



MURWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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GRADES K-5

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Principal's Message

Murwood School's Mission and Vision Statement: "In a child-centered challenging environment, which cultivates character and celebrates learning, the families, community and staff of Murwood School will develop literate, exemplary learners who are highly motivated, creative and responsive. All students will leave Murwood School prepared for success in the middle school grades."

The community of Murwood School is proud, enthusiastic, and committed to preparing our students for success in middle school. The staff is highly trained, capable, and dedicated with an interest in school reform. Murwood School initiated a site level strategic planning process in December 1996. With broad community participation, strategies were identified, and vision and mission statements were created. Each year this planning process is revisited and areas of focus are deepened or developed. The action steps developed in each area of focus are then implemented in the upcoming year.

The school has a long tradition of parent involvement as evidenced by countless volunteer hours, participation in site governance, strategic planning, and fundraising activities to support uplifting and inspiring programs. In addition, there is a strong link between the District office, regional, and community resources that enriches our school.

Murwood School—a California Distinguished School in 1989, 1995, 2000, and again in 2008—is located in a quiet residential neighborhood in Walnut Creek. The 415 culturally diverse students are from high-income professional to low-income families. Approximately 20% of the students have a first language other than English, with 20 different languages represented. Our English Language Learners have increased from 30 to 78 in the past six years.

Our school staff consists of a principal, 17 credentialed classroom teachers, 1 SDC teacher, a 0.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) instructional coach, a 1.0 FTE resource specialist, and 29 full- or part-time support personnel consisting of an office manager, speech and language therapist, psychologist, English Language Development (ELD) specialist, Community Liaison, para-professionals, custodians, cafeteria manager and assistant, Music, Science, Art and P.E. specialists. In addition to District support personnel, Murwood has a District music teacher to coordinate the fourth and fifth grade band program. The District also has a school nurse.

Parental Involvement

Our active parent community plays a vital role in encouraging a positive environment at Murwood. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in a variety of programs which support student learning. In addition to volunteering in the classrooms, library media center, science lab, and school level programs (such as Noon League, and the Murwood Network News Program) parents serve as active members on the following leadership committees: Site Governing Council, Technology Committee, Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Strategic Planning Team, Community Coordinating Council, and the Walnut Creek Education Foundation.

Through its various successful fundraising activities the PTA supports many schoolwide instructional programs including the Science program and Soul Shoppe, character education program. The PTA donates funds to purchase supplies for classrooms, hardware and software for our library media center, and technology upgrades for our classrooms.

With the help of parent volunteers, home-to-school interaction is facilitated by a quarterly, schoolwide newsletter, weekly e-news communication, and bound envelopes containing student work, notices, and teachers' notes. All classrooms are equipped with telephones, voice mail, and e-mail to further facilitate two-way communication between home and school.

Please contact PTA president Michele Fiquet at (925) 943-2462 for more information on how to become involved.



Walnut Creek School District

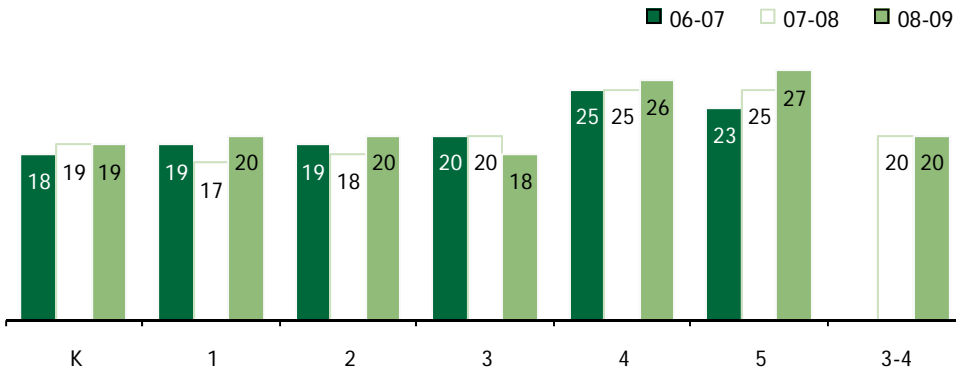
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Mission Statement

In a child-centered, academically challenging environment, which cultivates character and celebrates learning, the families, community and staff of the Walnut Creek School District, as partners, will develop creative, exemplary learners with the skills and enthusiasm to shape a changing world.

Class Size

The bar graph displays the three-year data for average class size.



