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Palo Alto Unified School District's 2013 Growth API

PALO ALTO, CA - On August 29, 2013, the California Department of Education (CDE) released the 2013 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) report. The Palo Alto Unified School District Research, Evaluation & Assessment Department prepared the following analysis of the 2013 Growth API data for your review.

The Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999 established the API as part of a state accountability system. The API is a numeric index between 200 and 1000 which reflects school-wide and district-wide performance on tests in the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). The State Board of Education (SBE) has established an API score of 800 as the target to which all schools should aspire.

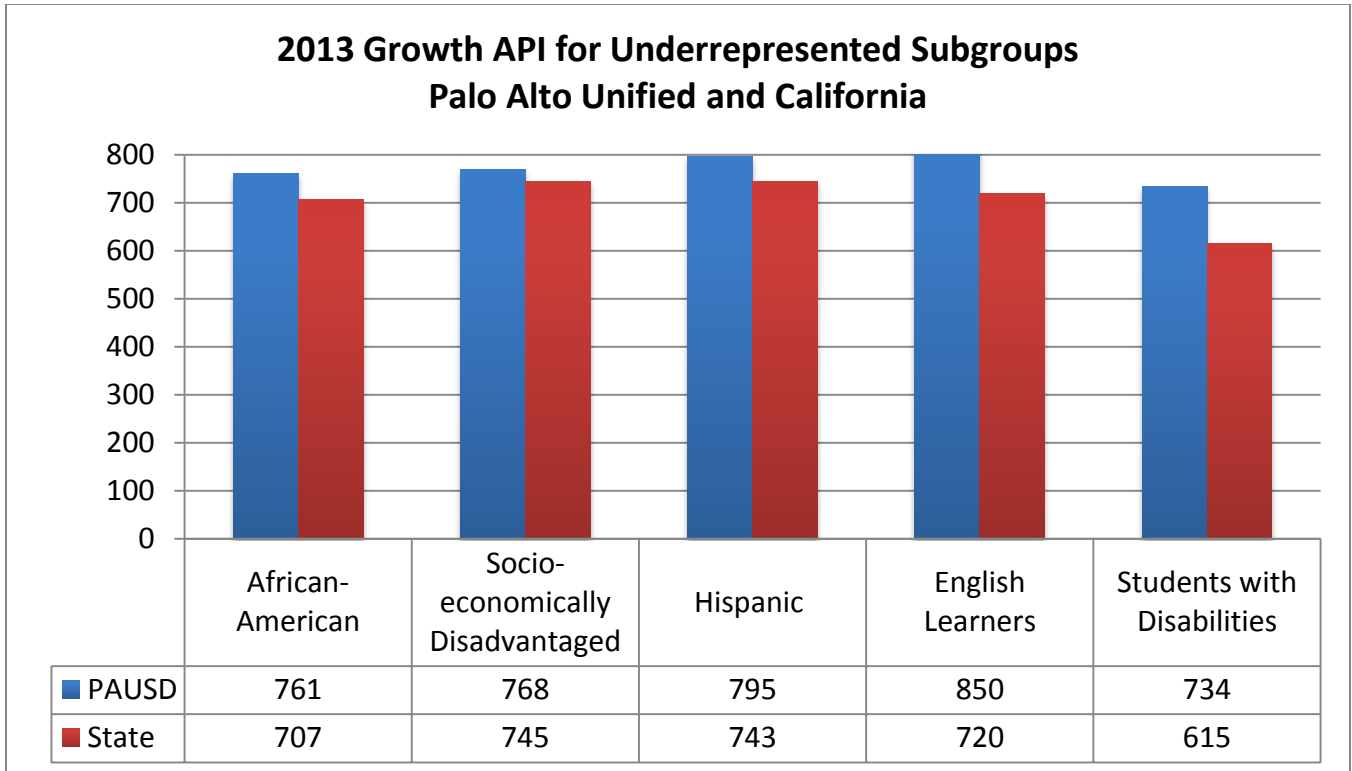
Each school has its own API Growth Target, and the target depends on the school's 2012 Base API. The 2013 Growth API is compared to the 2012 Base API to determine whether schools met their targets. API Growth Targets must be met school wide and by all student groups including ethnic subgroups and Socio-economically Disadvantaged, English Language Learners, and Students with Disabilities.

