

School Fact Sheet, 2008–2009

FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thornton Junior High School

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PRINCIPAL: Phyllis Hamilton **GRADE RANGE:** 7–8 **SCHEDULE:** Traditional

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Teachers

| KEY FACTOR | OUR SCHOOL | COUNTY AVG | STATE AVG |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|
| Number of teachers (FTE) | 41 | 26 | 28 |
| Students per teacher | 25 | 21 | 22 |
| Average years of teaching experience | 15 | 11 | 12 |
| Teachers with one or two years of teaching experience | 2% | 20% | 12% |
| Full credential holders | 98% | 89% | 95% |
| Trainee credential holders | 5% | 8% | 4% |
| Emergency permit holders | 5% | 5% | 2% |

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent middle schools only. Because teachers can hold more than one type of credential, percentages rarely add up to 100 percent.

Our teachers bring an average of 15 years of teaching experience to their classes. About 98 percent have a full credential. Statewide about 95 percent of middle school teachers hold this credential.

Average Class Sizes

| CORE COURSE | OUR SCHOOL | COUNTY AVG | STATE AVG |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| English | 29 | 25 | 25 |
| History/social science | 32 | 28 | 28 |
| Math | 32 | 26 | 27 |
| Science | 32 | 28 | 28 |

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent middle schools only.

The average class size of core courses varies at our school from a low of 29 students to a high of 32 students. Our average class size for all classes schoolwide is 33 students. The average class size schoolwide for other middle schools in the state is 27 students.

Students

| KEY FACTOR | OUR SCHOOL | COUNTY AVG | STATE AVG |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|
| Number of students | 1,018 | 541 | 605 |
| English Learners | 9% | 17% | 20% |
| Low-income students | 23% | 44% | 55% |
| Students whose parents attended/graduated college | 79% | 66% | 55% |

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent middle schools only.

The factors above may affect students' performance in school.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

A complete annual accountability report for our school is available on our district Web site. You can request printed copies of this report at our school or district office. For more information, contact the district at:

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4210 Technology Dr.
Fremont, CA 94537
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To view this report and the reports of other schools in our district online, please visit our Web site at:
<http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/>

This data is current as of September 2009 but is subject to change. Facts about teachers and students are from the census of early October 2008. Testing data is based on tests taken in the spring of 2009. The CDE issued API and AYP results in September 2009.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

California Standards Tests

This series of tests is based on what California students are expected to know and learn at each grade level.

Student Proficiency

BAR GRAPHS SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

FAR BELOW BASIC **BELOW BASIC** **BASIC** **PROFICIENT** **ADVANCED**

| SUBJECT | PERCENT PROFICIENT OR HIGHER | LOW SCORES | HIGH SCORES |
|---------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
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English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

| | | |
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| Our school | 72% | |
| Calif. middle schools | 50% | |

Math (excluding Algebra)

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| Our school | 68% | |
| Calif. middle schools | 44% | |

Algebra

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| Our school | 58% | |
| Calif. middle schools | 45% | |

History/Social Science

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| Our school | 67% | |
| Calif. middle schools | 42% | |

Science

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| Our school | 74% | |
| Calif. middle schools | 54% | |

SOURCE: The scores for the California Standards Tests are from the spring 2009 test cycle. State averages represent middle schools only.

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We use two measures to track our school's academic achievement over time: the Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). These measures combine test results differently and often provide differing views of student progress.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API): This is California's way of rating schools. Using student test scores, the API places schools on a scale from 200 to 1000. Our school's API was 868, compared with 760 for the average middle school. The state expects schools to attain an API of 800 eventually.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP): This is a federal measure that requires schools to meet test score goals schoolwide and for all subgroups* of students. We met 28 out of 29 criteria for yearly progress. Because we fell short in one area, we did not make AYP. Note that the number of criteria may vary from school to school.

| CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX | | FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS | |
|--|------------|---|------------|
| Met schoolwide growth target | Yes | Met AYP | No |
| Met growth target for prior school year | Yes | Met schoolwide test participation rate | Yes |
| API | 868 | Met schoolwide test score goals | Yes |
| Growth attained from prior year | +31 | Met subgroup* test participation rate | Yes |
| Met subgroup* growth targets | No | Met subgroup* test score goals | No |
| | | Met API for AYP | Yes |
| | | Program Improvement school | No |

SOURCE: API growth score, 2009 test cycle. API and AYP current as of September 2009.
* Numerically significant groups, such as English Learners and ethnic groups, with separate API and AYP goals.
N/A Data unavailable or unreported; statistically insignificant number of valid test scores; testing data under review; or school uses alternative accountability measures.



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