



**San Francisco Unified School District**  
**School Accountability Report Card Highlights 2007/2008**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Middle School**

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### School Description and Mission Statement

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Middle School (MLK) enrolls students from neighborhoods throughout San Francisco. The diverse and multicultural atmosphere of the school attracts students from all racial/ethnic groups. MLK's focus for all students is the demonstration of scholarship, sportsmanship, mentorship, leadership, and entrepreneurship. The basic philosophy of the school is to cooperate, participate, communicate, work and learn together in order to produce a harmonious, productive, pluralistic society of lifelong learners.

Our mission is to ensure that all students realize their potential in academic, creative, physical, and social endeavors. We will accomplish this through the combined efforts of our students, families, staff, school district, and community.

### School Instruction and Leadership

The school uses state adopted instructional materials in each classroom which focus on improved achievement for all students. A Reading class or second Language Arts class is required for all students who are reading below grade level. Students with near or above grade level reading skills can take an elective class. All students take an Algebra class in the 8th grade and transitional math and Pre Algebra classes are provided in the 6th and 7th grades to help prepare them. The Middle School Teacher Leader Initiative (MSTLI) staff meets monthly to monitor, discuss, and improve the instructional program. The Instructional Reform Facilitator monitors data analysis and provides support for classroom teachers. The School Site Council (SSC) coordinates long-term site planning.

### Opportunities for Parental Involvement

The PTSA sponsors various school projects. Parents are invited to attend Back-to-School Night, Middle and High school orientation meetings, and other MLK events. Parents can volunteer to accompany field trips, support school dances, plays, and promotion, and act as speakers for Career Day. Parents participate in the School Site Council (SSC), English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC), and other school site support groups. Monthly newsletters, report cards/interim reports, and parent conferences provide on-going communication between staff and parents. A parent center and a parent liaison staff position have been established to provide additional information, resources, and support for parents and caregivers.

### School Facility Conditions & Improvements

The school's main building was built in 1986 and features a large welcoming atrium/entranceway, two up-to-date computer labs, a library/media center, and six well-equipped science classrooms. The cafeteria and gymnasium, originally built in the 1930's, were refurbished in 1986 as well. The grounds include a circular courtyard for outdoor assemblies and two large outside yards for physical education and lunchtime recreation use. The school's garden is actively maintained by several of our classes. The cafeteria doubles as an auditorium and features a stage which is used each year for class productions and other events.

A new San Francisco public library will be completed next summer on our upper playground area by next summer, giving added resources to the school/community.

### School Safety Plan

The school has developed a comprehensive school safety plan including emergency response training/planning and regular emergency and safety drills. Students, staff and parents are informed of procedures. Most staff members have received instruction in first aid and crisis response training. Through the Healthy Start Program and various community agencies, students receive appropriate drug, alcohol and tobacco information. Students and adults at MLK live by the principles of Dr. King: peace, nonviolence, brotherhood, and equality. These help to promote a safe academically-focused school climate.

### Types of Services Funded

In order to ensure the academic progress of all students--including at-risk, special education and GATE scholars--programs and procedures have been established to support and enhance academic performance. These efforts ensure that all students, including Special Education and English Language Learners, receive 3 years of core instruction, providing access for all to grade level instructional materials. The GEAR UP program provides students and parents awareness, motivation, and information related to initial planning for college. The After School Program offers additional homework and academic support for participating students. SFUSD's Healthy Start funding supports several outdoor education activities and a lunchtime sports program.



