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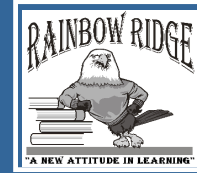
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RAINBOW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Rainbow Ridge Elementary School. We believe all students can learn. Our dedicated staff, students, and parents work together to achieve academic excellence for all students. We are committed to providing a safe learning environment.



Teachers work collaboratively analyzing data to guide instruction in order to meet the needs of all students. All instructional goals are focused on California Content Standards.

Our schoolwide programs provide numerous ways for all students to succeed in reading and math. Math and Reading After School Intervention Program, THINK Together, and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) are offered to students to increase academic achievement, as well as provide enrichment opportunities.

Our parents are involved through School Site Council (SSC), Parent Teacher Organization (PTSO), and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). We provide in-services on the instructional practices implemented in classrooms, and receive feedback from our community. Rainbow Ridge parents also volunteer in classrooms and after school activities.

The Rainbow Ridge learning community provides quality education in an environment that fosters life-long learning, respect, and success for all students.

VISION STATEMENT

We, the community of Rainbow Ridge Elementary School, work together to encourage and enable all students to reach their personal best in knowledge, problem solving skills, and commitment to life-long learning necessary to become responsible, contributing citizens in a culturally diverse global society.

DISTRICT & SCHOOL PROFILE

Val Verde Unified School District is located in the heart of the Inland Empire, approximately 72 miles

east of Los Angeles. Neighboring the district and its communities are March Air Force Base and the Lake Perris recreational area. During the 2010-11 school year, the district's schools served more than 19,500 students residing in the rural and suburban communities of Perris, Moreno Valley, and portions of unincorporated Riverside County. The district currently operates a preschool, 12 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, 2 comprehensive high schools, a student success academy, a virtual academy, and a continuation high school.

During the 2010-11 school year, Rainbow Ridge Elementary School served 803 students in grades K-5. Student enrollment included 4.2% receiving special education services, 37.5% qualifying for English learner support, and 87.1% qualifying for free or reduced-price meals. The principal leads a team of highly qualified professionals dedicated to providing a rigorous academic program designed to ensure students reach their maximum potential in alignment with state standards.

Percentage of Students by Ethnicity/Grade Level 2010-11			
Ethnic Group	%	Grade Level	#
African American	15.5%	Kindergarten	115
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.3%	Grade 1	119
Asian	1.0%	Grade 2	135
Filipino	0.6%	Grade 3	141
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	Grade 4	133
Hispanic or Latino	76.5%	Grade 5	160
White (not Hispanic)	4.6%	Grade 6	-
Two or More Races	1.0%	Grade 7	-
		Grade 8	-
Total Enrollment			803

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is a vital component to school and student success. Rainbow Ridge Elementary School offers a wide variety of opportunities for parents to support the school and their child's academic efforts through volunteering or simply attending school events. Parents seeking more information or who are interested in participating in any of the activities listed below may contact the school office or their child's teacher at (951) 490-0420.

Volunteer to Help:

- After-school activities/events
- In the classroom, library, and office
- Chaperone field trips

Join Leadership Groups:

- School Site Council
- English Learner Advisory Committee
- Parent Teacher Student Organization

Attend Special Events & Workshops:

- Back to School Night
- Family Math Night
- Family Reading Night
- Student performances
- Parent conferences
- Coffee with the Principal
- School dances and other PTSO-sponsored events

School-to-home communication is provided in both English and Spanish. The school newsletter, "The Eagle's Nest", is published each trimester and features valuable information on school policy changes, special events, announcements, and helpful student/parent tips. A calendar of school events is distributed monthly. Teachers prepare either newsletters or progress reports on a weekly or monthly basis to keep parents apprised of classroom activities and curriculum news. Memos and the school marquee are used for special announcements and reminders. The school website features general information.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

To obtain accurate and valid measures of educational progress, Rainbow Ridge Elementary School offers students multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery in each of the core subject areas. Multiple assessments of student achievement are analyzed to monitor student progress and to evaluate the effectiveness of the instructional program. These assessments include teacher-created tests, classroom observation, report card grades, INSPECT formative and summative assessments, multiple measures assessments, and results of standardized tests.

DISTRICT BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

Val Verde Unified School District uses a variety of tools to evaluate and analyze student learning. District benchmark assessments supplement multiple measures of assessment to identify students' mastery of subject matter and skill levels.

District benchmark assessments are in alignment with California State Content Standards and Frameworks and are comprised of both formative and summative assessments given in math, reading, and language arts. During the 2010-11 school year, all students in grades 1-5 were tested three times throughout the school year to identify subject area mastery and specific gaps in the learning process. Students in grades 7-12 were evaluated twice throughout the year to determine course grades and levels of content mastery.

