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I. Data and Access

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g. Academic Performance Index [API], Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP], test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

Internet Access

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II. About This School

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

Our Vision...

In fulfilling the SCCOE goal of becoming "models of excellence in student learning and well-being" we are committed to instruct, inspire and support our students by providing opportunities for them to discover their potential, develop their character, and maximize their learning so they may become self sufficient, life-long learners and world class citizens.

Our Mission...

Our students learn in a personalized environment that fosters human dignity and promotes academic, social, emotional and personal success.

Our Philosophy...

Our dedicated and caring staff believes that all students can learn, and that quality learning and teaching strategies will help students achieve success by:

- Teaching, and encouraging our students to succeed academically, behaviorally, and emotionally in a safe and secure environment of caring, respect, and acceptance.
- Building resiliency, independence and positive character.
- Focusing on each student's talents, learning styles and strengths.
- Promoting student learning through a rigorous, relevant, and realistic standards-based curriculum.
- Gathering data on student progress and adjusting instruction to maximize learning.
- Designing learning strategies that foster student success.
- Encouraging collaboration with parents, educators and community stakeholders

Our vision, mission and philosophy shapes the decisions made in the Alternative Schools Department. The majority of students in alternative schools are 1) high risk for behavioral or educational failure, 2) expelled or under disciplinary action, 3) wards of the court, 4) pregnant and/or parenting, 5) recovering dropouts. We recognize that our students are in need of basic academic and social skills which are necessary to lead successful lives in our culture. Therefore we work hard at teaching our students how to read and write with a facility of skill, how to operate efficiently in the world of mathematics, and how to make decisions and act in a pro-social, as opposed to anti-social manner.

We serve the critical educational needs of eligible students in Santa Clara County. Eligible students will be placed in our schools by the Probation Department. Since 1958, we have provided quality school services to delinquent, disruptive, disadvantaged, and disabled children and youth.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2009-10)

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This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parental involvement.

Parent/guardian involvement is actively sought and appreciated at Alternative Placement Academy. We understand that parent/guardian involvement to support the student's success in school is crucial and energetically solicited.

The following programs or organized activities are available for parental involvement:

The Parent Project which helps our parents:

- Prevent (or stop) children from using alcohol, other drugs and tobacco.
- Stop parent-child arguments forever
- Improve children's grades and school attendance.
- Recognize and prevent gang involvement.

School Site Council which works collaboratively with staff, students and administration to assist in the development of the school plan, budget and monitor our progress.

Parental Advisory Councils which meets monthly to discuss the campuses needs.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students
Total Enrollment	10

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	19	White	5
American Indian or Alaska Native		Two or More Races	
Asian	24	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	38
Filipino		English Learners	38
Hispanic or Latino	48	Students with Disabilities	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4		

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

Alternative Placement Academy has a comprehensive School Safety Plan.

The Plan includes the following areas:

- * Crisis response Handbook
- * Child abuse reporting procedures;
- * Emergency contact information and evacuation;
- * Policies regarding actions leading to suspension and/or expulsion;
- * Notification of uniform complaint procedures;
- * Sexual harassment policy; and
- * Procedures for safe ingress and egress of pupils;

The plan is updated and reviewed annually.

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	School			District		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	30
Expulsions	0	0	0	0	0	0

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms based on the most recent data available, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

APA is held in a classroom on the County Community site called Novo.
This site is located in a suburban area of san jose.

