

Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2008-09

For Beach Elementary School

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This executive summary of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is intended to provide parents and community members with a quick snapshot of school accountability. The data presented in this report are reported for the 2008-09 school year. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should review the entire SARC or contact the school Principal or the District Office.

About This School

Beach School has adopted the Piedmont District Strategic Plan Mission Statement: "Piedmont Unified, an exemplary school district committed to public education, is dedicated to developing independent learners who are responsible, competent, collaborative, compassionate and intellectually curious, with a strong sense of self and community. Through quality instruction and shared leadership, the District will impart knowledge and promote creative and critical thinking in a safe, nurturing and challenging environment." At Beach School we strive to provide an enriched and exciting instructional program which addresses the special needs and many interests of all our students. Our learning environment is one in which students feel safe and supported. Beach School staff, students and parents take pride in our school and community.

Student Enrollment

<u>Group</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Number of students	283
African American	2.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	15.5%
Filipino	1%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%
Pacific Islander	.3%
White (not Hispanic)	59.7%
Multiple or No Response	18%
Socio-economically Disadvantaged	0%
English Learners	5.4%
Students with Disabilities	10.6%

Teachers

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Teachers with full credential	23
Teachers without full credential	0
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0
Miss-assignments of Teachers of English Learners	0
Total Teacher Miss-assignments	0

School Facilities

Summary of Most Recent Site Inspection

The most recent school site inspection showed all buildings and grounds to be in good repair. This includes 16 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a computer lab, a library, playgrounds/fields, and an administration building.

Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Core Curriculum Areas	Pupils Who Lack Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History-Social Science	0%
Foreign Language	0%
Health	0%
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	0%

School Finances

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted Sources Only)
School Site	\$11,738
District	\$11,738
State	\$8784

Student Performance

Subject	Students Proficient And Above On California standards Tests				
	Grade	2	3	4	5
English-Language Arts		90%	87%	99%	90%
Mathematics		90%	94%	97%	94%
Science					90%

Academic Progress

Indicator	Result
2009 API Growth Score (from 2009 API Growth Report)	971
Statewide Rank (from 2008 API Base Report)	10
2008-09 Program Improvement Status (PI Year)	n/a

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The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available at the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school Principal or the District Office. *DataQuest*, an online data tool at <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>, contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the District, the county, and the state.

I. Data and Access

DataQuest is an online data tool 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).

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2008-09)

School		District	
School Name	Beach Elementary	District Name	Piedmont Unified School District
Street	100 Lake Avenue	Phone Number	(510) 594-2600
City, State, Zip	Piedmont, California 94611	Web Site	www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/beach
Phone Number	(510) 594-2666	Superintendent	Constance Hubbard
Principal	Julie Valdez	E-mail Address	chubbard@piedmont.k12.ca.us
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School Description and Mission Statement

Beach School first opened its doors to students in 1912 in Piedmont, a city of about 10,000 residents, nestled in the hills above the San Francisco Bay Area. The educational programs at the school are tailored to be both relevant and challenging. Beach School is proud of its comprehensive supplemental instructions, including both vocal and choral music, art and science enrichment, and a full physical education program. Beach School is dedicated to ensuring the academic success of every student and providing a safe and comprehensive educational experience.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

The small student body provides parents with a greater opportunity for personal involvement in their student's education. Beach School is a neighborhood and community center, where students and community members can participate in many before and after school activities.

The tremendous support of parents and the community contribute to the family-like atmosphere at Beach School. Numerous programs and activities are enriched by the generous contributions made from the following sources: CHIME, PAINTS, PRAISE, Beach Parents Organization, Piedmont Educational Foundation, and School Parcel Taxes and Bond measures.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	39
Grade 1	45
Grade 2	45
Grade 3	61
Grade 4	47
Grade 5	46

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2008-09)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	2.6%	White (not Hispanic)	59.7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	Multiple or No Response	18%
Asian	15.5%	Socio-economically Disadvantaged	0%
Filipino	1 %	English Learners	5.4%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	Students with Disabilities	10.6%
Pacific Islander	.3%		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

For the 2008-09 school year, Beach School maintained a school-wide average of 22 students per classroom. The table below 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	2006-07				2007-08				2008-09			
	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	20	2			20	2			20	2		
1	20	2			20	3			20	3		
2	20	3			20	3			20	3		
3	21	2			20	2	1		20	2	1	
4	25	2			24		2		24		2	
5	28	2			23		2		23		2	

