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» An annual report to the community about teaching, learning, test results, resources, and measures of progress in our school.

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This School Accountability Report Card (SARC) provides information that can be used to evaluate and compare schools. State and federal laws require all schools to publish a SARC each year.

The information in this report represents the 2006–2007 school year, not the current school year. In most cases, this is the most recent data available. We present our school's results next to those of the average elementary school in the county and state to provide the most meaningful and fair comparisons. To find additional facts about our school online, please use the [DataQuest](#) tool offered by the California Department of Education.

If you are reading a printed version of this report, note that words that appear in a smaller, bold typeface are links in the online version of this report to even more information. You can find a master list of those linked words, and the Web page addresses they are connected to, at:

[http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links\\_2007\\_en.html](http://www.schoolwisepress.com/sarc/links_2007_en.html)

Reports about other schools are available on the [California Department of Education Web site](#). Internet access is available in local libraries.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact the school office.

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## » Principal's Message

Modoc Charter School experienced continued academic and enrollment growth during the 2005–2006 school year. We have received approval for a full six-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Efforts to improve our Academic Performance Index (API) resulted in a ten-point increase from 2004 to 2005. We continue to fulfill all aspects of the Adequate Yearly Progress criteria required by the federal government. We focused on writing by implementing the Step Up to Writing program. Increased tutoring and emphasis in mathematics is resulting in academic gains as well.

We serve students through personalized independent study. Our staff continues to be innovative in their teaching methods through science labs, field trips, computer software resources, and community-based learning. Strong parental involvement, in partnership with the teaching staff, resulted in positive student attitudes and achievement.

John Calzia, PRINCIPAL

### Grade range and calendar

**K-12**

TRADITIONAL

### Academic Performance Index

**669**

County Average: 772  
State Average: 763

### Student enrollment

**396**

County Average: 134  
State Average: 531

### Teachers

**22**

County Average: 8  
State Average: 26

### Students per teacher

**18**

County Average: 17  
State Average: 20

### Students per computer

**20**

County Average: 4  
State Average: 5

### **Major Achievements**

- In December of 2004, our sponsoring district renewed our Charter for five more years, through June 30, 2009. This milestone assures continued service and support for the next phases of our school growth.
- The academic hard work of students, parents, and staff resulted in a ten-point increase in our Academic Performance Index (API) over the previous year. By focusing on specific areas to improve, we created a substantial leap forward for the school.
- We offered more professional training opportunities to our teachers. Almost 100 percent of our staff is considered “highly qualified” according to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, and we are confident of reaching 100 percent in 2005–2006.

### **Focus for Improvement**

- Modoc Charter School participates in state standardized testing. We increased our use of the Scantron Performance Assessment program. These formal assessment tools, as well as curriculum-based tests, projects, and portfolios, are used to evaluate student progress.
- Continue to emphasize improvement in writing through the Step Up to Writing program.
- Begin a schoolwide math committee to work on ideas to strengthen student performance in mathematics from kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Develop increased computer software resources through the library for student use in all curricular areas.

**MEASURES OF PROGRESS**

**Academic Performance Index**

The Academic Performance Index (API) is California’s way of comparing schools based on student test scores. The index was created in 1999 to help parents and educators recognize schools that show progress and identify schools that need help. A school’s API determines whether it receives recognition or sanctions. It is also used to compare schools in a statewide ranking system. The California Department of Education (CDE) calculates our school’s API using student test results from the California Standards Tests, the California Achievement Test, and, for high schools, the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). APIs range from 200 to 1000. The CDE expects all schools to eventually obtain APIs of at least 800. [Additional information on the API](#) can be found on the CDE Web site.

Modoc’s API was 669 (out of 1000). This is a decline of 28 points compared to last year’s API. About 99 percent of our students took the test. You can find three years of detailed API results in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

**API RANKINGS:** Based on our 2005–2006 test results, we started the 2006–2007 school year with an API base score of 697. The state ranks all schools according to this score on a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being highest). Compared to all elementary schools in California, our school ranked 5 out of 10.

**SIMILAR SCHOOL RANKINGS:** We also received a second ranking that compared us to the 100 schools with the most similar students, teachers, and class sizes. Compared to these schools, our school ranked 9 out of 10. The CDE recalculates this factor every year. To read more about the specific elements included in this calculation, refer to the [CDE Web site](#).

**API GROWTH TARGETS:** Each year the CDE sets specific API “growth targets” for every school. It assigns one growth target for the entire school, and it sets additional targets for ethnic or socioeconomic subgroups of students that make up a significant portion of the student body. Schools are required to meet all of their growth targets. If they do, they may be eligible to apply for awards through the California School Recognition Program and the Title I Achieving Schools Program.

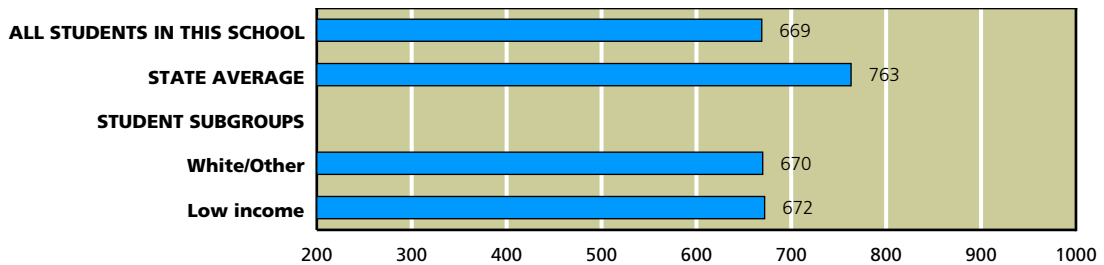
We did not meet some or all of our assigned growth targets during the 2006–2007 school year. Just for reference, 51 percent of elementary schools statewide met their growth targets.

CALIFORNIA <b>API</b> ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX	
<b>Met schoolwide growth target</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Met growth target for prior school year</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>API score</b>	<b>669</b>
<b>Growth attained from prior year</b>	<b>-28</b>
<b>Met subgroup* growth targets</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Underperforming school</b>	<b>No</b>

SOURCE: API based on spring 2007 test cycle. Growth scores alone are displayed and are current as of March 2008.

\*Ethnic or socioeconomic groups of students that make up 15 percent or more of a school’s student body. These groups must meet AYP and API goals. R/P - Results pending due to challenge by school. N/A - Results not available.

**API, Spring 2007**



SOURCE: API based on spring 2007 test cycle. State average represents elementary schools only.  
NOTE: Only groups of students that represent at least 15 percent of total enrollment are calculated and displayed as student subgroups.

### Adequate Yearly Progress

In addition to California’s accountability system, which measures student achievement using the API, schools must also meet requirements set by the federal education law known as **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**. This law requires all schools to meet a different goal: **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)**.

