



San Diego Unified School District Fact Sheet

San Diego Unified School District at a Glance 2008-09

San Diego Unified School District currently serves more 135,000 students, from preschool through grade 12, and encompasses more than 200 square miles. Founded on July 1, 1854, the district has grown from a small, rented school building with one teacher to the second largest school district in California.

Dr. Terry B. Grier was appointed Superintendent in January 2008. With a career spanning more than 30 years, Grier has served as superintendent in a number of other districts across the country, and been a classroom teacher, high school principal, associate superintendent and college adjunct professor. He earned his doctoral degree in education from Vanderbilt University

The district is governed by a five-member board – each elected to a four-year term:

John Lee Evans, District A:	term expires 2012
Katherine Nakamura, District B:	term expires 2010
John de Beck, District C:	term expires 2010
Richard Barrera, District D (Vice President):	term expires 2012
Shelia Jackson, District E (President):	term expires 2012

The district's commitment to providing educational excellence and equity to all students has resulted in significant grant funding from private and public agencies. These include a \$17.5 million Striving Readers grant, \$3.5 million Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant and \$1.5 million Advanced Placement Incentive grants from the U.S. Department of Education.

Approximately 1,400 businesses and community organizations support the district as Partners in Education. In 2006-7, partners donated approximately \$5.6 million in human, financial and in-kind goods and services. Volunteers logged more than 990,000 hours.

In November 2008, more than 68% of San Diego voters passed Proposition "S," a \$2.1 billion bond measure that will provide funds for much-needed repairs and renovations at schools throughout the district.

SUMMARY

- ❖ 135,792 students (pre-K through 12)
- ❖ 2nd largest district in California
- ❖ 8th largest urban district in the United States
- ❖ 8,504 certificated staff
- ❖ 7,308 classified staff
- ❖ 14,511 total full-time equivalents
- ❖ 23,724 total employees (incl. hourly and visiting teachers)
- ❖ 225 total educational facilities
 - 119 elementary schools
 - 24 middle schools
 - 30 high schools
 - 15 atypical schools
 - 37 charter schools
- ❖ Ethnic diversity (students):
 - 44.4% Hispanic
 - 25.3% White
 - 13.2% African-American
 - 6.6% Filipino
 - 5.2% Indo-Chinese
 - 3.7% Asian
 - .5% Native American
- ❖ Socio-economic make-up:
 - 30.2 % English learners
 - 59.1 % eligible for free or reduced meals
- ❖ 16,554 students receive Special Education services
- ❖ 5,253 students come from military families
- ❖ More than 25,000 students participate in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program
- ❖ \$2.2 billion annual budget

Mission Statement: All San Diego students will graduate with the skills, motivation, curiosity and resilience to succeed in their choice of college and career in order to lead and participate in the society of tomorrow.