Multiple measures of assessment are used to identify student progress, understanding of state content standards, and mastery of subject area matter/concepts. These measures include: state standardized tests, end-of-unit exams, and classroom observations. Collectively, the benchmark assessments and multiple measures aids teachers in 1) identifying areas where instruction may or may not be effective, 2) guiding classroom instruction practices and strategies, and 3) identifying students who need targeted academic assistance or intervention. Teachers and administrators are able to pinpoint any deficiencies or gaps in the learning process, identifying very specific skill sets and subject area content that needs to be retaught, reinforced, or revised to ensure every student obtains a solid foundation for future success in learning.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all students perform at or above the proficient level on the state's standards-based assessment by the year 2014. Meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) milestones helps determine whether students are reaching proficiency level targets set by NCLB. AYP requires annual evaluation and reporting of the academic progress of all students and defined student subgroups.

Adequate Yearly Progress Results Reported by Indicator and Compared to District Performance

2010-11

Did the school and district meet or exceed 2011 AYP performance criteria in each of the areas listed below?

AYP Criteria	Rainbow Ridge		VVUSD
Overall Performance	No		No
Participation Rate			
Language Arts	Yes		Yes
Math	Yes		Yes
Percent Proficient			
Language Arts	No		No
Math	No		No
API	Yes		Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A		No

AYP Performance Level

Number of AYP Criteria Met Out of the Total	13/21	29/42
Number of Criteria Possible		

For the 2010-11 AYP cycle, elementary and middle schools must achieve a 67.6% or higher proficiency rate in English/Language Arts and

STAR Results

All Students

Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient and Advanced Levels

	Rainbow Ridge			VVUSD			CA		
	08-09	09-10	10-11	08-09	09-10	10-11	08-09	09-10	10-11
	English-Language Arts	44	51	49	44	47	49	49	52
Math	64	59	60	48	52	51	46	48	50
Science	34	40	23	47	53	56	50	54	57
History				43	47	48	41	44	48

Only grades 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11 take the Science portion of this exam and only grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 take the History portion.

STAR Results

Ethnic Subgroups

Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient and Advanced Levels 2010-11

	Rainbow Ridge							
	American	Indian or	Hispanic	Hawaiian	White	Two or		
	American	Alaskan	or Latino	or Pacific	(not	More		
English-Language Arts	49	*	*	47	*	62	53	
Math	55	*	*	60	*	54	59	
Science	11	*	*	26	*	*	*	
History								

STAR Results

Other Subgroups

Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient and Advanced Levels 2010-11

	Rainbow Ridge					
	Male	Female	English Learners	Economically Disadvantaged	Students with Disabilities	Migrant Education
English-Language Arts	46	52	40	47	31	
Math	61	59	59	58	41	
Science	26	22	10	25	*	
History						

In order to protect student confidentiality, no results are reported for any group of 10 or fewer students. In cases where a % is not provided, no students were tested in the respective subgroup or subject area.

68.5% or higher proficiency rate in math on the California Standards Test (CST). Additional criteria contributing to whether or not a school demonstrates AYP include achieving a 95% or above participation rate on the CST and obtaining an API growth score of 710 or higher or increasing the API growth by one point.

The AYP table in this report illustrates the school's progress in meeting 2010-11 AYP target rates. More information on AYP can be found on the California Department of Education's (CDE) website www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/ and the U.S. Department of Education's website www.ed.gov/nclb/accountability/.

CALIFORNIA ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT TEST

State law requires schools to give the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to students in grades kindergarten through twelve whose home language is not English. The test identifies the student's proficiency level of understanding of the English language, monitors their progress in learning English if placed in the English Learner program, and helps determine if they have achieved proficiency in the English language.

STANDARDIZED STATE ASSESSMENTS

Students at Rainbow Ridge Elementary School participate in California's STAR examination each year. The mandatory STAR Program (Standardized Testing and Reporting) is a set of assessments that evaluates student proficiency in core subject areas and compares student results with other students in the state who took the same test. The STAR is comprised of a series of four components: the California Standards Tests (CST), the California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA), the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS).

The STAR tables in this report illustrate the percentage of students achieving Proficient and Advanced levels of proficiency. Results are shown only for subgroups with ten students or more taking the exam. Detailed results by grade level for each student group can be obtained

from the California Department of Education's website <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.

CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TEST

California Standards Tests assess student performance on the California Academic Content Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Performance standards identify the level of student mastery of the content standards tested. The state target for every student is to score at the Advanced or Proficient level. Students scoring at the Far Below Basic, Below Basic, and Basic levels may receive differentiated instruction through school intervention programs designed to increase student proficiency levels to meet grade level standards.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

In the spring of each year, Rainbow Ridge Elementary School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in the fifth grade. The physical fitness test measures each student's ability to complete six fitness tasks in six major areas. Students that either meet or exceed the standards in all six fitness areas are considered to be physically fit or in the "healthy fitness zone." At the time this report was published, fitness test results were not available for Rainbow Ridge Elementary School. Comparative district and state results can be found at the CDE's website www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX

The state Academic Performance Index (API) was launched by the California Department of Education in 1999 to measure the performance and progress of schools based on STAR and CAHSEE testing results. (Note: CAHSEE is the California High School Exit Exam administered to students in grades 10-12 as part of the state's graduation requirements.) The API is used to develop annual schoolwide performance growth targets for future academic improvement.

