



## **Fast Facts About the Redwood City School District (RCSD)**

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- 8,644 kindergarten through 8th grade (K-8) students in 2008/09:
  - 75% of school-aged children in the RCSD's boundary attend district schools.
  - 58% of students are eligible for the free/reduced lunch program, a federal measure of poverty.
  - 49% of students are English learners.
- 16 public schools and 1 charter school.
- 13 schools receive federal Title I funding, which is targeted to improving academic achievement of disadvantaged children, as more than 35% of their student population is eligible for the free/reduced price lunch program.
- In 2007/08, the district's Academic Performance Index (API) was 764, although four schools scored above the state target of 800 and four are within 25 points. The API measures achievement on a series of standardized tests mandated by the state under the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program.
- The RCSD is in its first year of Program Improvement (PI) Status, as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This occurred because in 2007/08 not enough students reached NCLB targets for language arts and math, based on their STAR results.
- Total projected budget for 2008/09 is approximately \$84 million and is comprised of funds from state and federal governments:
  - 87% of the total budget is allocated to the General Fund; 83% of the General Fund is used for salaries and benefits.
  - 40% of the General Fund is restricted to specific state and federal categorical aid programs and cannot be used for any other purpose:
    - All federal funding is categorical and includes programs such as Drug Free Schools, Principal Training, and Limited English Proficiency.
    - State categorical programs include Gifted and Talented Education, Class Size Reduction K-3, English Language Acquisition, and the STAR program.
  - 60% of the General Fund is available for unrestricted or discretionary spending:
    - Approximately 88% percent of this amount goes to salaries and benefits.
    - Most of this money comes from the state according to a Revenue Limit calculation. The Revenue Limit is a per-student figure based on historical formulas, adjusted for Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Each district in the state has a unique Revenue Limit.
    - Because local property taxes do not make up the full Revenue Limit, the state contributes top-up funds, as it does with approximately 94% of districts in the state.
    - In 2008/09, the Revenue Limit for the RCSD is \$5,535 per student based, on an ADA of 96.8%.