We met all 14 criteria for yearly progress. As a result, we succeeded at making AYP.

To meet AYP, elementary and middle schools must meet three criteria. First, a certain percentage of students must score at or above Proficient levels on the California Standards Tests (CST): 24.4 percent on the English/language arts test and 26.5 percent on the math test. All ethnic and socioeconomic subgroups of students also must meet these goals. Second, the schools must achieve an API of at least 590 or increase the API by one point from the prior year. Third, 95 percent of the student body must take the required standardized tests.

If even one subgroup of students fails to meet just one of the criteria, the school fails to meet AYP. While all schools must report their progress toward meeting AYP, only schools that receive federal funding to help economically disadvantaged students are actually penalized if they fail to meet AYP goals. Schools that do not make AYP for two or more years in a row in the same subject enter **Program Improvement (PI)**. They must offer students transfers to other schools in the district and, in their second year in PI, tutoring services as well.

FEDERAL <b>AYP</b> ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
<b>Met AYP</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met schoolwide participation rate</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met schoolwide test score goals</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met subgroup* participation rate</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met subgroup* test score goals</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Met schoolwide API for AYP</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Program Improvement School in 2007</b>	<b>No</b>

SOURCE: AYP is based on the Accountability Progress Report of March 2008. A school can be in Program Improvement based on students’ test results in the 2006–2007 school year or earlier.

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### Adequate Yearly Progress, Detail by Subgroup

● MET GOAL   ● DID NOT MEET GOAL   — NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS

	English/Language Arts		Math	
	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST?	DID 24.4% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?	DID 95% OF STUDENTS TAKE THE CST?	DID 26.5% OF STUDENTS SCORE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED ON THE CST?
<b>SCHOOLWIDE RESULTS</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS</b>				
<b>Low income</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY</b>				
<b>White/Other</b>	●	●	●	●

SOURCE: AYP release of March 2008, CDE.

The table at left shows our success or failure in meeting AYP goals in the 2006–2007 school year. The green dots represent goals we met; red dots indicate goals we missed. Just one red dot means that we failed to meet Adequate Yearly Progress.

Note: Dashes indicate that too few students were in the category to draw meaningful conclusions. Federal law requires valid test scores from at least 50 students for statistical significance.

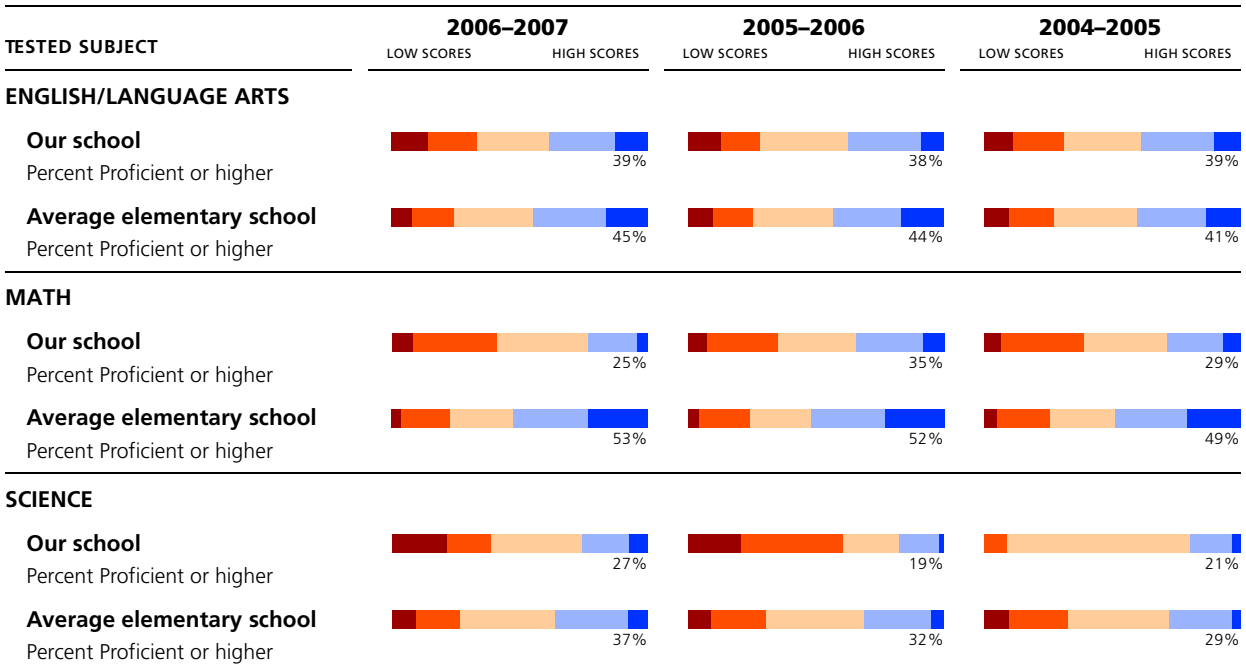
## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Here you'll find a three-year summary of our students' scores on the California Standards Tests (CST) in selected subjects. We compare our students' test scores to the results for students in the average elementary school in California. On the following pages we provide more detail for each test, including the scores for different subgroups of students. In addition, we provide links to the California Content Standards on which these tests are based. If you'd like more information about the CST, please contact our principal or our teaching staff. To find [grade-level-specific scores](#), you can refer to the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Web site. Other tests in the [STAR program](#) can be found on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site.

### California Standards Tests

BAR GRAPHS BELOW SHOW THESE PROFICIENCY GROUPS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

■ FAR BELOW BASIC ■ BELOW BASIC ■ BASIC ■ PROFICIENT ■ ADVANCED



SOURCE: The scores for the CST are from the spring 2007 test cycle. State average represents elementary schools only. Whenever a school reports fewer than 11 scores for a particular subgroup at any grade level, the CDE suppresses the scores when it releases the data to the public. Missing data makes it impossible for us to compile complete schoolwide results. Therefore, the results published in this report may vary from other published CDE test scores.

## Frequently Asked Questions About Standardized Tests

**WHERE CAN I FIND GRADE-LEVEL REPORTS?** Due to space constraints and concern for statistical reliability, we have omitted grade-level detail from these test results. Instead we present results at the schoolwide level. You can view the results of far more students than any one grade level would contain, which also improves their statistical reliability. Grade-level results are online on the [STAR Web site](#). More information about student test scores is available in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

**WHAT DO THE FIVE PROFICIENCY BANDS MEAN?** Test experts assign students to one of these five proficiency levels, based on the number of questions they answer correctly. Our immediate goal is to help students move up one level. Our eventual goal is to enable all students to reach either of the top two bands, Advanced or Proficient. Those who score in the middle band, Basic, have come close to attaining the required knowledge and skills. Those who score in either of the bottom two bands—Below Basic or Far Below Basic—need more help to reach the Proficient level.

