



**PLEASANT GROVE  
ELEMENTARY**  
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**Hours of Operation**

Our office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents are always welcome to visit the office to address any questions or concerns they may have about the school or their children. The office staff can assist parents with registering and enrolling their children and can give information about programs at the school.

**School Highlights and Awards**

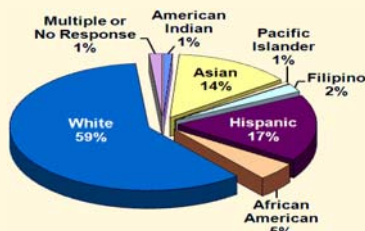
- District Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, 2005
- 2008 Statewide Honor Roll by California Business for Education Excellence and Just for the Kids – California

**Student Demographics**

	School	District
Enrollment	469	61,573
English Learners	32	10,241
Languages Spoken	8	72
Students of Poverty	88	29,915
GATE	11	3,784

SOURCE: Enrollment: 2008 CBEDS, California Dept. of Education; Students of Poverty and GATE: October 2008, EGUSD; English Learners and Languages Spoken: March 2008, EGUSD

**Population by Ethnicity**



SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS, California Dept. of Education

**Introduction from the Board**

Thank you for your interest and commitment to your child's education, and your continuing partnership in teaching and learning. In order to best serve our community, we have created this condensed version of the full School Accountability Report Card (SARC) with the mission of presenting information about each of our schools in a clear, parent friendly format. If you are interested in viewing the full SARC report for your child's school, you will find it at the district website: [www.egusd.net](http://www.egusd.net).

**A Message From the Principal**

Pleasant Grove Elementary  
A Community of Lifelong Learners!

Dear Families,

Pleasant Grove Elementary truly provides a unique and wonderful educational experience for children, from the safety of the campus, to the warmth of the learning environment, to the rigor of the instructional programs. All aspects of the school contribute to providing students with the skills they need to be successful learners.

Our district's mission is to provide a learning community that challenges ALL students to realize their greatest potential.

Parent support and involvement are important to the continued success at Pleasant Grove Elementary. This support is given, recognized, and appreciated in many different ways. Some parents help plan the programs and policies, while others serve as classroom and library volunteers, plan family activities, or work as art docents. Parents also support student success by providing space, time and encouragement for daily homework, and by sending a clear message that education and regular school attendance are important to the family.

The safety of our students is this school's first priority and the discipline policy is strictly enforced. We emphasize cooperation and responsible, respectful behavior. We have a locked campus and all adults visiting campus are required to check in through the school office. The atmosphere of the school makes our students feel comfortable and safe.

Joseph Donovan, Principal  
Pleasant Grove Elementary

**Parental Involvement**

There are a number of ways to become involved with your child's education. Our school has an active PTA that raised over \$50,000 through many activities last year. We have Back to School Night in the fall, Open House in the spring, and parent conferences twice during the year. Parents can also become involved by participating in school functions, volunteering in your child's classroom, and by joining the PTA or School Site Council. For more information on parent involvement opportunities, you may contact your child's classroom teacher or the office staff at 685-9630.

## Teacher Credentials and Misassignments

### Teacher Credentials

2007-2008

Total Number of Teachers	24
Total Full Credentials	24

SOURCE: 2007-2008 CBEDS, California Dept. of Education

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacancies

2008-2009

Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0
Misassignments Due to Subject Matter Competency	0
Teacher Vacancies	0

SOURCE: 2008-2009, EGUSD

In the 2008-2009 school year, over 99 percent of the district's teachers held full teaching credentials. In addition to being fully credentialed, if a class is 20 percent or more English Learners (EL), the teacher should hold a supplementary authorization to instruct students in learning English or they are considered misassigned. Our district is working to remedy these misassignments by providing training opportunities for teachers to earn these authorizations and providing ongoing professional development in strategies to help EL students.

In subjects with a shortage, a fully credentialed teacher is sometimes asked to teach outside of their subject matter competency area until an appropriately credentialed teacher can be hired. In these cases, teachers are counted as misassigned.

Vacancies are defined as a position to which a permanent teacher has not been assigned by the beginning of the course. Most vacancies in our district are in subject areas where qualified teachers are in shortage.

