

Walden Academy

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2012-13 School Year

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Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., state Academic Performance Index [API], federal Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]), test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

Additional Information

For further information regarding the data elements and terms used in the SARC see the 2012–13 Academic Performance Index Reports Information Guide located on the CDE API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2013-14)

School Contact Information	
School Name	Walden Academy
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2012-13)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

Walden Academy is a K-8 charter school located in Willows, CA.

The mission of Walden Academy is to provide a learning environment that extends beyond the classroom and textbooks and stimulates and nurtures a students' desire to learn. Students are exposed to a learning environment that helps them gain the knowledge, skills, perspectives and practices to be responsible citizens. Natural Resources Education provides an avenue for this development that can engage the students far beyond the classroom.

Walden Academy offers a curriculum that:

- Meets and exceeds state standards through a standards-based curriculum that uses natural resource-based education as integrating context for learning.
- Allows students to actively participate in learning projects as a way of applying their knowledge.
- Uniquely uses its surroundings to make its education program relevant, team-focused, and community-oriented.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2012-13)

This section provides information on how parents can become involved in school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parent involvement.

Parent involvement is welcome at Walden Academy. Parents are expected to contribute 40 hours per year to the school; each additional child is another 20 hours.

Our parent volunteers do everything from basic maintenance tasks to working in classrooms to serving as yard duties. Walden parents are eligible to serve on the school board and Parents & Teachers of Glenn County Charters (parent fundraising group) board.

To learn more about volunteering, please visit the school office any time and stay in touch with the director and your student's teacher.

III. Student Performance

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including:

- **California Standards Tests (CSTs)**, which include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and nine through eleven.
- **California Modified Assessment (CMA)**, an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for grades three through eleven; mathematics for grades three through seven, Algebra I, and Geometry; and science in grades five and eight, and Life Science in grade ten. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations.

- **California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA)**, includes ELA and mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations.

The assessments under the STAR Program show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels.

For detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, see the CDE STAR Results Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
English-Language Arts		57.6	51.6	49.5	31.4	57.1	56.3	58.1	56.6
Mathematics		56.1	57.1	49.5	32.4	52.4	58.5	59.5	59.5
Science			93						
History-Social Science									

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA	43	33	37	18
All Student at the School	52	55	93	
Male	36	47		
Female	65	62		
Black or African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	44	44		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				
White	56	62		
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	56	50		
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities				
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2012-13)

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. For detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state, see the CDE PFT Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	26.7	33.3	6.7
7			

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

IV. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of state academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. For detailed information about the API, see the CDE API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools' API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state.

The **similar schools API rank** reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2010	2011	2012
Statewide			5
Similar Schools			N/A

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

Group	Actual API Change		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
All Students at the School			20
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White			
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

Note: "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group - 2013 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2013 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2013 Growth API					
	School		District		State	
	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API
All Students at the School	91	821				
Black or African American	0					
American Indian or Alaska Native	4					
Asian	5					
Filipino	0					
Hispanic or Latino	23	790				
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0					
White	59	839				
Two or More Races	0					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	17	820				
English Learners	5					
Students with Disabilities	4					

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal ESEA requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

For detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, see the CDE AYP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2012-13)

AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall	No	
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	No	
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	Yes	
Met API Criteria	Yes	
Met Graduation Rate (if applicable)		

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2013-14)

Schools and 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 (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. For detailed information about PI identification, see the CDE PI Status Determinations Web page: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/tidetermine.asp>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	

V. School Climate

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2012-13)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	28
Grade 1	22
Grade 2	23
Grade 3	21
Grade 4	14
Grade 5	16
Grade 6	16
Grade 7	5
Total Enrollment	145

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2012-13)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0	White	65
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	Two or More Races	1
Asian	5	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	17
Filipino	0	English Learners	2
Hispanic or Latino	25	Students with Disabilities	4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2010-11			2011-12			2012-13					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K				30		1		30		1		
1				25		1		25		1		
2				25		1		25		1		
3				25		1		25		1		
4				25		.5		25		1		
5				25		.5		25		.5		
6				25		.5		25		.5		
Other												

Note: Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2010-11			2011-12			2012-13					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English				25		.5		25		1		
Mathematics				25		.5		25		1		
Science				25		.5		25		1		
Social Science				25		.5		25		1		

Note: Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

School Safety Plan (School Year 2012-13)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan, including the dates on which the safety plan was last reviewed, updated, and discussed with faculty; as well as a brief description of the key elements of the plan.