**WHY ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS (CST) AND THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST (CAT/6) SCORED DIFFERENTLY?** When students take the CST, they can score at any of the proficiency levels: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Below Basic, or Far Below Basic. In theory all students in California could score at the top. The CAT/6 is a nationally normed test, which means that students are scored against each other nationally. This scoring method is similar to grading “on the curve.” CAT/6 scores are expressed as a ranking on a scale from 1 to 99.

**HOW HARD ARE THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TESTS?** Experts consider California’s standards to be among the most clear and rigorous in the country. Just 45 percent of elementary school students scored Proficient or Advanced on the English/language arts test; 53 percent scored Proficient or Advanced in math. You can review the [California Content Standards](#) on the CDE Web site.

**ARE ALL STUDENTS’ SCORES INCLUDED?** No. Only students in grades two through eleven are required to take the CSTs. When fewer than 11 students in one grade or subgroup take a test, state officials remove their scores from the report. They omit them to protect students’ privacy, as called for by federal law.

**CAN I REVIEW SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS?** Sample test questions for the CST are on the [CDE’s Web site](#). These are actual questions used in previous years.

**WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?** The CDE has a wealth of resources on its Web site. The STAR Web site publishes detailed reports for schools and districts, and assistance packets for parents and teachers. This site includes explanations of [technical terms](#), scoring methods, and the [subjects](#) covered by the tests for each grade. You’ll also find a [guide](#) to navigating the STAR Web site as well as help understanding how to [compare test scores](#).

### English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

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■ FAR BELOW BASIC ■ BELOW BASIC ■ BASIC ■ PROFICIENT ■ ADVANCED

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			39%	99%	<b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About six percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			43%	100%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			45%	99%	

### Subgroup Test Scores

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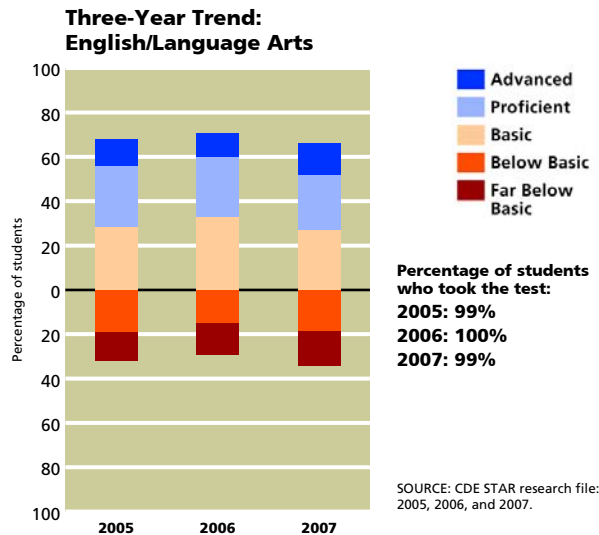
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			37%	170	<b>GENDER:</b> The same percentage of boys and girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			37%	151	
English proficient			39%	320	<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Low income			38%	184	<b>INCOME:</b> About the same percentage of students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced as our other students.
Not low income			39%	136	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	17	<b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			41%	304	
White/Other			41%	237	<b>ETHNICITY:</b> Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.

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The graph to the right shows how our students' scores have changed over the years. We present each year's results in a vertical bar, with students' scores arrayed across five proficiency bands. When viewing schoolwide results over time, remember that **progress** can take many forms. It can be more students scoring in the top proficiency bands (blue); it can also be fewer students scoring in the lower two proficiency bands (brown and red).

You can read the California standards for [English/language arts](#) on the CDE's Web site.



### Math

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■ FAR BELOW BASIC ■ BELOW BASIC ■ BASIC ■ PROFICIENT ■ ADVANCED

GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE			25%	86%	<b>SCHOOLWIDE AVERAGE:</b> About 28 percent fewer students at our school scored Proficient or Advanced than at the average elementary school in California.
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY			41%	93%	
AVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA			53%	96%	

### Subgroup Test Scores

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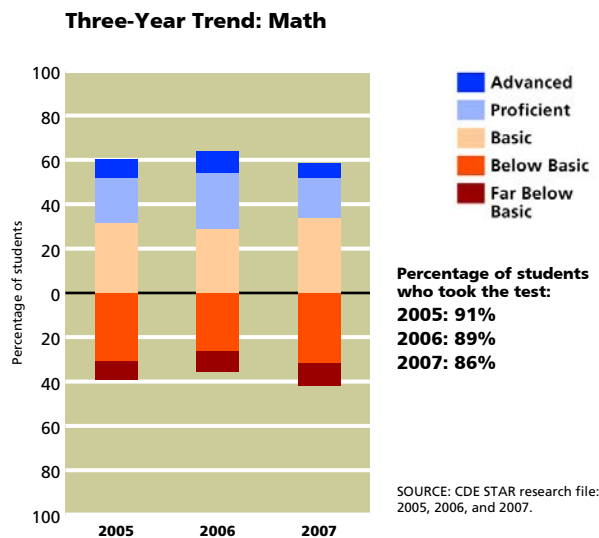
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
Boys			26%	111	<b>GENDER:</b> About eight percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
Girls			18%	80	
English proficient			25%	190	<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
English learners	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
Low income			28%	104	<b>INCOME:</b> About ten percent more students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
Not low income			18%	86	
Learning disabled	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	8	<b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
Not learning disabled			26%	183	
White/Other			25%	148	<b>ETHNICITY:</b> Test scores are likely to vary among students of different ethnic origins. The degree of variance will differ from school to school. Measures of the achievement gap are beyond the scope of this report.

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You can read the [math standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.