School Facility Good Repair Status. (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

Inspected On:	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
System Inspected	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	—	✔	—	—	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	—	✔	—	—	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	—	✔	—	—	
Electrical: Electrical	—	✔	—	—	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	—	✔	—	—	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	—	✔	—	—	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	—	✔	—	—	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	—	✔	—	—	
Overall Rating	—	✔	—	—	

V. Teachers

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 on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10
Teachers with Full Credential	3	2	1	46
Teachers without Full Credential	0	1	0	2
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	N/A

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Indicator	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by Highly Qualified Teachers as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in a school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. High poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under the ESEA can be found on the CDE Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100	0
All Schools in District	62	38
High-Poverty Schools in District		
Low-Poverty Schools in District		

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2009-10)

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. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1	25
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0	N/A
Psychologist	0	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0	N/A
Resource Specialist (non - teaching)	0	N/A
Other	1	N/A

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Description of school's program towards meeting William's Settlement Requirements

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school; whether the textbooks and instructional materials are from the most recent adoption (yes/no); and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials	Most Recent SBE or Local Governing Agency Approved Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Character based Literacy Write Source	0	
Mathematics	AGS series: Algebra, Consumer Mathematics, Algebra II and Geometry	0	
Science	Holt Physical Science Prentice Hall - Biology Holt Earth Science Holt- Biology	0	
History-Social Science	Prentice Hall, The Modern Era World History Prentice Hall, United States History: Modern	0	
Foreign Language	N/A	0	
Health	Glencoe - Health, A Guide to Wellness	0	
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	multiple programs online as well as on CD: Some titles include: * Forensic Science Labs * Earth Science Labs * Biology Science Labs	0	
Visual and Performing Arts	N/A	0	

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

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 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental / Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic/ Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$12,103.00	\$3,340.00	\$8,763.00	\$103,354.00
District	N/A	N/A		
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A		
State	N/A	N/A		
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A		

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services (e.g., information about supplemental educational services related to the school's federal Program Improvement status) that are provided at the school through either categorical funds or other sources.

EIA funding provides supplemental materials for EL students.

School safety funding provides counseling and supplemental services for at-risk students.

Staff development funding provides for professional development and teacher stipends.

Title I funding has provided:

- Supplemental safety programs
- Supplemental counseling programs

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

This table displays district salaries 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 based on the salary schedule. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$56,000	
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$72,000	
Highest Teacher Salary	\$120,000	
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)		
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$106,000	
Superintendent Salary	\$284,000	
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	66	
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	9	

IX. Student Performance

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 assessments under the STAR program 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 nine through eleven. The CAPA includes ELA and mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations. The CMA is an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for grades three through nine, mathematics for grades three through seven and Algebra I and science in grades five, eight, and ten. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2009 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/pkt5intrpts09.pdf>. Note: Scores are not shown 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. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

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			District			State		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
English-Language Arts		4	13		49	53		50	52
Mathematics					46	52		46	48
Science			0		42	48		50	54
History-Social Science		0	0		19	34		41	44

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA				
All Students at the School				
Male				
Female				
Black or African American	*	*		
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	8			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2009-10)

The California Physical Fitness Test 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. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the CDE Physical Fitness Testing Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. Note: Scores are not shown 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. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5			
7			
9	29	25	18

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found at the CDE Academic Performance Index (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	2007	2008	2009
Statewide			
Similar Schools			

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

This table displays, by student group, the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years. Note: N/A means that the student group is not numerically significant or data were not available.

Group	Actual API Change		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
All Students at the School			
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
White			N/A
Two or More Races			0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group - 2010 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the 2010 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2010 Growth API		
	School	LEA	State
All Students at the School	628	595	767
Black or African American			685
American Indian or Alaska Native			728
Asian			889
Filipino			851
Hispanic or Latino		487	715
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			754
White			838
Two or More Races			807
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged		514	712
English Learners		505	691
Students with Disabilities		540	580

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act 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)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the six AYP criteria described above.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	No	No
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	No
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	No
API	No	No
Graduation Rate	Yes	Pend

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2010-11)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2010-11	2007-2008
Year in Program Improvement	Year 1	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	4
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	100

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

After analysis of student data and evaluating our progress we are continuing programs and developing new professional development opportunities on:

- Differentiated instructional practices:
- Ongoing support for improving school climate and creating an environment that is accepting and understanding of differences.
- Critical thinking and problem solving strategies
- Continued work on developing Professional learning teams
- Working with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- Programs for EL
- Multiple learning intervention programs: ALEKS, My Access, Adobe Voice