD
Doctorate	0	5
Master's + 30 units	17	67
Master's Degree	1	2
Bachelor's Degree + 30 units	18	72
Bachelor's Degree only	3	10
Yet to achieve a Bachelor's Degree	0	0

NCLB "Subject Matter" Compliance Status

For a full report on teacher qualifications see <http://www.san-marino.k12.ca.us/di/administration/instruction/williams.htm>

	Valentine Elementary
Number of core academic subject classes taught in October 2007	39
Number of these core classes taught by <u>teachers</u> who are compliant with NCLB requirements for content knowledge.	39
Percentage of core academic subject classes taught by compliant teachers. Note: Some teachers teach than one class.	100%

Teacher Evaluation

Just as students receive feedback on performance, teachers are observed and coached in a process to promote professional improvement. Probationary teachers are assessed annually and tenured teachers are evaluated every other year based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession.

1. Engaging and supporting all students in learning,
2. Creating and maintaining effective environments for student learning,
3. Understanding and organizing subject matter for student learning,
4. Planning instruction and designing learning experiences for all students,
5. Assessing student learning, and
6. Developing as a professional educator.

When a teacher with ten or more years of successful experience has met the criteria for NCLB compliance in subject matter knowledge, he/she may mutually agree with the supervising administrator to be placed on an alternative evaluation timeline for the evaluation process. This timeline may revert to every other year by the request of either the principal or the teacher at any time.

Professional Development

Professional development is research-based, founded on student needs and matched to the teachers' instructional strengths and challenges. The goal of the program is to improve student performance in the core content areas.

The emphases for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows: (1) the continued revision and effective use of benchmark assessments to measure and report student mastery of the California/San Marino standards; and (2) differentiated instruction; and (3) Visual and Performing Arts (Theatre and Dance Program refinement and music text adoption). Three Professional Development Days are used to address the above goals and other instructional issues as determined by the site elementary leadership team, consisting of teachers and principals.

New teachers have the opportunity to participate in the SB2042 Induction Program, and the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA). In addition, all teachers have access to the Peer Assistance and Review Program.

Teachers participate in workshops and conferences (as budgets allow), faculty meetings, and individualized programs as appropriate to meet the needs for continued improvement in instruction as measured by student achievement.

Opportunities for Parent Involvement

Valentine's campus is abuzz with dedicated volunteers who facilitate classroom learning, activities, and events. This level of commitment does not happen by accident, but through a strategy of personalized recruitment and on-going appreciation. With over thirty thousand reported volunteer hours, the PTA is an essential component of school life. Parents are active in fund-raising, Book Fairs, Parent Party, Jog-a-thon, Chinese New Year celebrations and the Valentine Fall Festival. PTA funds support additional library, art & computer lab instructional assistants, our annual Science Fair, and the Art Festival. Valentine's PTA contributes to the cultural arts program and curriculum experiences by funding assemblies, music and art consultants and field trips. Valentine PTA has an active voice in decisions about the school program. The parents volunteer actively in and out of classrooms. For more information, contact our 2008-2009 President Pana Gelt at (626) 299-7090

Facilities

10.2 million dollars in bond funds have been spent on new construction and renovation that recently completed at Valentine. The academic facilities are comfortable, spacious, air-conditioned, and well designed for instruction.

The Valentine School facilities are well maintained in a manner that is clean, safe, and functional. Inspections show no areas of deficiency. No complaints have been filed. For more information see www.san-marino.k12.ca.us/di/administration/instruction/williams.htm



School Leadership

Leadership and teamwork are emphasized in this tightly knit school family. The site enjoys strong instructional leadership that is shared among administrators and teachers. For example, the Grade Level Chairs and the Principal form an effective leadership team that is intricately involved in every aspect of instructional and co-curricular programs. The School Site Council (SSC) is an elected body consisting of parents, teachers, administrators and support staff. The forum serves as the foundation for planning, evaluation, and decision-making at Valentine. In addition, the PTA plays a vital role in leading and supporting school activities.



Principal Schreiber is appropriately certified and highly experienced, having served as administrator for thirteen years and principal of Valentine for four years. He has an earned Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California.

In turn, leadership and teamwork are nurtured among teachers, parents, and students. A system for staff, community, and parent input and shared decision-making is employed. Grade Level Chairs lead instructional collaboration among teachers and provide input to the site leadership team. Sensitive to staff input, decisions are very often made by consensus.