**Science**

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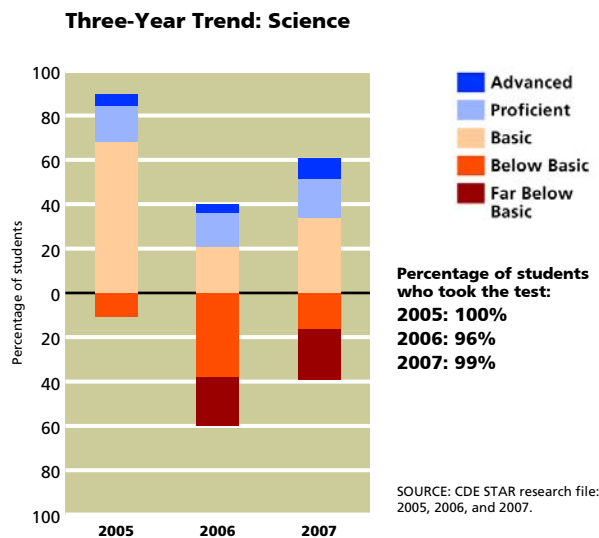
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GROUP	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES	PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	STUDENTS TESTED	COMMENTS
<b>Boys</b>			28%	54	<b>GENDER:</b> About three percent more boys than girls at our school scored Proficient or Advanced.
<b>Girls</b>			25%	45	
<b>English proficient</b>			27%	99	<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of English learners tested was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
<b>English learners</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	N/A	
<b>Low income</b>			30%	58	<b>INCOME:</b> About seven percent more students from lower-income families scored Proficient or Advanced than our other students.
<b>Not low income</b>			23%	41	
<b>Learning disabled</b>	NO DATA AVAILABLE		N/A	1	<b>LEARNING DISABILITIES:</b> We cannot compare scores for these two subgroups because the number of students tested with learning disabilities was either zero or too small to be statistically significant.
<b>Not learning disabled</b>			27%	98	
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The science standards test was administered only to fifth graders. Of course, students in all grade levels study science in these areas: physical science, life science, earth science, and investigation and experimentation. For background, you can review the **science standards** by going to the CDE’s Web site.



### California Achievement Test (CAT/6)

The CAT/6 differs from the CST in three ways. First, in the spring of 2007, only students in grades three and seven took this test. Second, the CAT/6 is taken by students in other states, which enables us to see how our students are doing compared to other students in the nation. Third, the CAT/6 is scored by comparing students to each other on a scale from 1 to 99, much like being graded “on the curve.” In contrast, the CST scores students against five defined criteria.

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>READING</b>				
High-scoring students	Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)	34%	27%	15%
Students scoring at or above average	Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile)	66%	54%	39%
<b>LANGUAGE</b>				
High-scoring students	Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)	30%	29%	19%
Students scoring at or above average	Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile)	60%	56%	46%
<b>MATH</b>				
High-scoring students	Percentage of students scoring in the top quarter nationally (above the 75th percentile)	18%	30%	30%
Students scoring at or above average	Percentage of students scoring in the top half nationally (at or above the 50th percentile)	58%	60%	56%

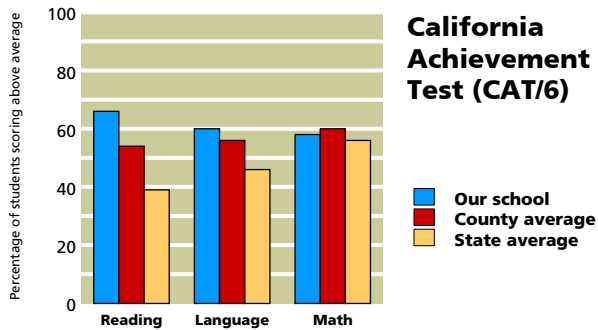
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**STUDENTS SCORING ABOVE AVERAGE:** This view of test scores shows the percentage of our students who scored in the top half of students nationally (at the 50th percentile and higher). At Modoc, 66 percent of students scored at or above average in reading (compared to 39 percent statewide); 60 percent scored at or above average in language (compared to 46 percent statewide); and 58 percent scored at or above average in math (compared to 56 percent statewide). The subject with the most students scoring at or above average was reading.

**HIGH-SCORING STUDENTS:** This view of test scores shows the percentage of our students who scored in the top fourth of students nationally (above the 75th percentile). At Modoc, 34 percent of students scored at the top in reading (compared to 15 percent statewide); 30 percent scored at the top in language (compared to 19 percent statewide); and 18 percent scored at the top in math (compared to 30 percent statewide). The subject with the most students scoring at the top was reading.

### Our CAT/6 Results Compared

Students take this test only in grades three and seven. The values displayed to the right represent the percentage of our students who scored at or above average compared to their peers in the county and state.



SOURCE: Spring 2007 test cycle. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

### **Other Measures of Student Achievement**

Our instructors meet with students and parents at the conclusion of each learning period—the evaluation of student work includes a personalized interview to assess understanding and application of skills and concepts studied. Students show portfolios of their work, present projects, and actively participate in the planning of future learning activities. Parents are integral participants in the discussion, assessment, and goal setting for the next learning period. Students, parents, and instructors effectively create a learning team approach that encourages and challenges pupils.

**STUDENTS**

**Students’ English Language Skills**

At Modoc, all students were considered to be proficient in English, compared to 68 percent of elementary school students in California overall.

LANGUAGE SKILLS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
English proficient students	100%	82%	68%
English learners	0%	18%	32%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2006–2007. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**Languages Spoken at Home by English Learners**

At Modoc, there were no students classified as English learners. In California it’s common to find English learners in classes with students who speak English well. When you visit our classrooms, ask our teachers how they work with language differences among their students.

LANGUAGE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Spanish	N/A	100%	85%
Vietnamese	N/A	0%	2%
Cantonese	N/A	0%	1%
Hmong	N/A	0%	1%
Filipino/Tagalog	N/A	0%	1%
Korean	N/A	0%	1%
Khmer/Cambodian	N/A	0%	0%
All other	N/A	0%	9%

SOURCE: Language Census for school year 2006–2007. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**Ethnicity**

Most students at Modoc identify themselves as White/European American/Other. In fact, there are about 18 times as many White/European American/Other students as Latino/Hispanic students, the second-largest ethnic group at Modoc. The state of California allows citizens to choose more than one ethnic identity, or to select “multiethnic” or “decline to state.” As a consequence, the sum of all responses rarely equals 100 percent.

ETHNICITY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
African American	2%	1%	7%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	4%	2%	11%
Latino/Hispanic	5%	24%	50%
White/European American/Other	90%	73%	32%

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2006. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**Family Income and Education**

The free or reduced-price meal subsidy goes to students whose families earned less than \$37,000 a year (based on a family of four) in the 2006–2007 school year. At Modoc, 67 percent of the students qualified for this program, compared to 56 percent of students in California.

FAMILY FACTORS	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Low-income indicator	67%	69%	56%
Parents with some college	80%	66%	54%
Parents with college degree	34%	27%	30%

SOURCE: The free and reduced-price lunch information is gathered by most districts in October. This data is from the 2006–2007 school year. Parents’ education level is collected in the spring at the start of testing. Rarely do all students answer these questions. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

The parents of 80 percent of the students at Modoc have attended college, and 34 percent have a college degree. This information can provide some clues to the level of literacy children bring to school. One precaution is that the students themselves provide this data when they take the battery of standardized tests each spring, so it may not be completely accurate. About 74 percent of our students provided this information.

**CLIMATE FOR LEARNING**

**Average Class Sizes**

Because funding for class-size reduction was focused on the early grade levels, our school’s class sizes, like those of most elementary schools, differ across grades.