Class Size Distribution – Number of Classrooms By Size

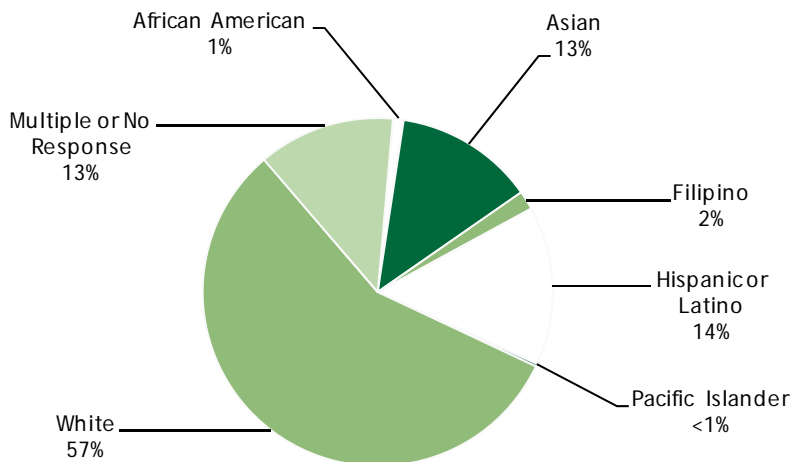
Grade	06-07			07-08			08-09		
	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+
K	3			3			4		
1	4			3			3		
2	4			4			3		
3	3			2	1		4		
4		3			2			3	
5		3			3			2	
3-4				1			1		



A California Distinguished School in 1989, 1995, 2000, and 2008

Enrollment and Demographics

The total enrollment at the school was 402 students for the 2008-09 school year.



Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The State of California requires that each child have a current, Standards-based textbook in each of the four core areas of instruction. As a part of this requirement, Walnut Creek School District has purchased the latest editions for teaching language arts (reading, writing, speaking, and listening), science, social science, and mathematics. We are fortunate to have a music text (K-5) for our students and a music specialist who meets with all of the classes. Our foreign language texts are also up to date. Thus, all textbooks in the Walnut Creek School District are current, Standards-based, and State adopted from the most recent State-approved list consistent with the content and cycles of the Curriculum Frameworks, and adopted and approved by the State Board of Education.

We have an abundance of supplementary reading materials at varying levels of difficulty in each of our elementary classrooms that are integrated across all core curricular areas. These leveled reading materials provide students with experiences in reading narrative as well as expository text.

The District has affirmed that each pupil, including English Learners, have their own textbook to use in class and to take home.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials List

Subject	Textbook	Adopted
English-Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin, McDougal Littell	2004
Mathematics	Saxon 2, Houghton Mifflin, McDougal Littell, Prentice Hall <i>Algebra</i>	2009
Science	Pearson Scott Foresman	2008
History-Social Science	Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, Prentice Hall, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill	2006

Note: This data was most recently collected and verified in January 2010.

Professional Development

All professional growth is determined by the schoolwide and District strategic planning process, which is ongoing throughout the school year and culminates with an update in the spring of each year. Planning teams include all school and community stakeholders and the work is based on site-based needs assessments.

As a "community of learners," each staff member participates in personal growth and also in collegial study. As each school identifies an area of the curriculum to improve, staff members meet by grade level or departments to study the test scores or student behaviors and determine how to improve them through research and improved practice. At the K-5 level, teachers meet as a grade level group each week for 2.25 hours to study on a regular basis throughout the year. An instructional coach who also provides individual coaching facilitates two meetings per month. At the intermediate level, staff development activities are planned for "late start Wednesdays" each week, as well as during department release days. Department chairs have two preparation periods during the day to enable them to support their colleagues' work.

Individual teachers attend workshops and classes and read on their own to keep their skills current with research about learning. Some examples are attendance at various conferences: Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) National Convention (Confratute), Reading Recovery, technology, math, and Mosaic of Thought comprehension strategies. Teachers attend training sessions in Junior Great Books, differentiated instruction, Special Education, School Assistance programs, and in all the core curricular areas. Beginning teachers participate in a two-year induction program with an on-site mentor who is trained through the Santa Cruz New Teacher Center.

For the past four years, we have had five days each school year dedicated to staff and professional development. The District ensures that the agendas for these professional growth days are tied to areas defined by the strategic plan. For 2008-09, the District focus areas were writing and Narrowing the Achievement Gap.

Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The following lists the percentage of pupils who lack their own assigned textbooks and instructional materials:

Percentage of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Reading/Language Arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History-Social Science	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	✧
Foreign Language	✧
Health	✧
✧ Not applicable.	



School Facility Good Repair Status

The table below shows the results of the school's most recent inspection using the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) or equivalent school form. This inspection determines the school facility's good repair status using ratings of good condition, fair condition, or poor condition.

School Facility Conditions and Improvements				
Items Inspected	Repair Status			
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Systems and Pipes, Mechanical Systems (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), Sewer	✓			
Interior: Interior Surfaces (floors, ceilings, walls, and window casings)	✓			
Cleanliness: Pest/Vermin Control, Overall Cleanliness (school grounds, buildings, rooms, and common areas)	✓			
Electrical: Electrical Systems (interior and exterior)	✓			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Drinking Fountains (interior and exterior)	✓			
Safety: Fire Safety Equipment, Emergency Systems, Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior)	✓			
Structural: Structural Condition, Roofs <u>Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned:</u> Roof needs to be repaired (scheduled for July of 2011)		✓		
External: Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences, Playgrounds/School Grounds	✓			
Overall Summary of Facility Conditions				
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	✓			

Note: The most recent school site inspection occurred on September 1, 2009, and the inspection form was most recently completed on October 1, 2009.

School Facilities

The Murwood School facility has 16 classrooms, a library media center, a Reading Recovery room, counseling and speech rooms, and a large multipurpose room located in the main building. There are six additional permanent portables on the campus which house, 3 classrooms, the resource room, art room, and science room. The school was built in 1955 and has been maintained and renovated extensively over the years.

Students work in well lighted, heated and cooled classrooms. The entire site is well maintained to provide a positive teaching and learning environment. Every classroom has a telephone with access to an outside line, Internet access, and a TV. Most classrooms have also been furnished with a LCD projector and a document camera.

The Library Media Center is equipped with 15 iMacs, 15 iBooks, three computer search stations, printers, scanner, and an LCD display projector. To support student reading, our library has a large inventory of leveled reading materials that teachers use to differentiate reading instruction. In addition to printed materials, the library is equipped with a TV, document camera, VCR, and videos. The carpet in the Library Media Center was replaced in the summer of 2009.

School Facilities

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The classrooms, common areas, and grounds are kept clean and in excellent repair by 1.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) site custodians and District maintenance staff. All restrooms are cleaned daily. Custodial staff is on duty from 6:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday cleaning the entire facility.

Students are supervised on the playground before school and during recess by certificated staff. During lunch, noon duty supervisors ensure that students' play is safe and that students are following school rules. After-school teachers supervise the pick up area at the front of the school. Throughout the school day, parents and community members volunteering at Murwood sign-in and out at the main office and wear a visitor's badge while on the school grounds.

Through our current Bond measure, we are currently in the planning phases of modernizing and upgrading our playground, equipment, and track and field.

The District participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides State-matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components. Typically, this includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior or exterior painting, and floor systems. For the 2009-10 school year, the District budgeted \$282,588 for the Deferred Maintenance Program. This represents 1.2% of the District's general fund budget.



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National Assessment of Educational Progress

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a nationally representative assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. Student scores for reading and mathematics are reported as performance levels (i.e., Basic, Proficient, and Advanced) and the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners is reported based on three levels (Identified, Excluded, and Assessed). Detailed information regarding the NAEP results for each grade level, performance level, and participation rate can be found on the NAEP Web page at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>.

NAEP Reading and Mathematics Results: Grades 4 and 8

This table displays the scale scores and achievement levels on the NAEP for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) for grades four and eight.

NAEP Reading and Mathematics Results for Grades 4 and 8				
	Reading 2007		Mathematics 2009	
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 4	Grade 8
Average Scale Score				
State	209	251	232	270
National	220	261	239	282
State Percent at Each Achievement Level				
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 4	Grade 8
Basic	30%	41%	41%	36%
Proficient	18%	20%	25%	18%
Advanced	5%	2%	5%	5%

NAEP Reading and Mathematics Results: Students with Disabilities and/or English Language Learners by Grades 4 and 8

This table displays the state and national participation rates on the NAEP for reading (2007) and mathematics (2009) for students with disabilities and/or English language learners for grades four and eight.

