



HERITAGE K-8 CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD 2011-2012

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The purpose of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is to provide parents and the community information about our school, its programs, and its performance. The SARC serves as an important form of communication between Heritage K-8 Charter School and the community.

During the 2011-2012 school year, Heritage K-8 Charter School earned an 2012 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) of 897. The school has earned APIs in the mid-800's for the past six years and has broken the 900 mark for the previous two years. The state's goal for all schools is 800. Now in its tenth year, Heritage K-8 Charter School continues to expand curriculum, special programs, parent involvement, and building improvements. Its dedicated staff is professionally skilled and continues to implement new strategies to meet the needs of all students through a variety of educational strategies.

We focus on strong home/school relationships, knowing that there is a high correlation between parent involvement and school effectiveness. We encourage active participation by the community in our programs and activities. We are proud of our school, and we invite you to visit our campus to learn more about our programs.

Dennis Snyder, President/Founder

Some of Heritage K-8 Charter School's Accomplishments For the 2011-2012 School Year

- **Student Achievement**—The school's 2012 growth Academic Performance Index (API) was 897.
- **2012 California Standards Tests (CST)**—In English-language arts, 84.3% of all students tested scored Proficient or higher. In mathematics, 67% of all students tested scored Proficient or higher.
- **Science Camps**—The 8th grade class traveled to Catalina Island in September to experience a week of science instruction focusing on oceanography and outdoor activities. In May, sixth graders attended a three-day outdoor camp in Idyllwild.
- **Academic Support**—Heritage K-8 Charter School provided its students with the academic support of daily tutorial, counseling, and web-based resources.
- **Co-Curricular Activities**—Band, Choir, Piano, Robotics, Jump Rope, Martial Arts, and Roller Hockey
- **Civil War Day**—Students in 7th and 8th grades learned about military protocol and period history in this annual event, which included re-enactments and a Blue/Gray Cotillion.

Heritage K-8 Charter School

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Opportunities for Parental Involvement

The parents of Heritage K-8 Charter School students are a vital component of the school's culture. Parents can be seen on school grounds on a daily basis volunteering in the office, on the playground, assisting teachers, and providing other services that allow teachers to focus on teaching and learning. Our Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) is an active component of school culture. This group conducts fundraising activities that help support the school and its programs. Parents are a welcome and integral part of the Heritage K-8 community.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2011-12)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	66
Grade 1	66
Grade 2	44
Grade 3	50
Grade 4	53
Grade 5	53
Grade 6	100
Grade 7	153
Grade 8	151
Total Enrollment	735

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2011-12)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	4.8 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7 %
Asian	5.0 %
Filipino	3.7 %
Hispanic or Latino	25.6 %
Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	0.1%
White	57.6 %
Two or More Races	2.2 %
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	30.7 %
English Learners	1.6 %
Students with Disabilities	5.6 %

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

This table displays by grade level the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Grade Level	2009-10			2010-11			2011-12					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	20	2			22	2			22	3		
1	20	2			22	2			22	3		
2	20	2			22.5	1	1		22	2		
3	20	2			26.5	0	2		25		2	
4	25		2		24.5	0	2		27		2	
5	25		2		26.0	0	2		25		2	
6	24		3		27.0	0	3		38.8	1	2	7

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

This table displays by subject area the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Subject	2009-10			2010-11			2011-12					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size*	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	25	6	2		45.8		2	4	31.6	4	4	8
Mathematics	22	5	2		32.0	1	3	2	27.5	4	3	4
Science	25	3	2		45.5	0	2	4	33.8	1	3	6
Social Science	25	3	2		45.5	0	2	4	30.3	2	4	4

*Average class size grew significantly in 2010-11 due to the expansion of the Heritage Digital Academy, a hybrid learning model combining classroom time and lab time. A teacher's aide assists in the larger classes. Class size in the traditional classroom program remains at about 25 students per class in grades 7 and 8

School Safety Plan

Heritage K-8 Charter School prides itself on maintaining a safe, clean, and orderly campus. Efforts are made by the entire staff to maintain a school plan that provides a safe and productive learning environment. Heritage K-8 is a "closed" campus, secured by a six-foot security fence around the entire perimeter plus an additional 10-foot fence on the back perimeter. All visitors on campus check in at the Main Office and wear visitor badges. Two fulltime maintenance/security personnel are on campus throughout the school day. In addition, all staff members are trained to report any disturbances or unauthorized visitors, and administrators frequently tour the campus to ensure the well being of all students.

We consider student and staff safety a top priority and are prepared for major emergency situations. Simplified emergency procedures for various emergencies (e.g., fire, earthquake, etc.) have been promulgated to the staff, reviewed with the students, and practiced on campus.

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	Heritage K-8 Charter School		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-2012
Suspensions	2.2% (11)	1.7% (10)	.009% (7)
Expulsions	0	0	0

Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

In the last five years, numerous upgrades have been made to the Heritage K-8 facility. Classrooms were enhanced with repainted walls, steel doors, new carpeting, and energy-efficient lighting. Classroom size was equalized to improve space utilization, and the Multi-Purpose Room was expanded. During the 2009-10 school year, the music and art classrooms were refurbished. Prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year the second floor of the 1865 building was remodeled to house the 7th and 8th grade mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies classrooms. In addition, the offices of the speech pathologist and school psychologist were relocated to 1865. The entire 1875 building was remodeled to house Heritage Digital Academy students in the expanded classroom program. We are exploring the possibility of relocating to new campuses to accommodate our growing enrollment.