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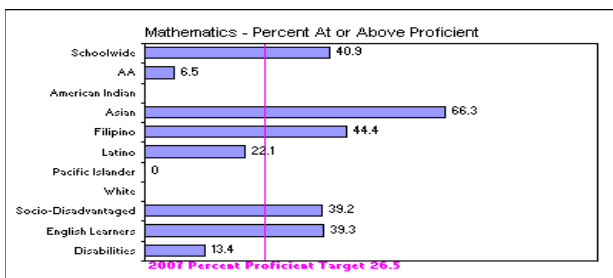
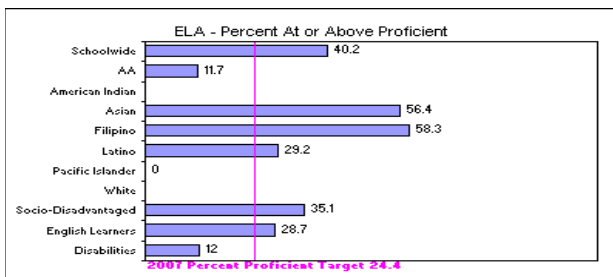
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Academic Performance Index (API)				
API Data	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07
API Base Score	669	696	695	720
Statewide Rank *	5	5	5	5
Similar Schools Rank *	7	7	6	7
Growth Target **	7	5	5	5
Percent Tested	100	99	100	100
Actual Growth	22	-1	30	2
API Growth Score	691	695	725	722

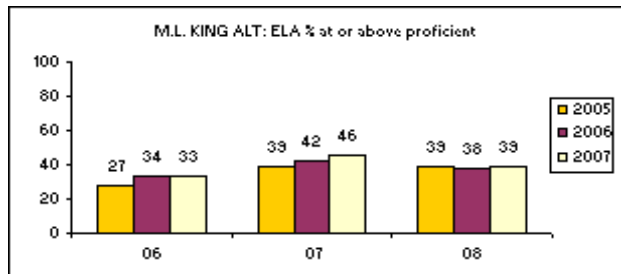
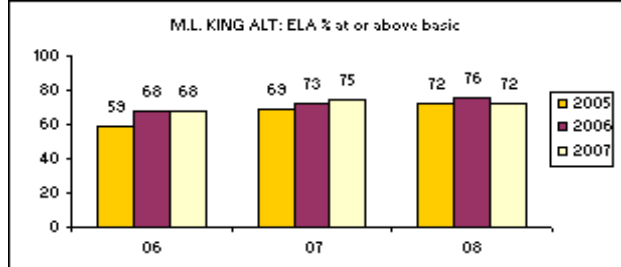
\* These rankings are based on previous year's data.  
 \*\* "A" means the school scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in 2006.  
 "B" means the school did not have a valid 2006 API base and will not have any growth or target information.

Federal Accountability: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)			
	2005	2006	2007
Met All AYP Criteria?	No	No	No

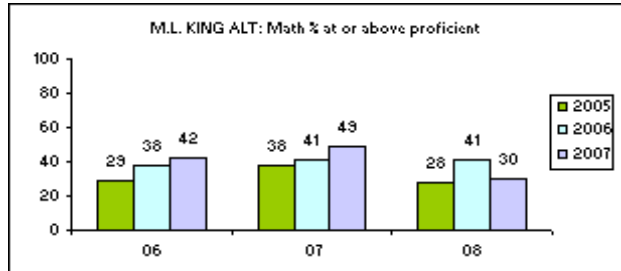
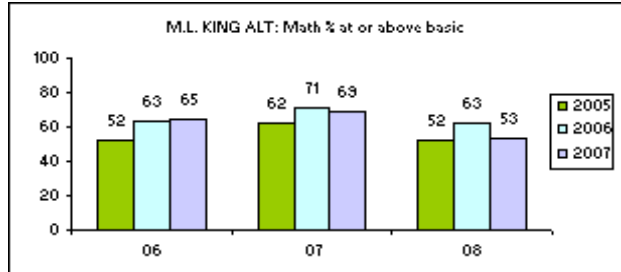


**State Assessments**

**CST English/Language Arts**



**CST Mathematics**



**California Standard Tests (CST) Comparisons**  
 Comparison of school to District and State for each grade level at percent students achieving at proficient or advanced level

Grade	2007 ELA			2007 Mathematics			2007 History <small>Grades 8, 11 were tested in 2007</small>			2007 Science <small>Grades 5, 8, 10 were tested in 2007</small>		
	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
06	33%	46%	42%	42%	47%	42%						
07	46%	54%	46%	49%	54%	39%						
08	39%	49%	41%	30%	49%	33%	35%	45%	35%	29%	49%	42%

\* These are selected highlights of the SARC. The complete SARC required by the California Department of Education can be seen at [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu) under "school information."