Complete average class size data for this school was unavailable when we created this report. For more information on our average class sizes, please contact the school directly.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE BY GRADE	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Kindergarten	N/A	15	20
First grade	N/A	13	19
Second grade	N/A	15	19
Third grade	N/A	13	20
Fourth grade	N/A	17	29
Fifth grade	N/A	17	29
Sixth grade	N/A	11	29
Seventh grade	N/A	4	26
Eighth grade	N/A	3	25

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2006. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**Safety**

The nature of our personalized, independent study program creates a different setting from traditional schools. The students spend most of their time working at home, with visits as needed for small group instruction or tutoring.

Our Safety Plan, reviewed annually with teaching faculty, relates primarily to the rules and procedures for keeping our learning centers positive and productive. Credentialed staff members directly supervise students who use school facilities for tutoring or small group instruction. Parents provide transportation to and from school activities. No incidents threatening the health or safety of students or staff were reported during 2005–2006 school year.

**Discipline**

Students who visit our learning centers are expected to follow clear, positive rules of behavior that are posted and discussed. Those students who have difficulty complying with the rules meet with the supervising staff member(s) to initially deal with the behavior. Parents are promptly involved in the correction process. Persistent negative behavior results in student loss of the privilege to attend the facilities. During 2005–2006 there were no suspensions or expulsions of Modoc Charter School students. Positive behavior is rewarded by recognition from teachers and parents.

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Suspensions per 100 students</b>			
2006–2007	N/A	4	5
2005–2006	N/A	0	5
2004–2005	N/A	3	5
<b>Expulsions per 100 students</b>			
2006–2007	N/A	0	2
2005–2006	N/A	0	0
2004–2005	N/A	0	0

SOURCE: Data is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file. Data represents the number of incidents reported, not the number of students involved. District and state averages represent elementary schools only.

At times we find it necessary to suspend students who break school rules. We report only suspensions in which students are sent home for a day or longer. We do not report in-school suspensions, in which students are removed from one or more classes during a single school day. Expulsion is the most serious consequence we can impose. Expelled students are removed from the school permanently and denied the opportunity to continue learning here.

**Homework**

Our program requires parents to be directly involved in the daily learning activities assigned in cooperation with credentialed instructors. Almost all the work is completed at home. Students are assigned a minimum of 20–25 hours of academic work per week. The assignments include a variety of activities, including reading, writing, mathematical computation and application, projects, learning using manipulatives, learning software and kits, etc. Parents and teachers communicate often, focusing on the individual academic skills and knowledge of each student.

**Schedule**

Modoc Charter School operates a 175-day school year, beginning in late August and ending in early June. The school year is divided into two semesters. Due to the independent study nature of the program, the length of the instructional days are set by the parents and teachers, allowing structured flexibility appropriate to individual learning styles and paces. The emphasis is on the quality and quantity of work completed.

**Physical Fitness**

Students in grades five, seven, and nine take the California Fitness Test each year. This test measures students’ aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility using six different tests. The table at right shows the percentage of students at our school who scored within the “healthy fitness zone” on all six tests. Our results are compared to other students’ results in the county and state. More information about [physical fitness testing and standards](#) is available on the CDE Web site.

CATEGORY	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Boys in Fitness Zone</b>	0%	6%	25%
<b>Girls in Fitness Zone</b>	N/A	17%	30%
<b>Fifth graders in Fitness Zone</b>	0%	10%	27%
<b>Seventh graders in Fitness Zone</b>	0%	0%	29%
<b>Ninth graders in Fitness Zone</b>	0%	0%	23%
<b>All students in Fitness Zone</b>	0%	8%	27%

SOURCE: 2006–2007 physical fitness test data is produced annually as schools test their students on the six Fitnessgram Standards. Data is reported by Educational Data Systems. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

**LEADERSHIP, TEACHERS, AND STAFF**

**Leadership**

John Calzia completed his first year as a lead administrator during 2005–2006. He has four years of experience as an administrator and 28 years of teaching experience. Jim McLaughlin was the lead administrator during the 2005–2006 school year.

The role of a leader in a school is to listen, gather information and ideas from a large circle of interested individuals and groups, and make collaborative, student-centered decisions. A Teacher Advisory Group provides an excellent "think-tank" for ideas. The Advisory Council is an outstanding sounding board for suggestions to improve the school. The Board of Directors provides guidance and structure for decision making.

**Teacher Experience and Education**

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Teaching experience	Average years of teaching experience	10	15	13
Newer teachers	Percentage of teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	13%	7%	11%
Teachers holding an MA degree or higher	Percentage of teachers with a master's degree or higher from a graduate school	19%	17%	33%
Teachers holding a BA degree alone	Percentage of teachers whose highest degree is a bachelor's degree from a four-year college	81%	83%	67%

SOURCE: Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF), October 2006, completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

About 13 percent of our teachers have less than three years of teaching experience, which is about the same average for new teachers in other elementary schools in California. Our teachers have, on average, ten years of experience. About 81 percent of our teachers hold only a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university. About 19 percent have completed a master's degree or higher.

**Credentials Held by Our Teachers**

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Fully credentialed teachers	Percentage of staff holding a full, clear authorization to teach at the elementary or secondary level	100%	99%	97%
Trainee credential holders	Percentage of staff holding an internship credential	0%	0%	2%
Emergency permit holders	Percentage of staff holding an emergency permit	0%	1%	3%
Teachers with waivers	Lowest level of accreditation, used by districts when they have no other option	0%	0%	0%

SOURCE: PAIF, October 2006. This is completed by teachers during the CBEDS census. County and state averages represent elementary schools only. A teacher may have earned more than one credential. For this reason, it is likely that the sum of all credentials will exceed 100 percent.

All of the faculty at Modoc hold a full credential. This number is close to the average for all elementary schools in the state. None of the faculty at Modoc holds a trainee credential, which is reserved for those teachers who are in the process of completing their teacher training. In comparison, two percent of elementary school teachers throughout the state hold trainee credentials. None of our faculty holds an emergency permit. Very few elementary school teachers hold this authorization statewide (just three percent). About 84 percent of the faculty at Modoc hold the elementary (multiple-subject) credential. This number is below the average for elementary schools in California, which is 91 percent. You can find three years of data about teachers' credentials in the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

**Indicators of Teachers Who May Be Underprepared**

KEY FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Core courses taught by a teacher not meeting NCLB standards</b>	Percentage of core courses not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher according to federal standards in NCLB	3%	N/A	0%
<b>Teachers lacking a full credential</b>	Percentage of teachers without a full, clear credential	0%	1%	3%

SOURCE: Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) of October 2006. Data on NCLB standards is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file.

