

Lamorinda Schools Stay on Top

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On August 31, the California Department of Education released its 2007 Accountability Progress Report, which is comprised of the state Academic Performance Index (API), the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), and the federal Program Improvement (PI).

The API is a numeric scale ranging from 200-1000 that reflects a school's or local agency's performance level based on the results of statewide testing. California's ultimate goal is to have all schools scoring 800 or better on the API. Nearly all of Lamorinda's public schools have been and remain over the 900 mark. This is good news for homeowners in the district, as consistently good scores reflect the added value of a top-notch school system to home buyers and sellers.

The Acalanes Union High School District's API of 882 was the highest in the state. In a statement released by the District Office, Superintendent Jim Negri said, "I am very pleased by the assessment results released today. The results are a strong indicator that the exemplary efforts and commitment of our teachers, support staff, administrators and community align with our continuous improvement efforts related to student learning and achievement."

All schools in the district measured academic growth under this index. Miramonte joins Campolindo in the select group of high schools scoring above 900.

Although API scores were somewhat lower than last year at many of Lamorinda's elementary and intermediate schools, all remain among the best in the state with bragging rights to scores of 900 or more. Gains were made by Lafayette Elementary, Camino Pablo Elementary, Wagner Ranch Elementary and Joaquin Moraga Intermediate. In overall district scores, Orinda was down eight points from last year with an API of 950, Moraga was up five points to 943, and Lafayette dropped seven points to 913.

The results of the 2007 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program and the 2007 California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) were used in calculating the 2007 Growth API. For more information or to view the complete API reports go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/>.

"Academic Performance Index Scores for Lamorinda Elementary and Intermediate Schools, 2006 Base and 2007 Growth"

	2006	2007
Orinda Union School District	958	950
Del Rey	971	953
Glorietta	960	950
Sleepy Hollow	980	979
Wagner Ranch	950	955
Orinda Intermediate	not available	941
Lafayette School District	920	913
Burton Valley	937	932
Happy Valley	948	948
Lafayette	903	906
Springhill	913	900
Stanley Middle	914	904
Moraga School District	938	943
Camino Pablo	938	956
Los Perales	967	958
Rheem	964	959
JM Intermediate	920	929

"Academic Performance Index Scores for Acalanes Union High School District, 2006 Base and 2007 Growth"

	2006	2007
AUHSD	874	882
Acalanes	889	893
Campolindo	903	908
Las Lomas	839	840
Miramonte	893	905

"High-Performing High School District Comparison, 2006 Base and 2007 Growth**"

	2006	2007
Acalanes Union	869	882
Los Gatos/Saratoga	884	872
Tamalpais	816	849
Fremont Union	845	840
San Dieguito	835	830

* data provided by AUHSD



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