Technology

Valentine Elementary School children have access to computer technology in the classroom and in the computer lab on campus. The Valentine campus has 185 computers and 50 printers. Internet is available in every classroom and library. Every computer has content-filtered Internet access. Use of technology tools is integrated throughout the curriculum as it is appropriate to the task at hand. Students learn research, information processing, communication, presentation and other technology applications in the normal course of their classroom and computer lab assignments.



Hardware and software are routinely updated to accommodate instructional needs within the classroom, library and computer lab.

Teacher Salaries (FY: Required Reporting Period 2006-2007)

Category	District Amount	Los Angeles County Average	State Average for Districts in the same category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$34,729	Not Applicable	\$36,572
Mid range Teacher Salary	\$62,051		\$55,815
Highest Teacher Salary	\$80,318		\$70,985
Average Principal Salary (elementary)	\$104,430		\$86,995
Average Principal Salary (middle)	\$112,240		\$90,820
Average Principal Salary (high)	\$132,321		\$96,447
Superintendent Salary	\$171,452		\$128,495
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	39%		39.3%
Percent of Budget for Administrator Salaries	7%		5.8%

Per Student Expenditures (FY: Required Reporting Period 2006-2007)

District	District	State Average for the same type of District	State Average in all Districts
Total Dollars	Dollars per Student	Dollars per Student	Dollars per Student
\$30,242,966	\$9,406	\$8,499	\$8,612

Types of Services Funded (FY: Required Reporting Period 2006-2007)

Summary of Revenue		Summary of Expenditures	
Revenue Limit	\$17,919,490	Certificated Salaries	\$13,791,001
Federal Revenue	\$666,684	Classified Salaries	\$5,448,981
<i>Other State Revenue</i>		Employee Benefits	\$4,875,441
Lottery	\$492,891	Books and Supplies	\$1,878,255
Other	\$3,278,440	Operating Services	\$3,178,479
<i>Local Revenue</i>		Equipment	\$1,093,924
Parcel Tax	\$1,019,154	Indirect Support	<\$34,750>
Rents and Leases	\$405,659	Other Outgo	\$11,635
Interest	\$266,422	Other Uses	\$252,621
Schools Foundation	\$1,665,354		
Other Local Revenue	\$4,522,780		
Total Revenue	\$30,236,874	Total Expenditures & Transfers	\$30,495,587

Instructional Minutes

Kindergarten

Regular Schedule

Morning	8:10 AM	11:35 AM	(205 minutes)
Afternoon	11:05 AM	2:30 PM	(205 minutes)

Minimum Day Schedule

Morning	8:10 AM	10:50 AM	(160 minutes)
Afternoon	9:50 AM	12:30 PM	(160 minutes)

165	Regular Days	x	205 minutes	=	33,825
15	Minimum Days	x	160 minutes	=	2,400
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180	Total Days		Total Minutes	=	36,225
			Minimum Required Number of Minutes	=	36,000

Grade 1

Regular Schedule	8:30 AM	2:30 PM	295 minutes
Minimum Day Schedule	8:30 AM	12:30 PM	240 minutes

165	Student Attendance Days	x	295 minutes	=	48,675
15	Minimum Days	x	240 minutes	=	3,600
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180	Total Days		Total Minutes	=	52,275
			Minimum Required Number of Minutes	=	50,400

Grades 2 and 3

Regular Schedule	8:30 AM	2:30 PM	295 minutes
Minimum Day Schedule	8:30 AM	12:30 AM	240 minutes

167	Student Attendance Days	x	295 minutes	=	49,265
13	Minimum Days	x	240 minutes	=	3,120
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180	Total Days		Total Minutes	=	52,385
			Minimum Required Number of Minutes	=	50,400

Grades 4 through 5

Regular Schedule	8:30 AM	2:50 PM	315 minutes
Minimum Day Schedule	8:30 AM	12:30 PM	240 minutes

167	Student Attendance Days	x	315 minutes	=	52,605
13	Minimum Days	x	240 minutes	=	3,120
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180	Total Days		Total Minutes	=	55,725
			Minimum Required Number of Minutes	=	54,000

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CHILD FIND NOTICE

If you know of a child/student (aged 3-22) with suspected disabilities living within the boundaries of SMUSD but not enrolled in a public school, please refer the parent to Judy Mellick at (626) 299-7015. This child may be eligible to receive early intervention or other special education services.

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