

School Fact Sheet, 2006–2007

MERCED CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Don Stowell Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL: Mike Varlas **GRADE RANGE:** K-5 **SCHEDULE:** Traditional

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Teachers

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of teachers (FTE)	24	27	26
Students per teacher	18	20	20
Average years of teaching experience	15	12	13
Teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	0%	11%	11%
Male teachers	21%	14%	14%
Full credential holders	100%	98%	97%
Trainee credential holders	0%	1%	2%
Emergency permit holders	0%	1%	3%

SOURCE: 2006 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent elementary schools only. Because teachers can hold more than one type of credential, percentages rarely add up to 100 percent.

Our teachers bring an average of 15 years of teaching experience to their classes. All of our teachers have a full credential. Statewide about 97 percent of elementary school teachers hold this credential.

Average Class Sizes

GRADE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Kindergarten	20	20	20
First grade	19	19	19
Second grade	18	19	19
Third grade	20	19	20
Fourth grade	31	28	29
Fifth grade	31	28	29

SOURCE: 2006 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Average class sizes at our school vary across grade levels from a low of 18 students to a high of 31 students. Our average class size for all classes schoolwide is 21 students. The average class size schoolwide for other elementary schools in the state is 23 students.

Students

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of students	438	523	531
English learners	56%	43%	33%
Low-income students	98%	72%	56%
Students whose parents attended/graduated college	8%	39%	54%

SOURCE: 2006 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

The factors above may affect students' performance in school. Most of the 244 students at our school designated as English learners speak Spanish at home.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

A complete annual accountability report for our school is available on our district Web site. You can request printed copies of this report at our school or district office. For more information, contact the district at:

Merced City Elementary School District
444 West 23rd St.
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-6600

To view this report and the reports of other schools in our district online, please visit our Web site at:
<http://www.mcsd.k12.ca.us>

This data is current as of November 2007 but is subject to change. Facts about teachers and students are from the census of early October 2006. Testing data is based on tests taken in the spring of 2007. The CDE issued API and AYP results in November 2007.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

California Standards Tests

This series of tests is based on what California students are expected to know and learn at each grade level. You'll find students' test scores summarized in five bands below. They range from the lowest scores on the left to the highest scores on the right. The top two bands—proficient and advanced—are expressed as a combined percentage. The scores for our students are compared with the scores of all students in California at the same grade level to help you see where we stand.

Student Proficiency

BAR GRAPHS SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

■ FAR BELOW BASIC ■ BELOW BASIC ■ BASIC ■ PROFICIENT ■ ADVANCED

SUBJECT	PERCENT PROFICIENT OR HIGHER	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES
English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)			
Our school	27%		
Calif. elementary schools	45%		
Math			
Our school	40%		
Calif. elementary schools	53%		
Science			
Our school	18%		
Calif. elementary schools	37%		

SOURCE: The scores for the California Standards Tests are from the spring 2007 test cycle. State averages represent elementary schools only.

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We use two measures to track our school's academic achievement over time: the Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). These measures combine test results differently and often provide differing views of student progress.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API): This is California's way of rating schools. Using student test scores, the API places schools on a scale from 200 to 1000. Our school's API was 695, compared with 763 for the average elementary school. The state expects schools to attain an API of 800 eventually.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP): This is a federal measure that requires schools to meet test score goals schoolwide and for all subgroups* of students. We met 15 out of 17 criteria for yearly progress. Because we fell short in two areas, we did not make AYP. Note that the number of criteria may vary from school to school.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX		FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met schoolwide growth target	Yes	Met AYP	No
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes	Met schoolwide test participation rate	Yes
API score	695	Met schoolwide test score goals	Yes
Growth attained from prior year	+16	Met subgroup* test participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* growth targets	Yes	Met subgroup* test score goals	No
Underperforming school†	No	Met API for AYP	Yes
		Program Improvement school	Yes

SOURCE: API growth score, 2007 test cycle. API and AYP current as of November 2007.
*—Numerically significant groups, such as English learners and ethnic groups, with separate API and AYP goals.
N/A—Data unavailable or unreported; statistically insignificant number of valid test scores; testing data under review; or school uses alternative accountability measures.
†—Includes schools in these programs: Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools and High Priority Schools Grant.

