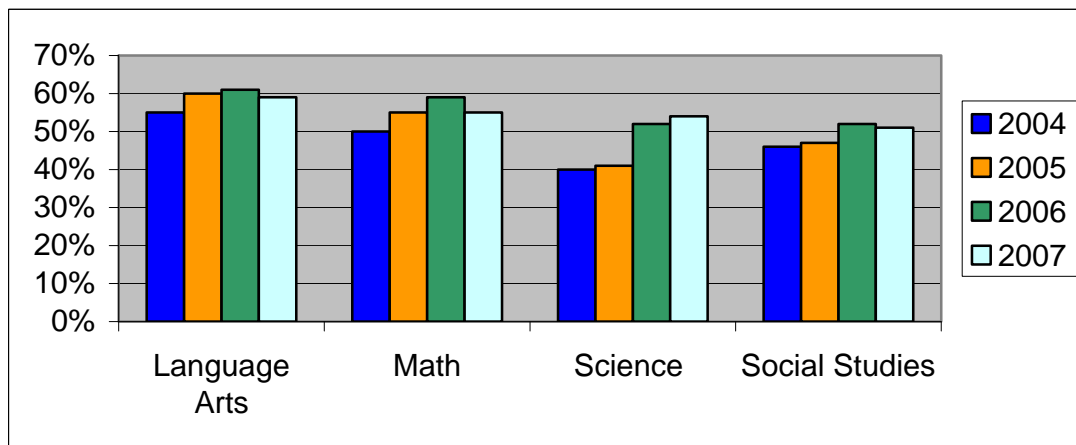


Pacifica School District STAR Results Summary Spring 2007

All students in the state of California in grades 2 and above are required to take the STAR test each spring. Two types of tests are given: a content standards exam and a national achievement test. The state uses the testing results as an indication of how schools are doing. The test scores continue to indicate a quality academic program in Pacifica. The district and 3 schools (Cabrillo, Ocean Shore and Vallemar) have an Academic Performance Index (API) above 800 – the standard for high performing schools.

Between at least 2000 and 2006, the district has had more students meeting standard each year. In 2006, we had an exceptionally significant increase. This year slightly fewer students met standard than last year. This year's scores are similar to 2005's, but down from 2006. While this is a concern to the district, testing variations do occur. For example, Vallemar and Ocean Shore's APIs (while both are well over 800) have been up a few points and down a few over the years. We have completed a detailed review of all of this year's testing data and as a result minor changes in programs will occur.

Percentage of Pacifica Students Meeting Standard STAR – California Content Standards



The one exception to the slight drop is in Science where the percentage of students meeting standard increased from 52% to 54%. However, it must also be noted that unlike language arts and math, an entirely different group of students take the science and social studies tests each year. As a result there is more variation in the results for these two tests than for language arts and math.

In addition to the content standards, students at 3rd and 7th grade must take the California Achievement Test (CAT6). This test shows how California students compare with students across the nation. Nationwide, half of the students test above the 50th percentile and half test below. In Pacifica significantly more students test above the 50th percentile than the half expected by the national test. On the CAT6, like the

science and social studies tests, a different group of students take this test each year.

Percentage of Pacifica Students Testing Above the 50%ile California Achievement Test