The API table in this report highlights Rainbow Ridge Elementary School's progress over the past three years. To maintain confidentiality, results are reported for numerically significant subgroups only. Numerically significant

subgroups are comprised of 1) at least 100 students with valid test scores or 2) at least 50 valid scores comprising at least 15% of the valid test scores. More information about the API may be found at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB)

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act is part of the Federal Title I funding program designed to support additional staffing and programs to meet the needs of low-income, low achieving students, and other designated students with special needs. Schools may apply, based upon their student demographics, for one of two types of Title I funding: Title I Schoolwide or Title I Targeted Assistance. Title I Schoolwide schools use federal funds for schoolwide improvement of student achievement. Title I Targeted Assistance schools use federal funds to help those students who meet specific program criteria. In 2010-11, Rainbow Ridge Elementary School qualified for Schoolwide funding and is therefore required to comply with program mandates. Any school receiving Title I funds is required to comply with respective program testing and reporting activities, achieve specific levels of student proficiency, and monitor school progress towards meeting established goals.

Title I PI Status 2011-12		
	Rainbow Ridge	VVUSD
PI Status	Not in PI	Not in PI
First Year of PI Implementation	N/A	N/A
Year in PI	N/A	N/A
# Schools Currently In PI		0
% Schools Currently In PI		0%

The statistical information in this table reflects the PI status during the 2011-12 school year.

California Adequate Yearly Progress calculations determine whether a Title I school has met performance goals. Schools not meeting specific AYP criteria enter Program Improvement, a monitoring system and curriculum enhancement program designed to help schools to increase

Academic Performance Index Three-Year Performance Comparison									
	Rainbow Ridge Base API Rank:								
	2008			2009		2010			
	Statewide Rank	6			6		6		
Similar Schools Rank	9			10		10			
	Rainbow Ridge			Rainbow Ridge		VVUSD		State	
	Increase/Decrease in API			# of Students	Growth	# of Students	Growth	# of Students	Growth
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2010-11		2010-11	
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11
All Students	5	16	-28	487	787	13,575	789	4,683,676	778
Ethnic Subgroups									
African American	30	28	-59	86	771	2,001	766	317,856	696
Hispanic or Latino	-2	13	-19	355	786	9,935	784	2,406,749	729
White (not Hispanic)				23	812	811	827	1,258,831	845
Other Subgroups									
Economically Disadvantaged	4	16	-27	428	782	11,195	779	2,731,843	726
English Learners	-9	29	-22	208	788	5,477	755	1,521,844	705
Students with Disabilities				48	644	1,238	588	521,815	595

student proficiency levels. More information about Title I and Program Improvement can be located on the CDE's website www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

SCHOOL FACILITIES & SAFETY

FACILITIES PROFILE

Rainbow Ridge Elementary School provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Original school buildings were constructed in 1989; the two-story add-on was completed during the 2008-09 school year. Ongoing maintenance ensures school facilities are kept safe and in good working condition and continue to provide adequate space for students and staff.

Campus Description	
Year Built	1989
Acreage	9.4
Bldg. Square Footage	37900
	Quantity
# of Permanent Classrooms	37
# of Portable Classrooms	0
# of Restrooms (student use)	3 sets
Computer Lab	1
Guided Learning Library	1
Library	1
Multipurpose Room	1
Staff Lounge	1
Teacher Work Room	1

2011-12 Campus Improvement Projects:
 • Replace fire alarm system

SUPERVISION & SAFETY

Each morning as students arrive on campus, the teachers and student supervision aides share supervision of students in the cafeteria receiving breakfast. Teachers are strategically stationed at the playground, parking lot, and cafeteria to monitor activities and behavior. During recess, campus supervision aides oversee playground activities. During the lunch recess, five campus supervision aides are responsible for monitoring student behavior and activities in the cafeteria, outside the restrooms, and on the playground. When students are dismissed at the end of the day, the principal and all teachers escort their students to the main exit areas to ensure students leave campus in a safe and orderly manner.

Many individuals visit the campus as volunteers or to participate in school events. To maintain a safe and secure environment, all parents and visitors are required to check in at the school office upon arrival and present valid picture identification, obtain and wear a visitor's badge, and then return to the school office upon departure.

SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLAN

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Rainbow Ridge Elementary School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher

notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, and dress code policy. The school's most current safety plan was reviewed, updated, and shared with school staff in November 2011.

SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

Rainbow Ridge Elementary School and the Val Verde Unified School District's Maintenance and Operations Department (M&O) work together to ensure student safety and uphold high cleaning standards. M&O supervisors and school administration inspect facilities on a continual basis to identify and resolve concerns in a proactive and timely manner. The most recent facilities inspection at Rainbow Ridge Elementary School took place on December 6, 2011. Schools are required by state law to report the condition of their facilities; the School Facility Good Repair Status table illustrated in this report identifies the state-required inspection areas and discloses the operational status in each of those areas. During the 2010-11 school year, 100% of student restrooms were fully operational and available for student use at all times.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

School custodial staff and the district's maintenance department work together to ensure playing fields, classrooms, and campus grounds are well-maintained and kept safe and functioning for students, staff, and visitors. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) continues to employ an electronic work order process to facilitate and improve services to Rainbow Ridge Elementary School. Teachers and school staff communicate unscheduled maintenance needs, urgent repairs, or special projects to designated custodial and office support staff who prepare and submit work orders to M&O for resolution. Emergency situations are immediately resolved either by the school custodian or district maintenance staff.

DAILY CLEANING PRACTICES

One full-time day custodian, one full-time evening custodian, and a groundskeeper are assigned to Rainbow Ridge Elementary School and work closely with the principal for routine maintenance, daily custodial duties, and special events. The principal and custodians communicate daily, as needed, to discuss campus cleaning needs and safety concerns. Every morning before school begins, the custodian inspects the facilities for safety hazards, graffiti, and other conditions that require immediate attention or removal prior to students and staff entering school grounds. Custodians and campus supervision aides check restrooms every hour as a proactive measure to keep restrooms fully stocked, safe, and sanitary.

Custodians are responsible for cleaning campus grounds, classrooms, restrooms, and common areas to ensure facilities remain in good working condition, clean, and safe for students, staff, and visitors. The custodians are required to inspect restrooms a minimum of two times a day and subsequently document restroom inspections in their daily inspection log. All custodians follow approved district standards and procedures for routine custodial functions and campus maintenance. The groundskeeper is responsible for general gardening and maintenance work such as trash and debris removal, landscaping care, irrigation system maintenance, and playing field maintenance.

Each custodian is provided one week of intensive training upon employment. Thereafter, training is coordinated by district maintenance supervisors and custodial staff meetings are held twice annually. Training activities in use of equipment and safety procedures are led by district risk management representatives, vendors, and department supervisors. The district's Operations Supervisor visits Rainbow Ridge Elementary School monthly to review custodial performance, discuss campus maintenance needs with the

School Facility Good Repair Status				
Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Inspection Date: December 6, 2011	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems	✓			
Interior Surfaces		✓		Rooms 1, 2, 7, 501, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521: water stains ceiling tiles, ceiling tiles are missing. Multipurpose Room: cracked ceiling tiles. Storage Second Floor: water stains ceiling tiles, outside hall at entry. Room 510: water stains ceiling tiles outside hallway at stairs. Room 14: floor tiles missing at door entry, trip hazard.
Cleanliness	✓			
Electrical		✓		Conference Room: outlet cover missing, outside hallway. Restroom: light cover is missing. Multipurpose Room: rubber molding loose on carpet seam, trip hazard, thermostat cover missing, south entry. Boys' Restroom: exhaust fan and outlet covers are missing. Girls' and Boys' Restrooms: outlet covers are missing. Boys' Restroom: light sensor is loose on ceiling outside sink area. Room 516: light panel cover is loose, clip broken. Room 520: light panel cover is missing. Room 14: two light panels out, five bulbs out.
Restrooms/Fountains	✓			Room 505: water has odor, bad taste (kids use outside fountains). Room 507: odor coming from sink area, kids and teacher complaining.
Safety	✓			Rooms 3, 4, 8: cleaning supplies are stored improperly under sink, keep out of reach of children.
Structural	✓			
External	✓			Room 2: floor tile is cracked at south entry, trip hazard.
Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status				
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary		✓		

Good: The school is maintained in good repair with a number of non-critical deficiencies noted. These deficiencies are isolated, and/or resulting from minor wear and tear, and/or in the process of being mitigated.

principal, evaluate conditions of the school facility, and follow up on outstanding work order requests.

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

DISCIPLINE & CLIMATE FOR LEARNING

A safe, clean school and an effective learning program provide the basis for Rainbow Ridge Elementary School's discipline program. School staff support an environment that teaches students, through the daily curriculum, the skills to resolve conflicts and take responsibility for their decisions. Teachers have established classroom management policies and behavior incentive programs in alignment with schoolwide rules and policies.

School and classroom rules are posted in each classroom. At the beginning of the school year, school rules, district policies, and academic expectations are 1) outlined in the student/parent handbook, 2) shared by teachers as part of their classroom orientation process, and 3) reinforced at grade level behavior assemblies. Students are reminded throughout the year as needed to conduct themselves in a safe, responsible, and courteous manner. The principal and teaching staff reinforce positive behavior and take the opportunity to re-visit school rules at morning flag salutes, behavior assemblies, patriotic Wednesdays, and school spirit/Aloha spirit Fridays.

Progressive disciplinary measures begin in the classroom when students are disruptive or demonstrating poor citizenship. When students continue having difficulty following school rules, teachers refer students to the principal for further intervention. Consequences and disciplinary action are based upon the student's past behavior trend and severity of infraction. Discipline measures are consistently applied in a fair and firm manner.

