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SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD



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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

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

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.

Charles Helmers Elementary School serves approximately 900 students in kindergarten through sixth grade on an academic year calendar which begins in August and ends in June.

Our school is privileged to have a high level of parental support. Volunteers work at the school daily to assist in the classroom, library, and office. Parents also serve on school and district committees. Anyone interested in volunteering at our school should contact the school office for information. Technology, music, and fine arts continue to be supported by our parents and the business community.

Weekly newsletters inform parents and students about important items and events. Our mission statement expresses our intent: Helmers Elementary School is committed to the development of a strong community of lifelong learners, decision makers, and persons of character, one student at a time.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2009-10)

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

Helmers Elementary School is privileged to have outstanding parental involvement. Our PTA is very active and supports us both in the individual classrooms as well as school wide. At any given time scores of volunteers are on campus assisting us in innumerable ways. We invite you to visit us, register in the office, put on a name tag and see excellence in action.

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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
Kindergarten	111
Grade 1	113
Grade 2	120
Grade 3	122
Grade 4	140
Grade 5	120
Grade 6	133
Total Enrollment	859

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	2.38 %	White	61.93 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.68 %	Two or More Races	0.34 %
Asian	13.06 %	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	6.00 %
Filipino	6.70 %	English Learners	5.00 %
Hispanic or Latino	14.09 %	Students with Disabilities	12.00 %
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.79 %		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

This table displays, by grade level, the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Grade Level	2007-08				2008-09				2009-10			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	18.0	6			19.0	6			20.9	2	3	
1	20.0	6			20.0	7			21.8		5	
2	20.0	8			20.0	7			21.0	1	5	
3	20.0	7			20.0	7			22.9		5	
4	29.0	1	2	2	29.0		4		27.1		5	
5	29.0		6		32.0		4	1	29.9		4	
6	29.0		5		30.0		5		32.4		1	3
K-3												
3-4												
4-8												
Other												

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2009-10)

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

A comprehensive School Safety Plan developed under SB18 guidelines addresses each of the following four goals:

- All students and staff members are provided a safe teaching and learning environment.
- All students are safe and secure while at school and when traveling to and from school.
- District programs and approved community resources are made available to students and parents.
- Schools provide the educational environment where students, parents, staff, and community members shall effectively communicate in a manner that is respectful to all cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds.

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	0.4	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	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.

Students, staff, and parents take pride in our school. Our custodians ensure a clean, safe environment where learning takes place. Students participate in character-building programs which help instill a sense of pride in our campus while reinforcing environmental responsibility. Campus supervisors work closely with staff to see that children enjoy safe activities.

A district/school safety committee inspects the campus on a regular basis. Students take part in monthly fire and earthquake drills to ensure preparedness in the event of an emergency. As part of our disaster preparedness plan, our PTA supplies us with food, water and other necessities in the event of a disaster.

The district-operated parent-supported childcare program on campus provides reasonably priced, safe, supervised before and after school care.

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	—	✓	—	—	carpets need replacing, ballasts need upgrading (done 7/2010)
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	—	✓	—	—	ramps need repairs (done)
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	45	45	44	495
Teachers without Full Credential	1	0	0	0
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	3	5	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	3	5	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	
All Schools in District	100	
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	0	0
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	0.8	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0.2	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.5	N/A
Resource Specialist (non - teaching)	2	N/A
Other	1.05	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	Certified 2010	0 %	Scott Foresman K-2, Houghton Mifflin 3-6
Mathematics	Certified 2010	0 %	MacMillan K-6
Science	Certified 2010	0 %	Mac Millan K-5, Harcourt 6
History-Social Science	Certified 2010	0 %	Scott Foresman K-5, Harcourt 6
Foreign Language			
Health			
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)			
Visual and Performing Arts			

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	\$5,388.56	\$367.58	\$5,020.98	\$73,478.00
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,015.75	\$71,062
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	0.10 %	3.40 %
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,681	\$68,212
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-11.62 %	7.72 %

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.

State and federal specially-funded programs at our school include: Standards-based Textbooks and Materials purchases, Gifted and Talented student instruction, English Language Learner services, School Improvement activities, and library funding for the site and kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms.

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	\$41,025	\$41,988
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$74,323	\$68,649
Highest Teacher Salary	\$88,042	\$87,156
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$121,171	\$109,026
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		\$112,489
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$113,872
Superintendent Salary	\$174,346	\$181,890
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	34.70 %	42.50 %
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.40 %	5.50 %

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	78	79	83	66	71	70	46	50	52
Mathematics	76	76	81	68	70	72	43	46	48
Science	76	73	83	65	65	71	46	50	54
History-Social Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	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	69.8	74.3	72	
All Students at the School	83.5	81	82	
Male	80	80	81	
Female	86	82	84	
Black or African American	72	61	*	
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	
Asian	89	91	10	
Filipino	85	79	*	
Hispanic or Latino	76	73	79	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	
White	84	82	81	
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	53	61	54	
English Learners	45	45		
Students with Disabilities	54	47	42	
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	3.3	16.7	74.2
7			
9			

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	10	9	9
Similar Schools	7	3	2

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	-16	3	24
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			38
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	-15	2	21
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

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	915	866	767
Black or African American		824	685
American Indian or Alaska Native			728
Asian		944	889
Filipino		917	851
Hispanic or Latino	892	804	715
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			754
White	916	883	838
Two or More Races			807
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged		765	712
English Learners		777	691
Students with Disabilities		693	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	Yes	No
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	No
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

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		Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	6.7

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.

Professional growth activities are planned annually based on current needs and input received from staff. For each of the last three years the teachers' work calendar has included three professional development days. Workshops on professional effectiveness and classroom skills focus on reading and math standards and alignment with classroom curriculum. Training components include state requirements for teachers hired due to class size reduction.

Committees comprised of teachers and administrators reviewed the state standards and adapted them for our curriculum for mathematics, language arts, history-social science and science. These standards-based documents are the foundation for what is taught and assessed in our district.