Participation in the Class Size Reduction Program

This table displays the percent of students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 who were assigned to a classroom that participated in the Class Size Reduction Program.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Participating		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
K	100%	100%	100%
1	100%	100%	100%
2	100%	100%	100%
3	100%	100%	100%

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan

Safety of students and staff is a primary concern of Beach School. To ensure student safety, supervision is provided on campus at all times. Staff from the Piedmont Parks and Recreation Department's Schoolmates Program, located on the Beach School campus, supervise students on campus before and after school. Students are supervised during recess and lunch by certificated staff members and five yard supervisors. Visitors to the campus must register at the office prior to entering school grounds and a visitor's pass must be displayed at all times.

*The **Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan** is reviewed and approved each fall by the School Site Council; revisions are shared immediately with all staff members. Key elements of the Safety Plan include emergency disaster procedures, codes of student behavior, and sexual harassment policies.. The school is in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to hazardous materials and state earthquake standards. The school's disaster preparedness plan includes steps for ensuring student and staff safety during a disaster. Disaster drills are conducted on a regular basis throughout the school year; fire drills are held once a month, and earthquake drills are conducted annually.*

School Discipline Practices

Students at Beach School are guided by specific rules and classroom expectations that promote respect, cooperation, courtesy, and acceptance of others. The school's discipline philosophy promotes a safe school and a warm, friendly classroom environment, and demonstrates that good discipline is a solid foundation on which to build an effective school.

Parents and students are informed of discipline policies at the beginning of each school year through classroom orientation and individual student handbooks. Students are required to sign a form acknowledging that they have read and understand these rules. Appropriate behavior is encouraged through praise and motivational incentives, as well as assertive discipline and conflict resolution tools to further develop personal growth.

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the Beach School and District levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Suspensions	0	0	0	56 2.1%	45 2.1&	54 2.16%
Expulsions	0	0	0	0	0	0

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Improvements (School Year 2008- 09)

The current Beach School was originally constructed in 1933 with additions constructed in 1940 and 1996. Funds from a School Bond helped Beach School transform the "Cub Room" into an Arts Studio. Parcel Tax funds are also set aside for future technology upgrades. Beach School provides a safe and clean environment for students, staff, and volunteers. Basic cleaning operations are performed on a daily basis throughout the year with emphasis on classrooms and restrooms. The Principal works daily with two custodians to develop sanitation schedules that ensure a clean, safe and functional learning environment.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2008 – 09)

Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Gas Leaks	X			
Mechanical Systems	X			
Windows/Doors/Gates (interior and exterior)	X			
Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, and ceilings)	X			
Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior)	X			
Structural Damage	X			
Fire Safety	X			
Electrical (interior and exterior)	X			
Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			
Drinking Fountains (inside and outside)	X			
Restrooms	X			
Sewer	X			
Playground/School Grounds	X			
Roofs	X			
Overall Cleanliness	X			

Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2008-09)

This table displays the overall summary of the results of the most recently completed school site inspection. Plans for seismic retrofitting of approximately 50% of the Beach Elementary campus are scheduled for 2011/12. Submittal to the Division of the State Architect for seismic retrofitting is scheduled to take place in the 2010-11 school year.

Item Inspected	Facility Condition			
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary		X		

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

The table below displays the number of teachers assigned to Beach 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 at the CDE Web site at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09
With Full Credential	21	23	23	178
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	1	0	0	3

Teacher Miss-assignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher miss-assignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions.

Indicator	2006-067	2007-08	2008-09
Miss-assignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Miss-assignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers at Beach School and at all schools in the District. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100%	0%
All Schools in District	98.4%	1.6%
High-Poverty Schools in District	n/a	n/a
Low-Poverty Schools in District	98.4%	1.6%

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff

The table below displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to Beach 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	.2	283
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	.6	
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	1.0	
Reading Resource Teacher	.6	
Resource Specialist	1.0	
Inclusion Aides	1.2	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.5	
Art Enrichment Teacher	.3	
Science Enrichment Teacher	.3	

- **Psychologist and Nurse** are shared among all schools in the District

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2008-09)