NAEP Reading and Mathematics Results for Grades 4 and 8				
	Reading 2007		Mathematics 2009	
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 4	Grade 8
State Participation Rate				
Students with Disabilities	74%	78%	79%	85%
English Language Learners	93%	92%	96%	96%
National Participation Rate				
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 4	Grade 8
Students with Disabilities	65%	66%	84%	78%
English Language Learners	80%	77%	94%	92%



NAEP Testing Note: Only a sample group of California's schools and districts participate in the NAEP testing cycle. Therefore, students in any particular school or district may not be included in these results. NAEP results reflect state level student performance and is not reflective of either the district or the individual school. Also, comparisons of student performance on the NAEP and student performance on the STAR Program assessments cannot be made because there are key differences between the two testing programs. For example, the two assessments test students in different grade levels and the tests are based on a different set of standards. For more information on the differences between the NAEP and STAR, please visit CDE's NAEP Web page at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/nr/.

STAR Results for All Students: Three-Year Comparison

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) results are reported as performance levels in order to compare student achievement to state standards. The five performance levels are: **Advanced** (*exceeds state standards*); **Proficient** (*meets state standards*); **Basic**; **Below Basic**; and **Far Below Basic**. Students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced level meet state standards in that content area. The tables below show the percentage of students that scored at Proficient or Advanced levels in English-language arts, mathematics, and science.

Percentage of Students Scoring At Proficient or Advanced Levels

	Murwood ES			Walnut Creek SD			California		
	06-07	07-08	08-09	06-07	07-08	08-09	06-07	07-08	08-09
English-Language Arts	79%	73%	73%	79%	80%	80%	43%	46%	50%
Mathematics	84%	78%	77%	77%	78%	75%	40%	43%	46%
Science	79%	79%	83%	74%	78%	80%	38%	46%	50%



Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key tests, including the California Standards Test (CST), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs are multiple choice tests in English-language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science for varying grade levels. Some grade levels also participate in an essay writing test.

The CSTs are used to determine students' achievement of the California Academic Content Standards. These standards describe the knowledge and skills that students are expected to learn at each grade level and subject.

The CMA is a modified assessment for students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP). It is designed to assess those students whose disabilities prevent them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the content standards with or without accommodations.

The CAPA is an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the CST with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations.

For a complete report on all tests, participation, groups, and their scores by grade level, please visit <http://star.cde.ca.gov/>. To learn more about the STAR Program, please visit the guide at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/starpkt5intrpts.pdf.

STAR Results by Student Group: English-Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

Percentage of Students Scoring At Proficient or Advanced Levels

Group	Spring 2009 Results		
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Male	70%	79%	80%
Female	77%	75%	88%
Economically Disadvantaged	46%	45%	❖
English Learners	45%	55%	❖
Students with Disabilities	33%	40%	❖
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	❖	❖	❖
African American	❖	❖	❖
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖
Asian	89%	95%	❖
Filipino	❖	❖	❖
Hispanic or Latino	51%	54%	❖
Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖
White	75%	81%	88%

❖ Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students tested in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.



Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. The API is a score on a scale of 200 to 1,000 that reflects a school's, district's or a student group's performance level, based on the results of statewide testing. An API score of 800 is set as the statewide target.

Each annual API reporting cycle includes a Base and a Growth API. The Base API starts the reporting cycle and is released approximately a year after testing (ie. The 2008 Base is calculated from results of statewide testing in spring 2008 but is released in May 2009). The Growth API is released after the Base API but is calculated from test results from the following year (ie. The Growth API is calculated from results of statewide testing in spring 2009 and released in August 2009). Therefore, for the 2008-09 API reporting cycle, the 2008 Base indicator and 2009 Growth indicator are used. To learn more about API, please visit the API information guide at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/documents/infoguide08.pdf and the API overview guide at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/documents/overview09.pdf.

Academic Performance Index Ranks

API Ranks – Three Year Comparison

	2006	2007	2008
Statewide API Rank	9	10	10
Similar Schools API Rank	4	8	7

Academic Performance Index Growth

API Growth by Student Group – Three Year Comparison

Group	Actual API Change			2009 Growth API Score
	06-07	07-08	08-09	
All Students at the School	33	-20	-5	887
African American	■	■	■	■
American Indian or Alaska Native	■	■	■	■
Asian	■	■	■	■
Filipino	■	■	■	■
Hispanic or Latino	■	■	■	■
Pacific Islander	■	■	■	■
White	46	-21	-9	908
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	■	■	■	■
English Learners	■	■	■	■
Students with Disabilities	■	■	■	■

■ Data are reported only for numerically significant groups.