PAUSD is proud of the significant growth demonstrated in the Socio-economically Disadvantaged, African American, and Students with Disabilities subgroups. These groups increased well above the state level of achievement.

Key findings for the 2013 Growth API include:

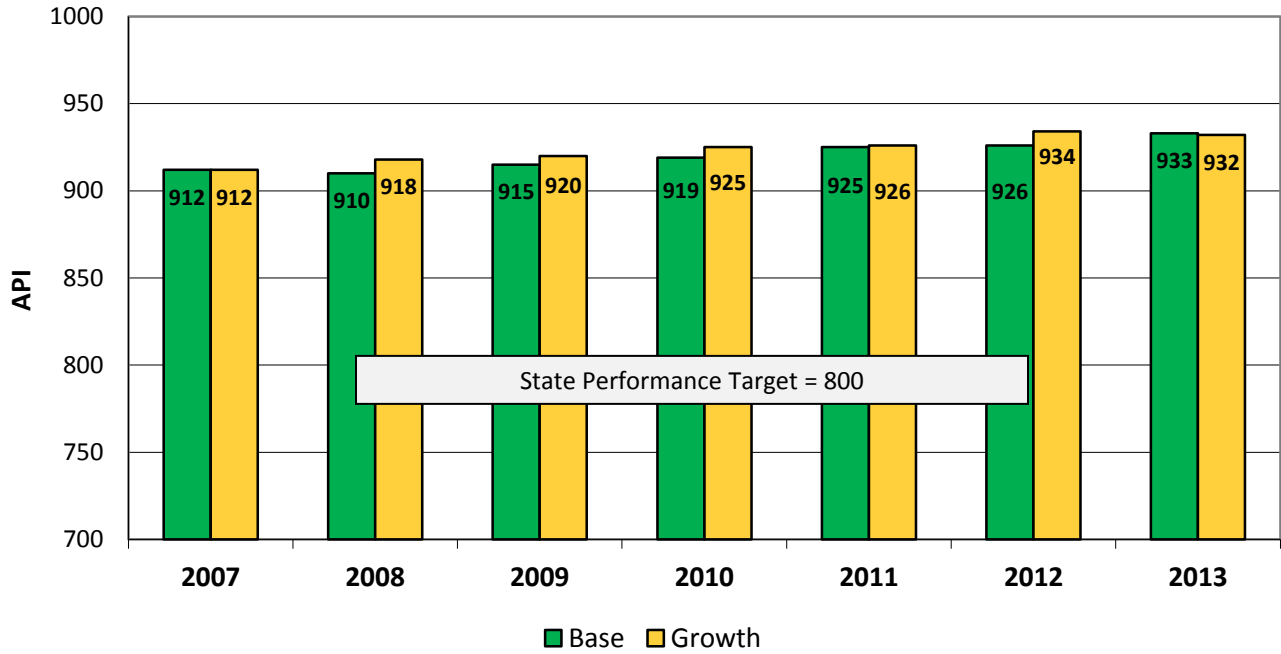
- In 2013, PAUSD saw a slight decrease in API from 933 (2012 Base API) to 932 (2013 Growth API), which mirrors the state and county changes.
- In 2013, PAUSD saw the greatest API gains across the sub groups representing students who are Socio-economically Disadvantaged, African-American and Students with Disabilities.
- In 2013, all of PAUSD's underrepresented subgroups outperformed their peers across the state.
- Seven PAUSD schools demonstrated an increase between their 2012 Base API and their 2013 Growth API, with the greatest gain at Ohlone Elementary, up 26 API points.
- Terman Middle School and JLS Middle School posted a record high API this year and are in the top 50 Middle Schools Statewide.
- Gunn and Palo Alto High Schools continue in the top 50 High Schools Statewide list.
- PAUSD continues to be one of the top ten K-12 school districts in the state.

Please see charts and graphs illustrating points within this press release below.