Staff members frequently reward and encourage students exhibiting good behavior. Once a month, classes with the least number of citations receive a "Least Citations" ice cream

Suspensions and Expulsions			
	Rainbow Ridge		
	08-09	09-10	10-11
Suspensions (#)	48	47	60
Suspensions (%)	9.14%	8.16%	7.47%
Expulsions (#)	0	0	0
Expulsions (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
VVUSD			
	All Elementary Schools		
	08-09	09-10	10-11
Suspensions (#)	355	409	307
Suspensions (%)	5.58%	4.66%	3.39%
Expulsions (#)	0	0	0
Expulsions (%)	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%

This table illustrates the total cases (not number of days) of suspensions and expulsions, and includes students with multiple instances of suspension. For example, a student suspended in one month for two days and then suspended a month later for three days is counted as two cases of suspension.

party. At the end of each trimester, an awards assembly is held to recognize students earning citizenship and academic honors such as Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll. Local businesses such as Sizzler, Shakey's, McDonald's, Jose's, Farmer Boys, In 'n Out, John's Incredible Pizza, Mimi's Cafe, Fresh & Easy Market, Chick Fi La, Stater Bros., and Brunswick Bowling provide meal and game certificates for students who excel in academics and citizenship.

Attendance is a critical component of the learning process. Students with perfect attendance are recognized during the trimester awards assembly and participate in an ice cream party. Students with perfect attendance for the year receive a medal. The classroom within each grade level with the highest attendance rate is recognized during morning assembly and earns the privilege of keeping a Cat in the Hat stuffed animal in their classroom.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in the school's extracurricular and enrichment activities offered during and after school. These programs provide the opportunity for students to explore their interests beyond the standard curriculum in a structured, supervised setting. Activities include:

- Reader's Theater
- GATE after-school enrichment
- THINK Together
- Student government

Responsible students are encouraged to participate in Rainbow Ridge Elementary's peer mediation program. Students in grades 3-5 may volunteer to help classmates with minor social issues during recess and lunch while on the playground. Supervision and training is provided by an assigned teacher. Students are given instruction on how they can help reconcile differences among their peers and identify situations that require adult intervention.

CLASS SIZE & TEACHING LOAD

The Class Size Distribution table in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes for each grade level, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-20 students, 21-31 students, and 33 or more students.

Class Size Distribution				
Self-Contained Classrooms				
2008-09				
Grade	Average Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	28.5		4	
1	27.3		3	
2	30.0		3	
3	24.7		3	
4	25.3		3	
5	26.7		3	
2010-11				
K	29.0		4	
1	29.0		4	
2	23.5	1	5	
3	27.6		5	
4	26.8	1	2	2
5	32.0		4	1

**Data for 2009-10 is unavailable from the CDE.*

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

All curriculum and instructional improvement activities at Val Verde Unified School District are aligned to the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. The district's Educational Services department selects staff development concentrations based on principal feedback, teacher survey results, California State Content Standards, district benchmark assessment results, and state standardized test results. During the 2010-11 school year, Val Verde Unified School District sponsored three formal days of staff development training. A portion of staff development time was devoted to specific areas of need identified by each individual school site.

Staff Development Days		
Three-Year Trend		
2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
3	3	3

As a supplement to district-sponsored activities and in response to site-based goals, Rainbow Ridge Elementary's staff participated in weekly professional development activities on early release days.

The district offers supplemental support year-round for new and ongoing programs tied to either specific strategies to improve student learning or district-adopted materials. Supplemental district-sponsored training sessions offered during the 2010-11 school year included:

- Collaborative Coaching and Learning (CCL) Training
- Core Content Articulation
- Doug Fisher's Gradual Release Model
- Articulated Instruction Model
- GLAD Strategies (Guided Language Acquisition Design)
- Intensive English/Language Arts Intervention - National Geographic *Inside*
- Special Education
- Step Up to Writing
- Thinking Maps
- Student Engagement Strategies
- District Benchmark Development
- Technology

A collaborative team of district administrators, instructional coaches, and school administrators is responsible for making informed decisions on improving classroom instruction, developing effective classroom strategies to increase student learning, and evaluating the progress of students meeting grade level standards. Establishing the agendas for ongoing professional development activities is based upon teacher input and results from formative and summative assessments acquired throughout the year. Using a combination of resources and techniques which include data analysis, lesson observation, lesson modeling, and teacher input, specific areas of strength and weakness are identified in classroom instruction and/or presentation of subject matter. In response, instructional practices are modified to increase the effectiveness of class lessons to subsequently improve student learning.

Rainbow Ridge Elementary School's instructional coach works directly with teaching staff to review student data, identify targeted areas of instructional needs, identify best teaching practices, and model/observe classroom instruction (referred to as the Collaborative Coaching and Learning Model). The instructional coach facilitates staff development and collaboration activities by grade level and subject area to research, evaluate, and adjust instructional practices over a six- to eight-week period. Instructional modifications address the delivery and content of lessons that require, for example, reteaching or additional staff training. This approach to improving student achievement provides teachers with the opportunity to pinpoint specific gaps, by grade level and subject area, in the learning process.

