



Irene B. West Elementary

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Hours of Operation

Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 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

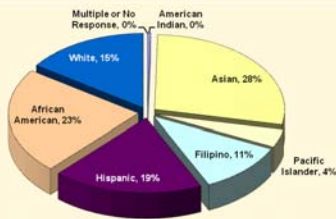
- 2008 California Distinguished School nominee
- 2006 & 2007 State Title I Academic Achievement Award
- Bob Trigg Invitational Track meet winners in 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008

Student Demographics

	School	District
Enrollment	1,068	62,218
English Learners	275	9,946
Languages Spoken	27	81
Students of Poverty	661	31,795
GATE	16	3,707

SOURCE: 2009-2010, EGUSD

Population by Ethnicity



SOURCE: 2009-2010, EGUSD

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.

A Message From the Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
Irene B. West Elementary
A Community of Lifelong Learners!

Irene B. West 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 and breadth of the instructional programs. All aspects of the school contribute to providing students with the skills they need to be successful learners. High quality instruction is the hallmark of Irene B. West.

The safety of our students is this school's first priority and the discipline policy is strictly enforced. Through the use of our comprehensive Character Education and Positive Discipline Program, we emphasize cooperation, respectful and responsible behavior. The atmosphere of the school makes our students feel comfortable and secure so learning can be their primary focus.

Our district's mission is to provide a learning community that challenges ALL students to realize their greatest potential. Our success in implementing our district's mission can be evidenced through our school's special strengths, including:

Every child will learn to read, write, think, and compute to their greatest potential.

Every child has the opportunity to participate in the performing arts. Each month, a grade level puts on an production around a theme of their choice. All students are involved and parents are a large part of the success of each production.

Effective interventions are developed for each student needing additional instruction by a team of specialists and caring teachers.

Parent support and involvement continue to be important aspects of the success of Irene B. West 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 volunteer for the various field trips. 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.

Mechale Murphy, Principal
Irene B. West Elementary

Parental Involvement

There are a number of ways to become involved with your child's education. Our families provide deep support through our FIT parent group. Family Involvement Team, FIT has raised thousands of dollars through sales, jog-a-thons, carnivals, movie nights, game nights, skate nights, and community dinners. You are always welcome to volunteer in your child's classroom. Parents may also become involved by attending parent conferences, Back to School nights, and by joining the FIT or School Site Council. For more information on involvement opportunities, you may contact Mechale Murphy at 683-4362.

Teacher Credentials and Misassignments

Teacher Credentials		2008-2009
Total Number of Teachers		58
Total Full Credentials		58

SOURCE: 2008-2009, California Dept. of Education

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.

Teacher Misassignments and Vacancies		2009-2010
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners		1
Misassignments Due to Subject Matter Competency		0
Teacher Vacancies		0

SOURCE: 2009-2010, EGUSD

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

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the district uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction.

Included is more specific information on the condition of the school and the efforts made to ensure that students are provided with a clean, safe, and functional learning environment.

Irene B. West has 38 classrooms, a large multipurpose room, which also houses our stage; a computer lab with over 40 computers; and a library with over 10,000 volumes. 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: 11/23/2009

Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	x			NA
Interior: Interior Surfaces	x			NA
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	x			NA
Electrical: Electrical	x			NA
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	x			NA
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	x			NA
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	x			NA
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	x			NA

	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	x			

SOURCE: 2009-2010, 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.

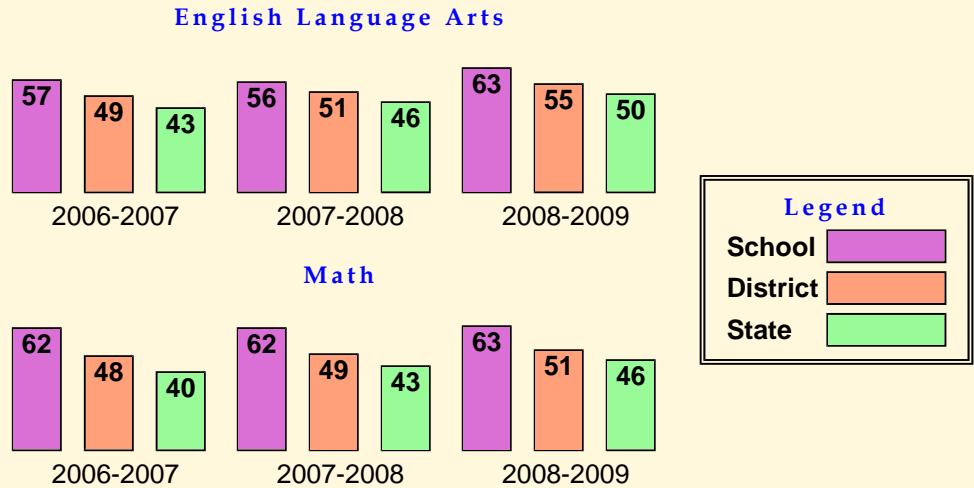
School Average	
Kindergarten	20.1
Grade 1	20.3
Grade 2	20.0
Grade 3	20.0
Grade 4	25.7
Grade 5	26.0
Grade 6	26.5

SOURCE: 2008-2009, 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: 2008-2009, 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.

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.

Growth Score	831
Statewide Rank	7
Similar Schools Rank	9

SOURCE: 2008-2009, California Dept. of Education

	School	District
Program Improvement Status	NA	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	NA	2009-2010
Year in Program Improvement	NA	Year 1

SOURCE: 2008-2009, 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. This year, we have two areas of focus: English language development for all students and developing our students writing skills. Speaking and writing are deeply connected. To develop our students writing skills, we are targeting building English language development for all students. We are hard at work teaching our students to be better writers.

Each week, teachers provide professional development within their grade levels teams targeting English language development, reading comprehension, and writing. We have plans to move to cross-grade training in mathematics to provide greater opportunities for our students to meet the state's rigorous math standards.

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 Irene B. West staff has monthly before school professional development classes, along with access to district offerings, for additional support. 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 Irene B. West Elementary. We believe that nothing should get in the way of the academic achievement of our students. Our district is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for learning. Our staff reviews and updates our School Safety Plan annually, and it was last reviewed in February 2010. An "Emergency Handbook", outlining a plan of action for emergencies such as earthquakes, fires, floods, and chemical spills, is kept in the office of our school. 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 special education students. Bilingual Teaching Associates help our English Learners access the core curriculum. Gifted and Talented students and high achievers participate in accelerated instruction within the classroom and we also offer these students the opportunity to join our National Elementary Honor Society. We host the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program as well as the Independent Living Skills students on our campus.

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	\$42,065
Midrange	\$59,384	\$67,109
Highest	\$82,031	\$86,293
Principals		
Elementary	\$109,249	\$107,115
Middle	\$108,438	\$112,279
High	\$120,350	\$122,532
District Superintendent	\$237,664	\$216,356
Share of budget used for		
Teachers' salaries	43.5%	39.4%
Administrative salaries	4.4%	5.5%

SOURCE: 2007-2008, California Dept. of Education

District Administration

Steven M. Ladd, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Donna Cherry
Associate Superintendent,
Elementary Education
Glen DeGraw
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

Average Daily Attendance

	Percent
School	95.68%
District	95.48%

SOURCE: 2009-2010, EGUSD

Discipline

	School	District
Suspensions	53	12,133
Expulsions	0	187

SOURCE: 2008-2009, 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 2009)	62,218
Elementary Schools	39
Middle Schools	9
High Schools	9
Alternative Schools	4
Charter Schools	1
Adult Education Schools	1
Special Education Schools	1