

School Fact Sheet, 2007–2008

ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ross Elementary School

ADDRESS: 9 Lagunitas Ave., Ross, CA 94957 **PHONE:** (415) 457-2705 **SCHEDULE:** Traditional

PRINCIPAL: Carole Ramsey (interim), Kathleen Slowiczek (effective 1/5/09) **GRADE RANGE:** K–8

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Teachers

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of teachers (FTE)	29	15	21
Students per teacher	13	16	20
Average years of teaching experience	9	11	12
Teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	27%	19%	14%
Full credential holders	93%	95%	95%
Trainee credential holders	3%	3%	3%
Emergency permit holders	3%	2%	2%

SOURCE: 2007 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent K–8 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 nine years of teaching experience to their classes. About 93 percent have a full credential. Statewide about 95 percent of K–8 school teachers hold this credential.

Average Class Sizes

GRADE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Kindergarten	15	19	19
First grade	13	18	19
Second grade	13	17	19
Third grade	15	16	20
Fourth grade	21	21	27
Fifth grade	21	22	28
Sixth grade	N/A	13	27

COURSE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
English	17	19	25
History/social science	20	21	27
Math	17	19	25
Science	19	19	28

SOURCE: 2007 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent K–8 schools only.

Average class sizes in our elementary grades vary from a low of 13 students to a high of 21 students. In our middle school grades, the average class size of core courses ranges from 17 to 20 students.

Students

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of students	374	237	417
English learners	1%	23%	24%
Low-income students	N/A	52%	56%

SOURCE: 2007 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent K–8 schools only.

The factors above may affect students' performance in school. Most of the three students at our school designated as English Learners speak Hebrew at home.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

A complete annual accountability report for our school is available on our district Web site. For more information, contact the district at:

Ross Elementary School District
Lagunitas and Allen Avenues
Ross, CA 94957
(415) 457-2705

To view this report and the reports of other schools in our district online, please visit our Web site at:
<http://rossschool.net>

This data is current as of November 2008 but is subject to change. Facts about teachers and students are from the census of early October 2007. Testing data is based on tests taken in the spring of 2008. The CDE issued API and AYP results in November 2008.

Note that only eight schools are included in the county average.

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

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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)

Our school	88%	
Calif. K–8 schools	48%	

Math (excluding Algebra)

Our school	85%	
Calif. K–8 schools	54%	

Algebra

Our school	57%	
Calif. K–8 schools	36%	

History/Social Science

Our school	88%	
Calif. K–8 schools	35%	

Science

Our school	88%	
Calif. K–8 schools	48%	

SOURCE: The scores for the California Standards Tests are from the spring 2008 test cycle. State averages represent K–8 schools only.

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The state of California uses 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 922, compared with 767 for the average K–8 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 all nine criteria for yearly progress. As a result, we succeeded at making 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	Yes
Met growth target for prior school year	Yes	Met schoolwide test participation rate	Yes
API score	922	Met schoolwide test score goals	Yes
Growth attained from prior year	-9	Met subgroup* test participation rate	Yes
Met subgroup* growth targets	Yes	Met subgroup* test score goals	Yes
		Met API for AYP	Yes
		Program Improvement school	No

SOURCE: API growth score, 2008 test cycle. API and AYP current as of November 2008.
*—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.