Val Verde Unified School District welcomes new teachers and provides three days of intensive training to help them experience success in their new classrooms. For ongoing professional guidance, the district supports new and veteran teachers and instructional assistants in developing their teaching skills. Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA), a state-sponsored program, is designed for first- and second-year credentialed teachers and provides skills assistance over a two-year period. The Peer Assistance and Review program is designed to improve the education of students and increase the classroom performance of teachers, targeting both new and veteran teachers.

Staff members are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. New teachers, experienced teachers, mentor/teacher leaders, administrators, and support staff are encouraged to participate in workshops sponsored by the district and Riverside County Office of Education. Professional and subject-specific offerings are consistent with the California Content Standards.

Special education staff, resource specialist staff, bilingual aides, and instructional aides receive customized training to support the district's educational programs and develop strategies to increase effectiveness in teaching practices. Classified support staff receive job-related training from vendors, department supervisors, and district representatives; training activities and workshops are designed to enhance and extend job performance. Long-term substitute teachers may be encouraged to participate in district-sponsored activities to enhance their understanding of Val Verde Unified School District's curriculum and classroom management practices.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Leadership at Rainbow Ridge Elementary School is a responsibility shared among the principal, teachers, and parents. The principal and school's leadership team shares in the decision-making and administrative processes to create an effective, safe, and nurturing learning environment. The school's leadership team, comprised of the principal, instructional coach, and grade level leaders, meets monthly to discuss current school activities, concerns, and needs of teachers and students. Team members

are responsible for facilitating grade level team meetings as well as serving as a liaison between grade level teams and school administration.

The School Site Council (SSC), consisting of the principal, teachers, classified staff, and parents, is a major governing body that meets monthly to address school programs, discuss progress in meeting school goals, and serve as a liaison between the community and school administration. On an annual basis, the SSC is responsible for reviewing and approving the school site plan, safety plan, and budget.

Rainbow Ridge Elementary's Guidance Team meets regularly to focus on student needs through the Student Success Team and Individualized Education Plan processes. Team members identify and address concerns that may be interfering or may be employed to improve learning.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

All textbooks used in the core curriculum throughout Val Verde Unified School District are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Instructional materials for grades K-8 are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. Instructional materials for grades 9-12 are standards-based and approved by the district's Board of Education. The district follows the State Board of Education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials and the eight-year cycle for textbook adoptions in foreign language, visual and performing arts, and health.

On September 13, 2011, the Val Verde Unified School District's Board of Education held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Education adopted Resolution #11-12-06 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 that 1)

textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the district to the extent that each pupil has a standards-aligned textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, 2) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and are consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in mathematics, science, history-social science, and English/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program, 3) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and 4) sufficient laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12 inclusive. Within a six-week period prior to adoption, parents may preview recommended instructional materials at the district office or the school's office.

In addition to the core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARC's the sufficiency of instruction materials used for its visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2011-12 school year, Val Verde Unified School District certifies that each student, including English learners, enrolled in a visual/performing arts class has been provided with a textbook or supplemental materials to use in class and to take home. These materials comply with the state's content standards and curriculum frameworks.

SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION

All curriculum and instruction is aligned to the California State Content Standards and Frameworks approved by the State Board of Education. Every child receives a rigorous, well-balanced standards-aligned core program. Rainbow Ridge Elementary School structures

Textbooks					
Year Adopted	From Most Recent State Adoption?	Publisher and Series	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials	Grade	
Reading/Language Arts					
2003	Yes	Houghton Mifflin: <i>A Legacy of Literacy</i>	0%	K-5	
2009	Yes	Houghton Mifflin: <i>Medallion Edition</i>	0%	K-5	
2010	Yes	Houghton Mifflin: <i>HM ELD</i>	0%	K-5	
2010	Yes	National Geographic: <i>Inside</i>	0%	4-5	
Math					
2009	Yes	McGraw Hill: <i>California Math: Concepts, Skills, and Problem Solving</i>	0%	K-5	
Science					
2008	Yes	Pearson/Scott Foresman: <i>Science</i>	0%	K-5	
Social Science					
2006	Yes	Pearson/Scott Foresman: <i>History Social Science for California</i>	0%	K-2	
2006	Yes	Pearson/Scott Foresman: <i>Our Community</i>	0%	3	
2006	Yes	Pearson/Scott Foresman: <i>Our California</i>	0%	4	
2006	Yes	Pearson/Scott Foresman: <i>Our Nation</i>	0%	5	
Health					
2010	Yes	Positive Action, Inc.: <i>Positive Action</i>	0%	K-5	

its educational program so that all students receive instruction appropriate to their learning level. To ensure the success of every student, teachers use a variety of instructional techniques using research-based instructional materials and strategies.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education students are mainstreamed into the general education classroom based upon their IEP (Individualized Education Program) and provided instruction in the least restrictive environment. Special education teachers, special education aides, and general education teachers take a team-oriented approach to provide maximum levels of instruction in the general education environment. For a portion of the regular school day, students may receive individual and/or small group instruction from special education staff in the Learning Center. A District Program Specialist meets with special education teachers regularly to provide support and assistance in developing student teaching schedules and allocating staff resources.