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found at the [DataQuest](#) Web site.

Teachers	Heritage K-8 Charter School		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-2012
With Full Credential	25	26	31
Without Full Credential	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

There were no teacher misassignments or vacant teacher positions during the 2011-2012 school year.

Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers (School Year 2011-12)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers at the school, at all schools in the district, at high-poverty schools in the district, and at low-poverty schools in the district. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the [NCLB](#) Web site.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0	0

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2011-12)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School
Academic Counselor	1
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0
Nurse	.5
Social Worker	Provided by the Sponsoring District as needed.
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Heritage K-8 Charter School uses state-adopted textbooks for math, language arts, and science in grades K-8. All future textbook purchases will be state-adopted materials. The ratio of textbooks to students for all materials at all grade levels exceeds one book per pupil. All digital materials and programs are aligned to state standards and/or Common Core Standards.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found on the CDE [Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending](#) Web page and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE [Certificated Salaries & Benefits](#) Web page.

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil - Basic	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$6,410	\$43,804
District	n/a	\$66,324
Percent Difference – School Site and District	n/a	-39%
State	\$5,455	\$69,404
Percent Difference – School Site and State	+15%	-37%

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

This table displays district-level salary information for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size.

Category	School Amount	Sponsoring District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$43,804	\$35,756	\$41,246
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$43,804	\$64,185	\$67,400
Highest Teacher Salary	\$43,804	\$85,370	\$85,481
Average Principal Salary	\$64,000	\$100,459	\$107,739
Superintendent Salary	Not applicable	\$210,185	\$180,572
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	See below	40.00%	42.00%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	See below	4.00%	5.00%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

The total cost of operating Heritage K-8 Charter School for the fiscal 2009-2010 school year was \$3,627,900. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of the total budget was spent directly in classrooms for teachers, teacher aides, books, supplies, and equipment. Thirteen percent (13%) of the budget was spent at the school site for certificated and classified support services such as office staff, library personnel, technology support, maintenance, and school administrators.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs); the California Modified Assessment (CMA); and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and ten through eleven.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			Sponsoring District			State		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
English-Language Arts	82	80	83	46	48	51	52	54	56
Mathematics	78	73	66	46	49	48	48	50	51
Science	84	77	82	46	50	56	54	57	60
History-Social Science	81	65	72	42	47	46	44	48	49

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group (School Year 2011-12)

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English- Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History- Social Science
All Students in the Sponsoring District	51%	48%	56%	46%
All Students at Heritage K-8 Charter School	83%	66%	82%	72%
Male	82%	68%	81%	74%
Female	85%	64%	84%	69%
Black or African American	90%	45%	75%	73%
Asian	87%	74%		
Filipino	92%	71%		
Hispanic or Latino	74%	51%	79%	68%
White	87%	75%	85%	69%
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	80%	56%	77%	60%
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities	60%	71%	69%	

Note: Cells are left blank when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2011-12)

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. For detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state, see the CDE PFT Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	12.00%	24.00%	38.00%
7	11.80%	31.40%	43.10

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of state academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. For detailed information about the API, see the CDE API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools' API ranks. The **statewide API rank** ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state.

The **similar schools API rank** reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2009	2010	2011
Statewide	9	9	9
Similar Schools	10	10	10

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

Group	Actual API Change 2009–10	Actual API Change 2010–11	Actual API Change 2011–12
All Students at the School	13	-10	-3
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	31	-12	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	14	-9	-2
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	-4	9	4
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

Note: Data is shown only for groups considered to be statistically significant.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – 2012 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2012 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2011 Growth API					
	Number of Students	School	Number of Students	Sponsoring District	Number of Students	State
All Students at the School	574	897	12,836	759	4,664,264	788
Black or African American	29	844	359	761	313,201	710
American Indian or Alaska Native	5		47	795	31,606	742
Asian	31	936	371	875	404,670	905
Filipino	24	920	236	877	124,824	869
Hispanic or Latino	159	862	9,228	724	2,425,230	740
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1		41	776	26,563	775
White	316	914	2,493	854	1,221,860	853
Two or More Races	8		3		88,428	849
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	167	871	9,661	725	2,779,680	737
English Learners	12	893	7,348	707	1,530,297	716
Students with Disabilities	41	762	1,642	641	530,935	607

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal ESEA requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

For detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, see the CDE *AYP Web page* at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2011–12)

AYP Criteria	School	Sponsoring District
Made AYP Overall	No	No
Met Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Met Percent Proficient - Mathematics	No	No
Met API Criteria	Yes	Yes

Professional Development

Heritage K-8 Charter School provides three full days of professional development each year for all staff members. During the 2011-2012 school year, teachers in grades kindergarten through sixth grade attended two-day writing instruction workshops to train in an innovative writing program that is currently being used in classrooms. In addition, several junior high school teachers attended conferences in their respective subject areas. Representatives from each collaborative group, i.e., primary, upper elementary, junior high, and enrichment, meet monthly with administration to exchange ideas and information on how to improve instruction and school culture. Teachers in the Heritage Digital Academy are provided with time for professional development activities every Wednesday afternoon. In August 2012, all teachers in this program attended the AVID Summer Institute.