A Public Hearing was held in October, 2008 and it was determined that each school in the Piedmont Unified School District had sufficient and good quality textbooks and instructional materials and/or science laboratory equipment. All students, including English learners, are required to be given their own individual textbooks and/or instructional materials (in core subjects) for use in the classroom and to take home, if necessary. Additionally, all textbooks and instructional materials used within the District must be aligned with the California State Content Standards and Frameworks, with final approval by the Board of Education. **All textbooks at Beach School were in adequate supply and in fair to excellent condition. The school and district place great emphasis on providing students with the most up-to-date, state-adopted textbooks and instructional materials.**

Subject	Publisher	Grade Level	Year Adopted	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin	K-5th	2002	0%
Math	Everyday Math	K-3 rd ----- 4 th -5th	2008	0%
Social Science	Harcourt Brace	K-5th	2001	0%
Science	Houghton Mifflin ----- Harcourt Brace	K-2 nd 3 rd -5th	2001	0%
Health	No Text			
Visual and Performing	No Text			

Arts				
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Library

Beach School's fully automated library, staffed by a credentialed teacher-librarian, is stocked with over 10,000 books, as well as books on tape, that are available for students to check out. A research lab that is connected to a district-wide network and had CD-ROM capabilities is also located within the library. Each classroom visits the library at regularly scheduled times throughout the week. Students also may visit the library at recess and at lunch.

Technology

Computer skills and concepts integrated throughout standard curriculum prepare students for technological growth and opportunities. Students receive computer assisted instruction on a regular schedule, and each classroom at Beach School contains a minimum of three internet-connected computers. The school also has a twenty-two station computer lab, which is staffed by a .9 Curriculum and Technology Specialist. Software programs utilized at the school develop critical thinking skills, technological skills and mathematical proficiency, and include the Read, Write and Type keyboarding program.

Homework

Beach School regards homework as a fundamental part of the learning process that helps to develop basic academic and study skills as well as promote student responsibility and self discipline. Homework is assigned on a regular basis for all grade levels and major subject areas. Each teacher determines the appropriate level of homework for his or her students. Students are expected to complete their homework assignments in a timely manner and to the best of their ability. Parents are encouraged to provide a supportive environment for homework activities and to review homework assignments with their student.

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

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 and teacher salaries can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$11,738	\$4605	\$7133	\$70,106
District	\$11,738	\$4605	\$7133	\$71,832
Percent Difference – School Site and District	0%	0%	0%	+9%
State	\$8,784	n/a	n/a	n/a
Percent Difference – School Site and State	+26%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Types of Services Funded

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services funded through either categorical or other sources that are available at Beach School and the District

Home-to School Transportation	Instructional Materials
Peer Assistance and Review	10 th Grade Counseling
EIA	Gifted and Talented Pupils
Class Size Reduction K-3 & 9	Federal, ECIA/ESEA/IASA
School Improvement Plan	Special Education Master Plan
Federal, Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Funds	Federal, Special Education, Entitlement per UDC
Federal, Special Education, Discretionary Funds	TUPE
Title I, Part A – Basic Grant	Title II, Parts A & D – Teacher Quality & Technology
Title IV, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities	Title V, Innovative Strategies
Title III, Funding passes through the Acalanes Union High School District LEA, a consortium of districts of which Piedmont Unified is a member.	

Teacher and Administrative Salaries

The table below displays District-level salary information 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. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average* For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$44,461	\$38,941
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$67,039	\$59,686
Highest Teacher Salary	\$88,622	\$77,828
Average Principal Salary	\$117,074	\$99,163
Superintendent Salary	\$178,117	\$142,247
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	46.5%	38.2.%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6.0%	5.9%

*2007-08 Data

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The California Standards Tests (CST's) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CST's include English-Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 2 through 11; Science in Grades 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11; and History-Social Science in Grades 8, 9, 10, and 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2008 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.ca.gov/ta/tgsr/documents/starpkt5intrpts.pdf> * **Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy, or to protect student privacy.**

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

Combined % of Students at Proficient and Advanced Level

Language Arts

Grades	2			3			4			5		
	07	08	09	07	08	09	07	08	09	07	08	09
	All Students											
Beach ES	87	89	90	78	83	87	85	87	99	90	87	90
PUSD	88	82	90	85	81	83	85	87	95	89	88	91
California	48	48	53	37	38	44	51	55	61	44	48	54
	Females											
Beach ES	84	95	75	86	83	91	93	93	100	89	93	93
PUSD	86	90	87	89	89	87	83	93	96	89	92	92
California	53	51	57	41	40	46	55	59	65	48	52	59
	Males											
Beach ES	89	93	97	67	83	84	82	79	97	91	88	86
PUSD	84	73	92	83	78	79	81	81	94	89	85	87
California	44	44	49	33	35	54	48	52	52	41	46	59
	Asian											
Beach ES	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	100	*	*	*
PUSD	81	86	96	88	75	75	91	96	93	91	91	96
California	73	74	77	60	61	67	73	78	82	68	72	75
	Caucasian											
Beach ES	84	86	88	82	82	82	83	89	100	83	83	87
PUSD	84	81	87	84	79	82	84	83	89	89	87	92
California	56	64	68	56	57	63	71	74	78	64	67	72