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement

Our beautiful campus was built in 1952 and was retrofitted in 1993. We have 25 classrooms; a large multipurpose room, which also houses our stage; a computer lab with 34 computers; and a library with over 5,000 volumes. We have recently had our entire campus repainted and main office building recarpeted. We are proud of our campus and strive to keep our school in good repair so it is clean, safe, functional, and provides an orderly environment for teaching and learning. Regular inspections of the buildings and the playground are conducted at our school site by the lead custodian.

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. A summary of these standards is available at the school office or the district Facilities Department. The principal works with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

There are no corrective actions necessary at this time.

## School Facility Good Repair Status

Date of facilities inspection: 6/12/07

Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Gas Leaks	x			None
Mechanical Systems	x			None
Windows/Doors/Gates (int. and ext.)	x			None
Interior Walls, Floors, and Ceilings	x			None
Hazardous Materials (int. and ext.)	x			None
Structural Damage	x			None
Fire Safety	x			None
Electrical (interior and exterior)	x			None
Pest/Vermin Infestation	x			None
Drinking Fountains (int. and ext.)	x			None
Restrooms	x			None
Sewer	x			None
Playground/School Grounds	x			None
Roofs	x			None
Overall Cleanliness	x			None

	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary		x		

SOURCE: 2008-2009, EGUSD

## Class Size

In Elk Grove schools, our research shows that small class sizes lead to higher student engagement and academic achievement. It has been a top priority in our district to reduce class sizes over the last several years. We have reduced class size to 20 to 1 in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, and 26 to 1 in 4th through 6th grades. At the secondary level, certain core classes, such as Algebra I and 9th grade English, have reduced class sizes.

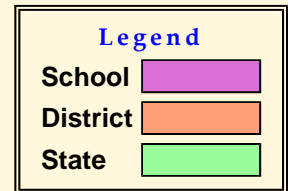
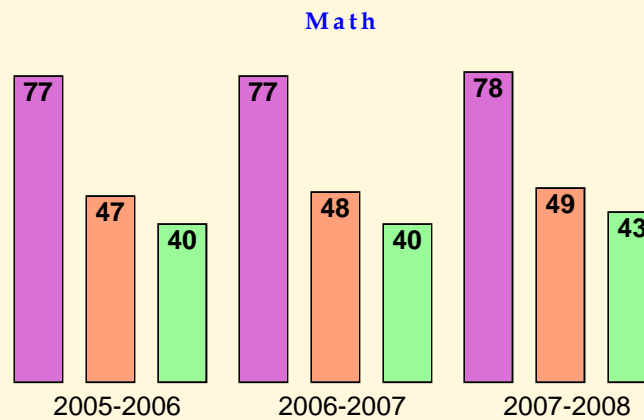
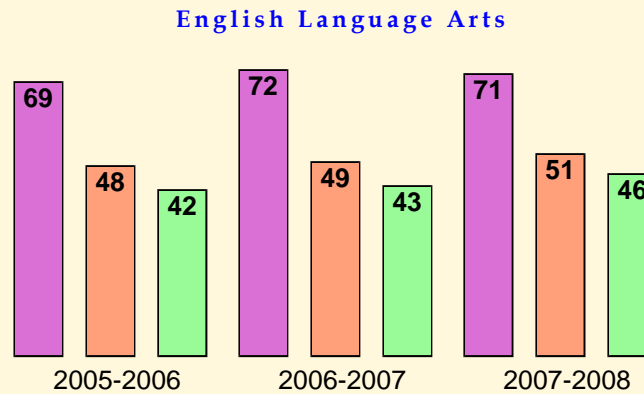
School Average	
Kindergarten	20.0
Grade 1	20.0
Grade 2	19.3
Grade 3	20.0
Grade 4	26.0
Grade 5	26.3
Grade 6	25.7

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS, California Dept. of Education

## California Standards Tests (CST)

The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. Student scores are reported as performance levels. The five performance levels are Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Below Basic, and Far Below Basic. Students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced level meet state standards in that content area.

Data reported are the percent of students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced levels.



SOURCE: Spring 2008, California Dept. of Education

## Academic Performance Index (API)

The Academic Performance Index is a score on a scale of 200 to 1,000 that annually measures the academic performance and progress of individual schools in California. The state has set 800 as the API score that schools should strive to meet. Each year a school's API is required to increase a minimum of 5% until they meet the 800 target overall and for significant subgroups. Schools across the state are ranked into ten categories, from one (lowest) to ten (highest), which is referred to as their statewide rank. In addition, each school is compared to 100 statistically matched similar schools and ranked against this group. This ranking is also ranked into ten categories, from one to ten. These ranks are published when the Base API is released each March.

