

### Focus Schools

There are 20 Focus Schools in San Diego City Schools. Focus Schools are elementary schools with an Academic Performance Index (API) statewide ranking in the lowest two statewide ranks (API 1 and API 2 schools), which is to say that API 1 schools' test scores rank in the lowest 10 percent of elementary schools in the state and API 2 schools are those in the second lowest grouping.

Special resources and programs can have an impact in schools with high populations of low achieving students, if the resources and programs are directed to all the students in a school and focused on research-based strategies supporting the improvement of student achievement. Focus Schools, which are "Extended-Year Academic Magnets," use the extra resources they receive to provide a strong reading and mathematics instructional program over the course of a school year that include 24 more days of attendance than other district schools.

In addition to an extended school year, Focus Schools receive an additional peer coach/staff developer so that teachers with the most academically challenged students will have the support and assistance they need to plan and use a broad range of strategies; an allocation of \$8,000 for first grade enhanced classroom materials and professional development to assist teachers in teaching the enhanced program; and an enhanced parent training and involvement program, including a full-time Parent Academic Liaison, a parent center and communication system to engage parents in becoming positive academic coaches; and systematic, year-long series of parent training which directly support building literacy, mathematics, and organizational/study skills. Focus Schools also offer accelerated classes with a focus on literacy and mathematics.

Most Focus Schools also offer the Early Link preschool program for four-year olds, which is designed to provide students with readiness experiences to prepare them to be successful in Kindergarten.

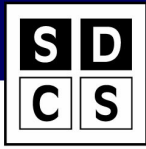
### SUMMARY

Focus Schools:

- ❖ 20 Elementary schools with an Academic Performance Index (API) statewide ranking of 1 or 2
- ❖ Coordinated through certificated resource teachers called Parent Academic Liaisons (PALs)
- ❖ Are supported by:
  - ❖ An extended school year (24 extra days)
  - ❖ An additional peer coach/staff developer
  - ❖ Enhanced materials funded at \$8,000/classroom
  - ❖ Enhanced parent engagement efforts
  - ❖ Accelerated classes

Elementary School	Address	Phone Number
Baker	4041 T Street (92113-1808)	619-264-3139
Balboa	1844 South 40 <sup>th</sup> Street (92113-4017)	619-263-8151
Chavez	1404 South 40 <sup>th</sup> Street (92113-4037)	619-527-4098
Chollas-Mead	545 – 45 <sup>th</sup> Street (92101-)	619-264-3113
Edison	4077 35 <sup>th</sup> Street (92104-2203)	619-283-5961
Emerson/Bandini	3510 Newton Avenue (92113-3118)	619-525-7418
Encanto	822 – 65 <sup>th</sup> Street (92114-)	619-264-3191
Euclid	4166 Euclid Avenue (92105-)	619-282-2192
Garfield	4487 Oregon Street (92116-)	619-284-2076
Jackson	5465 El Cajon Blvd. (92115-3620)	619-582-3527
Johnson	1355 Kelton Road (92123-)	619-264-0103
Kennedy	445 South 47 <sup>th</sup> Street (92113-)	619-264-0161
Kimbrough	321 Hoitt Street (92102-3132)	619-525-2010

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## Fact Sheet

King	415 - 31 <sup>st</sup> Street (92102-4236)	619-525-7320
Knox	1098 South 49 <sup>th</sup> Street (92113-)	619-262-2473
Logan	2875 Ocean View Blvd. (92113-1334)	619-525-7440
Marshall	3550 Altadena Avenue (92105-)	619-283-5924
Perkins	1770 Main Street (92113-)	619-525-7482
Sherman	450 24 <sup>th</sup> Street (92102-2918)	619-525-7425
Washington	1789 State Street (92101-)	619-525-7475

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**The mission of San Diego City Schools is to improve student achievement  
by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom.**