**“HIGHLY QUALIFIED” TEACHERS:** The federal law known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires districts to report the number of teachers considered to be “highly qualified.” These “highly qualified” teachers must have a full credential, a bachelor’s degree, and, if they are teaching a core subject (such as reading, math, science, or social studies), they must also demonstrate expertise in that field. The table above shows the percentage of core courses taught by teachers who are considered to be less than “highly qualified.” There are exceptions, known as the **High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE)** rules, that allow some veteran teachers to meet the “highly qualified” test who wouldn’t otherwise do so.

**CREDENTIAL STATUS OF TEACHERS:** Teachers who lack full credentials are working under the terms of an emergency permit, an internship credential, or a waiver. They should be working toward their credential, and they are allowed to teach in the meantime only if the school board approves. None of our teachers was working without full credentials, compared to three percent of teachers in elementary schools statewide.

More facts about our teachers, called for by the recent Williams legislation of 2004, are available on our Accountability Web page, which is accessible from our district Web site. What you will find are specific facts about **misassigned teachers** and **teacher vacancies** in the 2007–2008 school year.

**Districtwide Distribution of Teachers Who Are Not “Highly Qualified”**

Here, we report the percentage of core courses in our district whose teachers are considered to be less than “highly qualified” by NCLB’s standard. We show how these teachers are distributed among schools according to the percentage of low-income students enrolled.

The CDE has divided schools in the state into four groups (quartiles), based on the percentage of families who qualify and apply for free or reduced-price

lunches. The one-fourth of schools with the most students receiving subsidized lunches are assigned to the first group. The one-fourth of schools with the fewest students receiving subsidized lunches are assigned to the fourth group. We compare the courses and teachers assigned to each of these groups of schools to see how they differ in “highly qualified” teacher assignments.

The average percentage of courses in our district not taught by a “highly qualified” teacher is one percent, compared to five percent statewide. For schools with the highest percentage of low-income students, this factor is zero percent, compared to five percent statewide.

DISTRICT FACTOR	DESCRIPTION	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN DISTRICT	CORE COURSES NOT TAUGHT BY HQT IN STATE
<b>Districtwide</b>	Percentage of core courses not taught by “highly qualified” teachers (HQT)	1%	5%
<b>Schools with the most low-income students</b>	First quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	0%	5%
<b>Schools with the fewest low-income students</b>	Fourth quartile of schools whose core courses are not taught by “highly qualified” teachers	N/A	3%

SOURCE: Data is from the California Department of Education, SARC research file.

**Staff Development**

Modoc Charter School offers two full days of staff development in August, prior to the beginning of the student instructional year. Teacher Handbooks are reviewed, curriculum emphases for the year are presented and discussed, and special resource presenters are brought in for specific training sessions. The training needs of the staff are developed through a prioritized list of suggestions from the teaching staff itself during the previous spring.

YEAR	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
2006–2007	3.0
2005–2006	3.0
2004–2005	3.0

During the school year, we hold teacher meetings every month to update and inform staff about recent curriculum information and resources. Teachers collaborate to share curriculum ideas and methods that work well for their students. Funds are provided for courses, workshops, and conventions for both certified and classified staff development.

**Evaluating and Improving Teachers**

All teachers participate with the program director in a yearly evaluation of their performance, based on a combination of their professional goals and school requirements for teaching responsibilities. Because the charter school staff members are "at-will" employees, no tenure is earned. The school provides a minimum of three staff development days per year. If a teacher needs assistance to improve performance, we provide mentor teachers to work on areas of concern and document progress.

**Substitute Teachers**

Due to the nature of our independent study program, substitute teachers have not been needed. If a teacher is unable to fulfill instructional duties for longer than two weeks due to illness or accident, she may request a leave of absence. The director may hire a temporary replacement or work with other teachers to provide extra assistance for the students during the time needed. The cohesive teaching staff has taken care of all short-term needs when these situations occur.

**Specialized Resource Staff**

Our school may employ social workers, speech and hearing specialists, school psychologists, nurses, and technology specialists. These specialists often work part time at our school and some may work at more than one school in our district. Their schedules will change as our students' needs change. For these reasons, the staffing counts you see here may differ from the staffing provided today in this school. For more details on [statewide ratios of counselors, psychologists, or other pupil services](#) staff to students, see the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site. [Library facts](#) and frequently asked questions are also available there.

STAFF POSITION	STAFF (FTE)
Counselors	0.0
Librarians	0.0
Psychologists	0.0
Social workers	0.0
Nurses	0.0
Speech/language/hearing specialists	0.5
Resource specialists	0.0

SOURCE: CBEDS census, October 2006.

## Specialized Programs and Staff

Modoc Charter School employs two credentialed teachers to provide Title I instruction (federally funded assistance for low-income students) in English/language arts and mathematics. One works 22 hours per week and the other 26 hours per week. Students are referred for individual or small-group tutoring by other teachers, in consultation with parents and school administration. The school has a fully credentialed part-time school guidance counselor who works with students, particularly in high school, to develop educational plans to meet post-high school goals.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE):** Students who perform at high levels on standardized examinations and who demonstrate specific talents in different subject areas or skills are individually challenged by teachers and parents to excel through special projects, performances, and lessons. Many of our high school students are concurrently enrolled in local college courses for academic and vocational enrichment.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM:** The special education needs of those students who qualify for such programs are very successfully provided by the Modoc County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). We have one full-time and one part-time Resource Specialist Program (RSP) teacher, as well as a part-time speech/language therapist. They provide services through one-on-one and small group instruction once or twice per week, as directed by each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Consultation with the parents amplifies and reinforces the work done by the direct instruction of SELPA staff. The Modoc SELPA also provides school psychologists, an occupational therapist, and a school nurse. A full IEP review, monitoring, and evaluation process is provided for each student who qualifies. We convene Student Study Teams to evaluate and plan for the needs of students who may later be considered for referral to special education programs.

**ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM:** Two of Modoc Charter School's teachers are bilingual (Spanish), with prior experience working with English learners. One teacher reviews our records of English learners annually and coordinates evaluations of students' English language development upon their enrollment in our school. Depending on the level of proficiency, the bilingual staff will either be involved in direct instruction or consultation with the student's other teachers.

## CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS

For more than six years, panels of scholars have decided what California students should learn and be able to do. Their decisions are known as the California Content Standards, and they apply to all public schools in the state. The textbooks we use and the tests we give are based on these content standards, and we expect our teachers to be firmly focused on them. Policy experts, researchers, and educators consider our state's standards to be among the most rigorous and challenging in the nation. You can find the [content standards](#) for each subject at each grade level on the Web site of the California Department of Education (CDE).

### Reading and Writing

By third grade, we expect our students to be able to read and write. By fourth grade, we're teaching students to read full-length books and to use a dictionary and encyclopedia when they write. By fifth grade, students should be able to write poems, plays, true-life adventures, and personal journals. You can read the California standards for [English/language arts](#) on the CDE's Web site.