Math

Grades	2			3			4			5		
	07	08	09	07	08	09	07	08	09	07	08	09
	All Students											
Beach ES	93	91	90	78	95	94	89	94	97	92	95	94
PUSD	92	82	91	83	91	87	87	94	94	88	88	92
California	60	59	63	58	61	63	56	61	66	49	51	57
	Females											
Beach ES	94	90	81	77	94	91	86	89	97	89	100	93
PUSD	90	90	88	80	84	88	86	93	96	84	93	94
California	58	58	63	57	60	64	58	62	66	49	52	57
	Males											
Beach ES	96	92	94	78	97	96	91	100	97	96	94	93
PUSD	92	88	93	85	92	87	87	86	93	93	87	91
California	59	61	63	58	62	65	56	61	66	48	51	57
	Asians											
Beach ES	*	*	*	*	100	*	*	*	100	*	*	*
PUSD	92	90	95	87	96	83	91	96	96	97	86	92
California	81	81	84	82	84	87	83	86	88	77	78	82
	Caucasians											
Beach ES	94	96	91	73	82	95	83	83	94	95	83	93
PUSD	87	91	91	88	88	88	85	84	92	87	87	92
California	74	74	77	72	74	77	70	74	78	63	65	72

Science – Grade 5 Only

Grade 5	07	08	09
Beach ES	88	98	90
PUSD	82	91	92
California	46	48	49
Females	78	100	97
Males	100	92	95
Asian	*	*	*
Caucasian	92	97	97

California Physical Fitness Test Results

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in Grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting fitness standards (**scoring in the healthy fitness zone on all six 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 at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards
5	82.4%
7	n/a
9	n/a

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 Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

API Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

The table below displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. These ranks are published when the Base API is released each March. The state - wide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A state - wide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest 10 percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools."

API Rank	2006	2007	2008
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	9	10	10

API Changes by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays by student group Beach school's actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years, and the most recent API score. **Note: "n/a" means that the student group is not numerically significant.**

Group	Actual API Change			API Score
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009
All Students at the School	-9	+9	+22	971
Asian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Caucasian	-16	+9	+25	964

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal NCLB 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 English-Language Arts (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 Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

AYP Overall and by Criteria

This table displays an indication of whether Beach School and the District made AYP overall and whether the school and the District met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	Yes	Yes

XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

School Instruction and Leadership

Leadership at Beach School is a responsibility shared between District administration, the Principal, instructional staff, students, and parents. For the past 26 years, primary leadership duties have been assumed by Principal Nancy McHugh, who retired at the end of the 2007 school year. Prior to her tenure as Principal of Beach school, Ms. McHugh was a special education teacher for eleven years. For 2007-2008 leadership will be assumed by Ms. Julie Valdez.

The School Site Council, which consists of staff and parents, meets regularly to address programs and components that make up the school, discuss the effectiveness and appropriateness of the various programs and components relative to the goals of the school, and act as a communication liaison between the community and the school

Professional Development

Staff members build teaching skills and concepts throughout the year by participating in conferences and workshops. For the past four years, the District has annually offered three staff development days where teachers are offered a broad-based variety of professional growth opportunities in curriculum, teaching strategies and methodologies. Staff development topics for the 2008-09 school year included, but were not limited to the writing process, science curriculum, math curriculum, and differentiated instruction.

Instructional Minutes

For the 2008-09 school year, Beach School offered 180 days of instruction comprised of 159 regular days and 21 minimum days. Minimum days are utilized for parent-teacher conferences and staff collaboration. During the 2008-09 school year, all instructional time offered either met or exceeded the daily instructional minute requirements specified in the California Education Code.

Grade Level	Instructional Minutes	
	Offered	State Requirement
K	36,000	36,000
1	51,930	50,400
2	51,930	50,400
3	51,930	50,400
4	54,339	54,000
5	54,339	54,000