



# Cupertino Union School District

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## **Cupertino Union School District Continues to Exhibit Outstanding Academic Student Achievement**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 – The Cupertino Union School District is pleased to announce that test scores have once again met standards for academic excellence established by both the State of California and the federal government, according to the 2009 Accountability Progress Report (APR) recently released by the California Department of Education.

The Cupertino Union School District's overall API score of 948 represents an improvement of 10 points from last year's results. This is the seventh year in a row that the district has shown improvement. All of the Cupertino Union School District schools receiving an API score exceeded the state target of 800, with 20 schools scoring above 900.

The district has 23 schools showing improvement over last year's totals with 12 schools exhibiting double-digit growth. The most significant gains were registered by De Vargas Elementary School (+37 points), John Muir Elementary School (+22 points), Meyerholz Elementary School (+21 points), Hyde Middle School (+21 points) and Montclair Elementary School (+20 points).

Murdock-Portal Elementary School and Faria Elementary School are top achievers in the state with rankings of #1 and #2 respectively. Regarding middle school rankings, Miller Middle School is number #2 in the state followed by Kennedy and Lawson, with rankings of #4 and #6 respectively. As a district, the Cupertino Union School District ranks #9 out of the over 1000 school districts in the state. It is the highest achieving Local Educational Agency (LEA) in the state with an ADA over 3,300 students.

The Cupertino Union School District also performed well above federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) standards with 87.0% of students scoring proficient or above in English/language arts, and 87.4% of students scoring proficient or above in mathematics. The state/federal government currently requires that 46% of students score proficient or above in English/language arts and 47.0% of students score proficient or above in mathematics.

### **About Cupertino Union School District**

The Cupertino Union School District is made up of 20 elementary schools and 5 middle schools. It serves 17,900 students in a richly diverse community representing 46 different languages in a 26-square mile area that includes the city of Cupertino and portions of San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and Saratoga.

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