### Math

Because the math standards have become more rigorous, our goal now is to prepare our elementary school graduates to start middle school ready to master algebra in the eighth grade. You can read the [math standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.

### Science

Students learn the science standards starting in first grade. The curriculum covers physical, earth, and life sciences. The scientific method of experimentation and investigation is woven through all of our science courses. Read more about the [science standards](#) on the CDE's Web site.

### Social Science

Students learn about citizenship starting in first grade. In second grade, we explore the lives of people who affect our students' everyday lives and learn about extraordinary people from history. The theme in third grade is continuity and change. California is the subject of our studies in fourth grade, and American history is our focus in fifth grade. Our students also learn about geography. They learn to research topics on their own, develop their own point of view, and interpret history. To read more about the [social studies standards](#), see the CDE's Web site.

### Textbooks

We choose our textbooks from lists that have already been approved by state education officials. For a list of some of the textbooks we use at our school, see the Data Almanac that accompanies this report.

We have also reported additional facts about our textbooks called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. This online report shows whether we had a textbook for each student in each core course during the 2007–2008 school year, and whether those [textbooks](#) covered the California Content Standards.

**RESOURCES**

**Buildings**

During the 2005–2006 school year, Modoc Charter School used three learning centers and one office (including a large resource library in our office complex) to operate our school. The facilities were in good physical shape, requiring only minor maintenance. Staff continues to improve on the plans for how to deliver instructional services to students enrolled outside of Modoc County.

More facts about the [condition of our school buildings](#) are available in an online supplement to this report called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. What you will find is an assessment of more than a dozen aspects of our buildings: their structural integrity, electrical systems, heating and ventilation systems, and more. The important purpose of this assessment is to determine if our buildings and grounds are safe and in good repair. If anything needs to be repaired, this assessment identifies it and targets a date by which we commit to make those repairs. The guidelines for this assessment were written by the [Office of Public School Construction \(OPSC\)](#), and were brought about by the legislation known as Williams. If you'd like to see the six-page [survey form](#) used for the assessment, you will find it on the Web site of the OPSC.

**Library**

Modoc Charter School has a library with over 24,000 books and other instructional items, managed by a credentialed teacher who also holds a Master's Degree in Library Science and a full-time library clerk (classified position). The curricular depth and variety of library holdings has been a huge asset to the school program. Students and parents enjoy visiting and using the resources. It is open five days a week for six hours each school day. Displays of student work, a children's literature corner, three-station computer lab, and attractive furniture add to the positive environment of the library.

**Computers**

We have 20 computers available for student use, which means that, on average, there is one computer for every 20 students. There is one classroom connected to the Internet.

RESOURCES	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
Students per computer	20	4	5
Internet-connected classrooms	1	13	30

SOURCE: CBEDS census of October 2006. County and state averages represent elementary schools only.

Due to the independent study nature of the program, most students employ home computers to assist in their learning. Students also check out computers and computer software, as well as others, from the library for use at home. Smaller computer labs are used at our learning centers. Student computer exposure includes word processing, Internet research, and CD-based learning programs. A certificated teacher manages and oversees the technology program for the school.

**Parent Involvement**

The nature of our program requires direct, daily parental involvement. Parents may have their children use school tutorial services or small-group classes once or twice per week, but the vast majority of student learning takes place at home with the family. The teachers develop a collaborative, encouraging relationship with each family, using coaching and mentoring strategies to assist parents and students.

Parents may be involved in the Advisory Council, serve on the Board of Directors, attend Board meetings, be committee members on various school projects, and participate in other ways. Annual surveys completed by parents provide excellent suggestions for improving our school program.

**DISTRICT EXPENDITURES**

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	OUR DISTRICT	SIMILAR DISTRICTS	ALL DISTRICTS
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2005–2006</b>			
Total expenses	\$8,040,964	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$8,895	\$7,583	\$7,521
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2004–2005</b>			
Total expenses	\$8,067,632	N/A	N/A
Expenses per student	\$8,703	\$7,172	\$7,127

SOURCE: Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education.

Our district spent an average of \$8,895 per student in the 2005–2006 school year, compared to an average of \$7,583 per student spent by similar (unified school district) districts in the state. Our total operating expenses for the 2005–2006 year were \$8,040,964. Facts about the 2006–2007 fiscal year were not available at the time we published this report. Additional details about our expenditures can be found on the [Ed-Data Partnership’s Web site](#).

Total expenses include only the costs related to direct educational services to students. This figure does not include food services, land acquisition, new construction, and other expenditures unrelated to core educational purposes. The expenses-per-student figure is calculated by dividing total expenses by the district’s average daily attendance (ADA). More information is available on the [CDE’s Web site](#).

**District Salaries, 2005–2006**

This table reports the salaries of teachers and administrators in our district for the 2005–2006 school year. More current information was not available at the time we published this annual report. This table compares our average salaries to those in districts like ours, based on both enrollment and the grade level of our students. In addition, we report the percentage of our district’s total budget dedicated to teachers’ and administrators’ salaries. The costs of health insurance, pensions, and other indirect compensation are not included.

SALARY INFORMATION	DISTRICT AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
<b>Beginning teacher’s salary</b>	\$34,680	\$34,363
<b>Midrange teacher’s salary</b>	\$47,326	\$50,814
<b>Highest-paid teacher’s salary</b>	\$62,354	\$65,731
<b>Average principal’s salary (elementary school)</b>	\$65,722	\$78,437
<b>Superintendent’s salary</b>	\$117,033	\$103,105
<b>Percentage of budget for teachers’ salaries</b>	32%	36%
<b>Percentage of budget for administrators’ salaries</b>	6%	7%

SOURCE: This financial data is from the Statewide Average Salaries and Expenditure Percentages report, 2005–2006, the Fiscal Services Division, CDE.

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Modoc Charter School is a direct-funded charter, receiving revenues from the state of California and the federal government. We used Title I funds to provide targeted instruction for low-income students who need skills improvement in core subjects, particularly language arts and mathematics. State library funds were used to provide additional resources for our lending library. Restricted lottery funds were used to purchase additional state-adopted textbooks. Title II and Title V funds were used to increase the professional skills and knowledge of our teachers. Modoc Charter neither sought nor received any private, independent funding from other sources.

A new law passed in 2005 required schools to report school-specific expenditures for the first time. In prior years, schools reported only the districtwide average for these expenditures. This year we have provided a comparative analysis of our [school's expenditures](#), along with the [average salaries of our teachers](#). You can view this information from the preceding links or on our Accountability Web page, which is accessible through our district's Web site.

**TECHNICAL NOTE ON DATA RECENCY:** All data is the most current available as of March 2008. The CDE may release additional or revised data for the 2006–2007 school year after the publication date of this report. We rely on the following sources of information from the California Department of Education: California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) (October 2006 census); Language Census (March 2007); California Achievement Test and California Standards Tests (spring 2007 test cycle); Academic Performance Index (October 2007 growth score release); Adequate Yearly Progress (October 2007).