Growth Score	887
Statewide Rank	9
Similar Schools Rank	7

SOURCE: 2007-2008, California Dept. of Education

## Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

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. In order to achieve this goal and meet annual performance objectives, districts and schools must improve each year according to set requirements. A "Yes" in the following table displaying Overall AYP Status indicated that AYP was met for all students and all subgroups.

Schools receiving Title I funding enter federal Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. In the 2008-2009 school year, there are no Program Improvement schools in our district.

Overall AYP Status Met	Yes
Program Improvement	N/A

SOURCE: 2007-2008, California Dept. of Education

## Professional Development

Our school and district offer a variety of professional learning opportunities for teachers, instructional aides, and non-instructional support staff. For 2008-2009, our school has a professional development emphasis in writing. Through our district's Trainer of Trainers program, four times per year, a team of teachers attends training on best teaching practices and returns to the site and shares the information they learned with the whole staff.

Our teachers also take part in a district math professional development program for teachers of grades 3-7 that is intended to increase students' conceptual understanding of mathematics. Additionally, special education teachers have numerous opportunities to learn how to best meet the needs of students with learning disabilities.

New teachers who have been teaching fewer than two years are supported by the district's beginning teacher program. They meet weekly with an experienced mentor to discuss their successes and challenges and new ideas for their classrooms.

Finally, the district offers a variety of classes for support staff. Instructional aides, school secretaries, office clerks, and custodians may take classes that relate to their work such as learning new computer skills and learning to work more efficiently and in ergonomically correct ways.

## School Safety Plan

Your child's safety is important to us at Pleasant Grove Elementary. We believe that nothing should get in the way of the academic achievement of our students, which is why it is important that our students feel safe. Our district is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for learning. Our staff reviewed and updated our School Safety Plan in January 2009. An "Emergency Handbook", outlining a plan of action for emergencies such as earthquakes, fires, floods, and chemical spills, is kept in our school office. Random, periodic school safety inspections are conducted by the County of Sacramento. The district's Police Services Department works closely with our school site to provide a safe, secure environment for all students.

## Specialized Programs

At our school we have highly qualified staff to assist students with special learning needs. Our Learning Center services not only special education students, but also general education students who need additional support to meet the standards. Bilingual Teaching Associates help our English Learners access the core curriculum. Gifted and Talented students participate in accelerated instruction and an after school extended day program. Students who need extra tutoring or homework help can participate in an after school program with our teaching staff.

## Average Salaries

Data reported are the district's average salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, compared to the state average salaries for districts of the same type and size, as defined by Education Code Section 41409.

Teachers	EGUSD 50,000+ ADA	State Average 20,000+ ADA
Beginning	\$40,047	\$40,721
Midrange	\$59,384	\$65,190
Highest	\$82,031	\$84,151
<b>Principals</b>		
Elementary	\$109,155	\$104,476
Middle	\$109,139	\$108,527
High	\$120,324	\$119,210
<b>District Superintendent</b>	\$221,536	\$210,769
<b>Share of budget used for</b>		
Teachers' salaries	45.4%	39.9%
Administrative salaries	4.7%	5.5%

SOURCE: FY 2006-2007, California Dept. of Education

## District Administration

Steven M. Ladd, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Xavier De La Torre, Ed.D.  
Associate Superintendent,  
Human Resources  
Nancy Lucia  
Associate Superintendent,  
Education Services  
Richard Odegaard  
Associate Superintendent,  
Finance & School Support  
Christina Penna  
Associate Superintendent,  
Secondary Education  
Robert Pierce  
Associate Superintendent,  
Facilities  
L. Steven Winlock, Ed.D.  
Associate Superintendent,  
Elementary Education

## Average Daily Attendance

	Percent
School	97.02%
District	95.37%

SOURCE: 2007-2008, EGUSD

## Discipline

	School	District
Suspensions	9	12,551
Expulsions	0	224

SOURCE: 2007-2008, California Dept. of Education

## Elk Grove Unified School District

This school is administered by the Elk Grove Unified School District, which covers over 320 square miles in southern Sacramento County.

Total Students (Oct 2008)	61,573
Elementary Schools	39
Middle Schools	9
High Schools	9
Alternative Schools	4
Charter Schools	1
Adult Education Schools	1
Special Education Schools	1