2012-13 District Results	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	2012-2013 API Growth	Students tested
Palo Alto Unified	933	932	-1	9,247
Numerically Significant Subgroups				
African American	745	761	16	225
Asian	978	976	-2	3,151
Hispanic or Latino	789	795	6	951
White, not Hispanic	941	941	0	4,211
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	753	768	15	875
English Learners	851	850	-1	1,064
Students with Disabilities	703	734	31	988

**Palo Alto Unified
Base and Growth API
2007 to 2013**



2012-13 District Results	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	2012-2013 API Growth
Palo Alto Unified	933	932	-1
<u>Elementary Schools</u>			
Addison	945	948	3
Barron Park	877	870	-7
Duveneck	974	956	-18
El Carmelo	959	944	-15
Escondido	937	927	-10
Fairmeadow	952	953	1
Herbert Hoover	995	987	-8
Juana Briones	942	941	-1
Lucile M. Nixon	956	955	-1
Ohlone	920	946	26
Palo Verde	959	961	2
Walter Hays	930	934	4
<u>Middle Schools</u>			
Jordan	947	934	-13
JLS	937	942	5
Terman	960	968	8
<u>High Schools</u>			
Gunn	918	917	-1
Palo Alto	906	905	-1

Santa Clara County Middle Schools Ranked in the Top 50 Statewide

Middle School	District	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	Top 50 M.S. Rank Statewide
John F. Kennedy Middle	Cupertino Union	985	986	1
Joaquin Miller Middle	Cupertino Union	987	983	4
Sam H. Lawson Middle	Cupertino Union	983	979	5
Ardis G. Egan Junior High	Los Altos Elementary	981	976	9
Terman Middle	Palo Alto Unified	960	968	13
Redwood Middle	Saratoga Union Elementary	979	965	14
Georgina P. Blach Junior High	Los Altos Elementary	971	957	23
Chaboya Middle	Evergreen Elementary	947	950	30
Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle	Palo Alto Unified	937	942	42

Santa Clara County High Schools Ranked in the Top 50 Statewide

High School	District	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	Top 50 H.S. Rank Statewide
Monta Vista High	Fremont Union High	957	956	4
Lynbrook High	Fremont Union High	946	942	8
Saratoga High	Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union	932	938	9
Dr. T. J. Owens Gilroy Early College Academy	Gilroy Unified	931	932	16
Henry M. Gunn High	Palo Alto Unified	918	917	31
Cupertino High	Fremont Union High	900	906	45
Palo Alto High	Palo Alto Unified	906	905	47

School Districts Ranked in the Top 10 Statewide

2012-13 District Results	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	2012-2013 API Growth	Students tested
San Marino Unified	955	953	-2	2,456
La Canada Unified	952	947	-5	3,184
Sunol Glen Unified	936	935	-1	202
Manhattan Beach Unifi	940	935	-5	5,136
Piedmont City Unified	940	933	-7	1,991
Palo Alto Unified	933	932	-1	9,247
Arcadia Unified	931	929	-2	7,359
Oak Park Unified	934	927	-7	3,512
Palos Verdes Peninsula	924	924	0	9,093
Irvine Unified	926	924	-2	21,385

The 20 Santa Clara County Elementary Schools with the Largest Gains in API

Elementary School	District	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	Change
Jeanne R. Meadows Elementary	Franklin-McKinley Elementary	770	825	55
Jackson Academy of Music and Math (JAMM)	Morgan Hill Unified	751	793	42
Voices College-Bound Language Academy	Franklin-McKinley Elementary	859	896	37
Almaden Elementary	San Jose Unified	773	807	34
Vargas Elementary	Sunnyvale	743	776	33
Barrett Elementary	Morgan Hill Unified	757	788	31
Robert F. Kennedy Elementary	Franklin-McKinley Elementary	773	800	27
Ohlone Elementary	Palo Alto Unified	920	946	26
Lyndale Elementary	Alum Rock Union Elementary	769	794	25
Stevenson Elementary	Mountain View Whisman	915	939	24
Rosemary Elementary	Campbell Union	811	835	24
Rucker Elementary	Gilroy Unified	781	805	24
William R. Rogers Elementary	Alum Rock Union Elementary	781	805	24
Blackford Elementary	Campbell Union	760	784	24
Del Roble Elementary	Oak Grove Elementary	769	788	19
Cadwallader Elementary	Evergreen Elementary	877	895	18
George Mayne Elementary	Santa Clara Unified	822	840	18
Lynhaven Elementary	Campbell Union	790	808	18
Frank L. Huff Elementary	Mountain View Whisman	941	958	17
A. J. Dorsa Elementary	Alum Rock Union Elementary	763	780	17

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