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## » Data Almanac

This Data Almanac provides more detailed information than the School Accountability Report Card or data that covers a period of more than one year. It presents the facts and statistics in tables without narrative text. We hope it provides information that will be useful to your school community.



**STUDENT AND TEACHERS**

**Student Enrollment by Ethnicity and Other Characteristics**

The ethnicity of our students, estimates of their family income and education level, their English fluency, and their learning-related disabilities.

GROUP	ENROLLMENT
Number of students	396
African American	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	7%
Asian	2%
Filipino	0%
Hispanic or Latino	5%
Pacific Islander	1%
White (not Hispanic)	73%
Multiple or no response	10%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	56%
English learners	N/A
Students with disabilities	5%

SOURCE: All but the last three lines are from the annual census, CBEDS, October 2006. Data about students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, English learners, and learning disabled come from the School Accountability Report Card unit of the California Department of Education.

**Student Enrollment by Grade Level**

Number of students enrolled in each grade level at our school.

GRADE LEVEL	STUDENTS
Kindergarten	17
Grade 1	20
Grade 2	26
Grade 3	19
Grade 4	22
Grade 5	28
Grade 6	18
Grade 7	26
Grade 8	27
Grade 9	35
Grade 10	34
Grade 11	58
Grade 12	66

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006.

### Average Class Size by Grade Level

GRADE LEVEL	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007
Kindergarten	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined K–3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 3–4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 4–8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006.

### Average Class Size by Grade Level, Detail

The number of classrooms that fall into each range of class sizes.

GRADE LEVEL	2004–2005			2005–2006			2006–2007		
	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+	1–20	21–32	33+
Kindergarten	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined K–3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined 3–4	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006.

### Teacher Credentials

The number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential and without a full credential, for both our school and the district.

TEACHERS	SCHOOL			DISTRICT
	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2006–2007
With Full Credential	26	29	32	N/A
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	N/A

SOURCE: CBEDS, October 2006, Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) section.

**STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

**California Standards Tests (CST)**

The California Standards Tests (CST) show how well students are learning what the state content standards require. The CST include English/language arts and mathematics in grades two through five and science in grade five.

**CST Results for All Students: Three-Year Comparison**

The percentage of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most current three-year period.

SUBJECT	SCHOOL PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			DISTRICT PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			STATE PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
English/ Language Arts	39%	38%	39%	42%	42%	43%	40%	42%	43%
Mathematics	22%	24%	18%	33%	34%	30%	38%	40%	40%
Science	8%	19%	27%	25%	29%	39%	27%	35%	38%

SOURCE: California Standards Tests (CST) results, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

**CST Results by Student Group: Most Recent Year**

The percentage of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

STUDENT GROUP	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SCORING PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	ENGLISH/ LANGUAGE ARTS 2006–2007	MATHEMATICS 2006–2007	SCIENCE 2006–2007
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	8%	0%	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	36%	9%	N/A
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	41%	19%	29%
Boys	37%	20%	28%
Girls	41%	17%	25%
Economically disadvantaged	38%	19%	30%
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities	12%	0%	N/A
Students receiving migrant education services	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: California Standards Tests (CST) results, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

### California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6)

The California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6), a national, norm-referenced test, shows how well students are doing compared to students nationally in reading, language, spelling, and mathematics. It is taken only by third and seventh graders. We report only reading and math below. The results are reported as the percentage of students scoring at or above the national average (the 50th percentile).

#### CAT/6 Test Results for Third Grade Students: Three-Year Comparison

The percentage of students scoring at or above the national average in reading and mathematics for the most current three-year period.

SUBJECT	SCHOOL PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			DISTRICT PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED			STATE PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Reading	64%	59%	66%	58%	55%	53%	41%	42%	42%
Mathematics	58%	61%	58%	53%	56%	51%	52%	53%	53%

SOURCE: The California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

#### CAT/6 Test Results for Third Grade Students by Group: Most Recent Year

The percentage of students, by group, scoring at or above the national average (the 50th percentile) in reading and mathematics for the most recent testing period.

STUDENT GROUP	PERCENT PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED	
	READING 2006–2007	MATHEMATICS 2006–2007
African American	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
White (not Hispanic)	69%	57%
Boys	63%	59%
Girls	70%	57%
Economically disadvantaged	58%	46%
English learners	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities	N/A	N/A
Students receiving migrant education services	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: The California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition, spring 2007 test cycle, as interpreted and published by the CDE unit responsible for School Accountability Report Cards.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**California Academic Performance Index (API)**

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 1000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found on the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

**API Ranks: Three-Year Comparison**

The state assigns statewide and similar-schools API ranks for all schools. The API ranks range from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest 10 percent of all elementary schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest 10 percent of all elementary schools in the state. The similar-schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched schools with similar teachers and students.

API RANK	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007
<b>Statewide rank</b>	3	6	5
<b>Similar-schools rank</b>	1	9	9

SOURCE: The API Base Report from July 2007.

**API Changes by Student Group: Three-Year Comparison**

API changes for all students and student groups: the 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.

STUDENT GROUP	ACTUAL API CHANGE			API SCORE
	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2006–2007
<b>All students at the school</b>	+79	+10	-28	669
<b>African American</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Asian</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Filipino</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>White (non Hispanic)</b>	+84	+14	-47	670
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>	+102	+8	-11	672
<b>English learners</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Students with disabilities</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SOURCE: The API Growth Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in March 2008.

### Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Intervention Programs

The federal law known as No Child Left Behind requires that all schools and districts meet all three of the following criteria in order to attain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):  
 (a) a 95-percent participation rate on the state’s tests; (b) a CDE-mandated percentage of students scoring Proficient or higher on the state’s English/language arts and mathematics tests; and (c) an API of at least 590 or growth of at least one point.

#### AYP for the District

Whether the district met the federal requirement for AYP overall, and whether the school and the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP CRITERIA	DISTRICT
Overall	Yes
Graduation rate	Yes
Participation rate in English/language arts	Yes
Participation rate in mathematics	Yes
Percent Proficient in English/language arts	Yes
Percent Proficient in mathematics	Yes
Met Academic Performance Index (API)	Yes

SOURCE: The AYP Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in March 2008.

#### Intervention Program: District Program Improvement (PI)

Districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (English/language arts or mathematics) and for each grade span or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP.

INDICATOR	DISTRICT
PI stage	Not in PI
The year the district entered PI	N/A
Number of schools currently in PI	0
Percentage of schools currently in PI	0%

SOURCE: The Program Improvement Report as released in the Accountability Progress Report in March 2008.