Each student is provided instruction based upon their IEP, which is reviewed and updated annually by the school's IEP teams. The IEP ensures that students with disabilities have equal access to core curriculum and educational opportunities and is used to coordinate specially-designed instruction based upon individual academic, social, and behavior needs.

ENGLISH LEARNER INSTRUCTION

All of Rainbow Ridge Elementary's teachers are certified and trained to provide instruction for students identified as English Learners (EL). Beginning level EL students in grades K-3 receive English Language Development (ELD) instruction by their class teacher for 30 minutes a day as a supplement to their regular language arts curriculum. Students in grades 4-5 are grouped by language fluency level to receive 150 minutes of targeted, intensive ELD/language arts instruction. ELD lessons focus on reading development, verbal language development, and vocabulary building.

Two bilingual aides collaborate with class teachers to provide in-class small group support based upon individual student needs. Two of Rainbow Ridge Elementary's primary classrooms are designed to deliver lessons and provide both English and native language support for students who are at the very early stages of learning English (Structured English Immersion); this model is used to improve student understanding of subject area matter, concepts, and lessons.

As students increase fluency in the English language, Rainbow Ridge Elementary School continues to monitor student performance through CELDT results, benchmark assessments, report cards, and classroom observation to adjust instruction as needed to ensure continued success in acquiring the English language and proficiency in reading/language arts.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Rainbow Ridge Elementary School offers a Gifted and Talented Education program for students who have been recognized as high achievers by their teachers and through district testing.

Both GATE and non-GATE high achievers are clustered by grade level to receive accelerated, differentiated instruction that offers more depth and complexity throughout the curriculum. GATE students are invited to participate in after-school activities held twice a week for 60 minutes a day; activities focus on technology and the Reader's Theater.

INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Rainbow Ridge Elementary School supports intervention programs to meet the needs of those students not meeting state proficiency standards in reading, language arts, and math. Student Success Teams comprised of school administrators, teachers, and parents work together to identify individualized intervention strategies for and monitor progress of students having difficulty with academic or social development. Formal intervention programs include:

- After-school Intervention Program: students in grades K-5 who are at the far below basic, below basic, and basic levels of proficiency in reading, math, and/or language arts based upon multiple measures, benchmark assessments, and in-class performance are recommended by their teachers to attend. Certificated staff provide instruction after school twice a week for 60 minutes a day over a six- to seven-week period. Instruction focuses on content area standards in an effort to help students meet state proficiency criteria.
- Kinder Club: students in kindergarten who are performing at the far below basic level in reading based upon multiple measures are encouraged to attend. Certificated teachers provide instruction twice a week for 45 minutes a day. Lessons focus on phonemic awareness and letter, sound, and number recognition.
- THINK Together: students are referred by teachers or their parents to the program. Students are engaged in a highly structured

program that provides homework assistance, tutoring, enrichment, recreational activities, and sports. THINK Together is offered after school until 6:00 p.m. five days a week.

• *Inside* Intensive Intervention Program: students in fourth and fifth grade who are reading two or more years below grade level based upon results from state assessments, district summative benchmark assessments, CELDT assessments, review of IEP and 504 plans, and classroom observations, are placed in the intervention program. Participating students receive 3.5 hours of instruction daily. Teachers follow the *Inside* reading curriculum which is published by National Geographic/Hampton-Brown. Instruction focuses on English/language arts standards that are below students' current grade level; this approach provides students the opportunity to be prepared when they begin working on their actual grade level standards.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

Rainbow Ridge Elementary School recruits and employs only the most qualified credentialed teachers. For the 2010-11 school year, the school employed 30 fully credentialed teachers. The Federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that all teachers in core subject areas meet certain requirements in order to be considered as "NCLB Compliant". Minimum qualifications include: possession of a bachelor's degree, possession of an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated competence in core academic subjects.

In the table below which identifies the number of classrooms taught and not taught by NCLB compliant teachers, high poverty schools are defined as those schools with student participation of approximately 75% or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low poverty schools are those with student

	Teacher Credentials and Assignments							
	Rainbow Ridge				VVUSD			
	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
Total Teachers	21	23	30		831	778	753	
Teachers with Full Credential	21	23	30		787	767	753	
Teachers without Full Credential	0	0	0		44	11	0	
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area	0	0	0		2	0	0	
Teacher Misassignments for English Learners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teacher Vacancies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NCLB Compliance Percentage of Classes in Core Academic Subjects:		
	Taught by NCLB-Compliant Teachers	Not Taught by NCLB-Compliant Teachers
2010-11		
Rainbow Ridge	100.0%	0.0%
District Totals		
All Schools	99.9%	0.1%
High-Poverty Schools	99.9%	0.1%
Low-Poverty Schools	0.0%	0.0%