API Testing Note: Assessment data are reported only for numerically significant groups. To be considered 'numerically significant' for the API, the group must have either: (1) at least 50 students with valid test scores who make up at least 15% of the total valid scores, or (2) at least 100 students with valid test scores.



Academic Performance Index Ranks

Schools are ranked in ten categories of equal size, called deciles, from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) based on their API Base reports. A school's "statewide rank" compares its API to the APIs of all other schools statewide of the same type (elementary, middle, or high school). A "similar schools" API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched similar schools. This table shows the school's three-year data for statewide API rank and similar schools API rank, for which information is available.

Academic Performance Index Growth

This table displays, by student group, the actual API change in points added or lost for the past three years, and the 2009 API score.



Adequate Yearly Progress

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all schools and districts meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements. To meet these standards, California public schools and districts must meet or exceed criteria in four target areas:

1. Participation rate on statewide assessments in English-language arts and mathematics
2. Percent of students scoring proficient on statewide assessments in English-language arts and mathematics
3. API scores
4. Graduation rate for high schools

The table displays whether or not the school and district made AYP overall and met each of the AYP criteria for 2008-09. For more information, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

Adequate Yearly Progress Criteria				
	Murwood ES		Walnut Creek SD	
Met Overall AYP	Yes		Yes	
AYP Criteria	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	English-Language Arts	Mathematics
Participation Rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
API	Yes		Yes	
Graduation Rate	✧		✧	

✧ Not applicable. The graduation rate for AYP criteria applies to high schools.

Federal Intervention Program

Schools and districts that receive Title I funding can enter Program Improvement (PI) if they fail to meet AYP over two consecutive years in the same content area (English-language arts or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). With each additional year they don't meet AYP, they advance to the next level of intervention. This table displays the 2009-10 Program Improvement status for the school and district. For more information, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

Federal Intervention Program		
	Murwood ES	Walnut Creek SD
Program Improvement Status	Not In PI	Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	✧	✧
Year in Program Improvement	✧	✧
Number of Schools Identified for Program Improvement	0	
Percent of Schools Identified for Program Improvement	0.0%	

✧ Not applicable.

California Physical Fitness Test

Each spring, all students in grades 5, 7, and 9 are required to participate in the California Physical Fitness Test (PFT). The State Board of Education designated the *Fitnessgram*® as the PFT for students in California public schools. The test measures six key fitness areas:

1. Aerobic Capacity
2. Body Composition
3. Flexibility
4. Abdominal Strength and Endurance
5. Upper Body Strength and Endurance
6. Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility

The goal of the *Fitnessgram*® is to assist students in establishing lifetime habits of regular physical activity. The table shows the percentage of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. For more detailed information on the California PFT, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/.

Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade 5	
Four of Six Standards	13.2%
Five of Six Standards	20.8%
Six of Six Standards	62.3%



Teacher Qualifications

This table shows information about teacher credentials and teacher qualifications. More information can be found by visiting <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teacher Credential Information				
	Walnut Creek SD	Murwood ES		
Teachers	08-09	06-07	07-08	08-09
With Full Credential	165	22	21	22
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence		0	0	0

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). Please note: Total teacher misassignments includes the number of misassignments of teachers of English Learners.

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions			
	Murwood ES		
	07-08	08-09	09-10
Teacher Misassignments of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers

NCLB requires that all teachers of core academic subject areas be "highly qualified." In general, for a teacher to be considered highly qualified, they must have a bachelor's degree, an appropriate California teaching credential, and have demonstrated competence for each core subject he or she teaches. The table displays data regarding NCLB compliant teachers from the 2008-09 school year. For more information on teacher qualifications related to NCLB, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tg.

No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers		
	Percent of Classes in Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
Murwood ES	100.0%	0.0%
All Schools in District	100.0%	0.0%
High-Poverty Schools in District	◆	◆
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100.0%	0.0%

NCLB Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student participation of approximately 75% or more in the free and reduced priced meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student participation of approximately 25% or less in the free and reduced priced meals program.

◆ Information not available.



Academic Counselors

This table displays information about academic counselors at the school.

Academic Counselors	
Number of Academic Counselors (FTE)	0.0
Ratio of Students Per Academic Counselor	◆
◆ Not applicable.	