Teacher Education Levels 2010-11		
	Rainbow Ridge	VVUSD
Doctorate	0.0%	0.3%
Master's Degree Plus 30 or More Semester Hours	33.3%	42.0%
Master's Degree	23.3%	15.2%
Bachelor's Degree Plus 30 or More Semester Hours	40.0%	39.1%
Bachelor's Degree	3.3%	3.5%
Less Than a Bachelor's Degree	0.0%	0.0%

participation of approximately 25% or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found on the CDE Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Evaluation procedures and criteria adopted by the Val Verde Unified School District are defined in the district's collective bargaining agreement. Teacher evaluation criteria are based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. Probationary teachers are formally evaluated annually and observed frequently. Tenured teachers are evaluated once every two years. Teachers meeting specific criteria may choose to receive their evaluation once every five years. Evaluations are conducted by the principal who has been trained and certified for competency to perform teacher evaluations.

SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF

Support services staff consist of psychologists, nurses, health technicians, and special education service providers. Through close collaboration, this expert team is instrumental in improving student attendance and achievement through the identification, referral, and remediation of health and/or emotional concerns.

Counselors and Support Personnel (Nonteaching Professional Staff) 2010-11		
	No. of Staff	FTE
Academic Counselor	0	
Adaptive PE Aide	1	0.1
Adaptive PE Specialist	1	0.1
Health Technician	1	1.0
Nurse	1	0.2
Psychologist	1	0.5

FTE = Full-Time Equivalent

The psychologist assists with academic, social, and emotional issues; provides assessments to determine eligibility for Special Education services; and facilitates coordination of Individualized Education Plans (IEP). The school nurse conducts health screening programs; health technicians provide basic aid. As a participating member of the Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Val Verde Unified School District and Rainbow Ridge Elementary School have access to a full complement of professional resources and services to meet the individual needs of its students with disabilities.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The district's Human Resources Department makes every effort to select the most qualified substitute teacher for the respective day's assignment. During the 2010-11 school year, Val Verde Unified School District's pool of substitutes was comprised of 206 teachers; the majority of substitutes were aspiring teachers, retired and semi-retired teachers, and career substitutes. Applicants seeking a position as a substitute must have passed the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test) and possess a bachelor's degree.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

SALARY & BUDGET COMPARISON

State law requires comparative salary and budget information to be reported to the general public. For comparison purposes, the State Department of Education has provided average salary data from school districts having similar average daily attendance throughout the state.

EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT

For the 2009-10 school year, Val Verde Unified School District spent an average of \$6,740 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2009-10 audited financial statements and in accordance with calculations defined in Education Code §41372). The table in this report 1) compares the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) and restricted (supplemental) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and 2) compares the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding salaries can be found at the CDE website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>. (The figures shown in the table below reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.)

Salary Comparison 2009-10		
	VVUSD	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	42,247	41,035
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	68,497	65,412
Highest Teacher Salary	83,488	84,837
Average Principal Salaries:		
Elementary School	108,415	106,217
Middle School	122,648	111,763
High School	116,016	121,538
Superintendent Salary	201,400	197,275
Percentage of Budget For:		
Teacher Salaries	15.0	39.0
Administrative Salaries	2.0	5.0

Current Expense of Education Per Pupil 2009-10					
Expenditures Per Pupil	Dollars Spent Per Student				
	Rainbow Ridge	VVUSD	% Difference - School and District	State Average for Districts of Same Size and Type	% Difference - School and State
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	4,356	4,706	92.6%	N/A	N/A
Restricted (Supplemental)	802	810	99.0%	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted (Basic)	3,554	3,896	91.2%	5,455	71.4%
Average Teacher Salary	61,085	66,474	91.9%	67,667	98.2%

In addition to general fund state funding, Val Verde Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2009-10 school year, the district received federal, state, and local aid for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- ARRA: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
- Economic Impact Aid (EIA)
- English Language Acquisition Program, Teacher Training and Student Assistance
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Medi-Cal Billing Option
- NCLB Title I, II, III, IV, X
- Other Local
- Special Education
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education
- Transportation
- Transportation: Special Education
- Vocational Programs

SARC DATA & INTERNET ACCESS

DATAQUEST

DataQuest is an online data tool located at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about Rainbow Ridge Elementary and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. DataQuest provides reports for school accountability including but not limited to API, AYP, STAR results, enrollment, and staffing.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS LOCATION

Parents may access Rainbow Ridge Elementary's SARC and access the internet at any of the county's public libraries. The closest library to Rainbow Ridge Elementary is Moreno Valley Public Library located at 25480 Alessandro Blvd., Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

Moreno Valley Public Library - (951) 413-3880

Hours: Sunday 1-5; Monday-Thursday 9-8; Friday-Saturday 9-6; Thursday-Saturday 10-6

Number of computers available: 25

Number of printers available: 2