School Support Staff

The following is a list of the support staff at the school and their full-time equivalent (FTE):

School Support Staff	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.0
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0.0
Psychologist	0.0
Social Worker	0.0
Nurse	0.0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.4
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.0
Other	0.0

School Safety

Murwood has a Comprehensive Safety Plan that is updated yearly. The plan includes emergency and disaster preparedness that includes intruder, fire, and earthquake drills and procedures; school discipline policies and actions leading to suspension or expulsion; procedures to notify staff of dangerous pupils; sexual harassment policy; and procedures for safe ingress and egress of pupils.

Each classroom has been equipped with an emergency backpack assembled by parent volunteers. Emergency supplies in our storage containers are inventoried and maintained annually. Schoolwide emergency drills are conducted monthly.

Our District nurse conducts vision and hearing screening on a regular basis. We are as concerned about our students' mental health as we are about their physical status. We have one licensed LCSW counselor who works with small groups of at-risk students and their parents. Our school psychologist makes referrals to the County Mental Health Services when appropriate.

All students at Murwood School deserve an orderly environment to maximize learning. The staff developed discipline guidelines to assist students, staff, and parents in managing standards of behavior. All classroom, school, playground, and cafeteria rules reflect these core beliefs:

- Concern for the health, safety, and welfare of our students
- Mutual respect among all people involved in the educational process
- Firmness, tempered with patience and understanding

Murwood uses the District-adopted Character Counts program along with Soul Shoppe to teach students the tools for positive interactions and conflict resolution.

The School Safety Plan was last reviewed, updated, and discussed with the school staff in November 2009.

Public Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (i.e., 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 at a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

Types of Services Funded

The following Federal and State funded programs are provided to schools in the Walnut Creek School District:

- Title I (Helping Disadvantaged Students Meet Standards)
- One reading full-time equivalent (Buena Vista/Murwood)
- Title II (Improving Teacher Quality)
- Title II Technology
- Title III (Limited English Proficient students)
- Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities)
- Title V (Innovative Programs)
- Economic Impact Aid/Limited English Proficient (EIA/LEP)
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)
- Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA)
- Class Size Reduction (CSR)
- Hourly Programs (extended day/year education)
- English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP)
- Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET)
- School Improvement Program (SIP)
- Art, Music, PE Grant (one-time funds)
- Art, Music, PE (ongoing funds)
- Instructional Materials Funds (IMF)
- Safety funds

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table shows the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the school's total enrollment) for the most recent three-year period.

Suspension Rate		
Murwood ES		
06-07	07-08	08-09
0.000	0.000	0.005
Walnut Creek SD		
06-07	07-08	08-09
0.068	0.047	0.043
Expulsion Rate		
Murwood ES		
06-07	07-08	08-09
0.000	0.000	0.000
Walnut Creek SD		
06-07	07-08	08-09
0.001	0.000	0.000



District Financial Data

District Salary Data		
Category	Walnut Creek SD	Similar Sized District
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$41,750	\$41,031
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$61,959	\$63,366
Highest Teacher Salary	\$79,143	\$80,596
Average Principal Salary (Elementary School)	\$114,899	\$100,937
Average Principal Salary (Middle School)	\$119,997	\$105,066
Superintendent Salary	\$180,500	\$147,438
Teacher Salaries – Percent of Budget	44.7%	40.6%
Administrative Salaries – Percent of Budget	6.0%	6.1%

District Financial Data

This table displays district teacher and administrative salary information and compares the figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Note the district salary data does not include benefits.



School Financial Data

The following table displays the school's average teacher salary and a breakdown of the school's expenditures per pupil from unrestricted and restricted sources.

School Financial Data	
	Murwood ES
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$6,142
Expenditures Per Pupil From Restricted Sources	\$965
Expenditures Per Pupil From Unrestricted Sources	\$5,178
Average Teacher Salary	\$66,497

Financial Data Comparison

The following table displays the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted sources and the school's average teacher salary and compares it to the district and state data.

Financial Data Comparison		
	Expenditures Per Pupil From Unrestricted Sources	Average Teacher Salary
Murwood ES	\$5,178	\$66,497
Walnut Creek SD	\$6,643	\$64,575
California	\$5,512	\$63,421
School and District – Percent Difference	-28.3%	+2.9%
School and California – Percent Difference	-6.5%	+4.6%



SARC: Data provided by the California Department of Education (CDE), school and the district office. For additional information on facts about California schools and districts, please visit DataQuest at <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>. DataQuest is an online resource that provides reports for accountability, test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing and data regarding English Learners.

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