It is the policy of Walden Academy to strive for the highest safety standards and to provide a safe workplace for all employees and a safe school for all students. Walden Academy adheres to an Emergency Preparedness Plan drafted specifically to the needs of the school site in conjunction with law enforcement and the Fire Marshall.

Walden Academy staff has been trained in emergency procedures in accordance with state regulations. The school cooperates with local agencies to provide safety instruction for students to prepare them for emergencies at school and home. Walden's emergency plan is reviewed and updated annually.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Suspensions		0	10		0	
Expulsions		0	0		0	

Note: The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment x 100.

VI. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2013-14)

This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

- Description of the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of the school facility
- Description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair

Walden Academy is located on premises rented from St. Monica Catholic Church and another private classroom and office located across the street from St. Monica. School premises are monitored by staff and repairs are handled by Walden Academy and its lessors. The school completed an analysis of its facilities using the Facilities Inspection Tool from the Office of Public School Construction.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2013-14)

This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The Overall Rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2013-14)				
Year and month in which data were collected: January 2014				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[]	[]	[X]	HVAC systems need to be replaced.
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[]	[]	[X]	Floor tiles need to be replaced in Room 5
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[]	[]	[X]	Electrical equipment needs to be properly secured.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[]	[X]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[]	[]	[X]	There are no fire sprinklers. There is no emergency alarm. Emergency exit signs are missing. Chemicals and cleaning materials need to be locked and stored properly.
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[]	[]	[X]	Cracks are evident.
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[]	[]	[X]	Glass needs to be removed from campus. Door locks need to be replaced.

Overall Facility Rate

Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	[]	[]	[]	[X]

VII. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2012-13
With Full Credential		5	7	
Without Full Credential		0	0	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)		0	0	---

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

* Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2012-13)

The federal ESEA, also known as NCLB, requires that core academic subjects be taught by Highly Qualified Teachers, defined as having at least a bachelor's degree, an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated core academic subject area competence. For more information, see the CDE Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Web page at www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	100.0	0.0
High-Poverty Schools in District	0.0	0.0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100.0	0.0

Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

VIII. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2012-13)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	---
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	---
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0	---
Psychologist	.2	---
Social Worker	0	---
Nurse	0	---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.2	---
Resource Specialist	.2	---
Other		---

Note: One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

IX. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2013-14)

This section describes whether the textbooks and instructional materials used at the school are from the most recent adoption; whether there are sufficient textbooks and instruction materials for each student; and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Year and month in which data were collected: January, 2014

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	CA Treasures McGraw-Hill Adopted 2010	Yes	0
Mathematics	Everyday Mathematics Everyday Learning Corp - Adopted 2012	Yes	0
Science	Full Option Science System - Adopted 2013	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Reflections - Adopted 2006	Yes	0
Foreign Language			
Health			
Visual and Performing Arts			

X. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2011-12)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	7,749	2,914	4,835	44,956
District	---	---		
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---		
State	---	---	\$5,537	
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	-12.7	

Supplemental/Restricted expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted.

Basic/Unrestricted expenditures are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/>. For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>. To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data Web site at: <http://www.ed-data.org>.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2012-13)

This section provides specific information about the types of programs and services available at the school that support and assist students. For example, this narrative may include information about supplemental educational services related to the school's federal Program Improvement (PI) status.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2011-12)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	39000	
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	42500	
Highest Teacher Salary	45000	
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	60000	
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		
Average Principal Salary (High)		
Superintendent Salary		
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37%	
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the number of days provided for professional development and continuous professional growth in the most recent three year period. Questions that may be answered include:

- What are the primary/major areas of focus for staff development and specifically how were they selected? For example, were student achievement data used to determine the need for professional development in reading instruction?
- What are the methods by which professional development is delivered (e.g., after school workshops, conference attendance, individual mentoring, etc.)?
- How are teachers supported during implementation (e.g., through in-class coaching, teacher-principal meetings, student performance, and data reporting, etc.)?

In 2012-2013, the staff at Walden Academy used professional development time to examine student achievement, and plan test preparation and practice periods. The team also looked at students' data to determine the need for crisis management and safety training for administration and staff.

The staff participated in CPR training, Mimio interactive whiteboard training, and Everyday Math training. Teachers, administration, and board members attended the California Charter School Association conference.

New teaching staff participated in the BTSA program. All teaching staff was evaluated using a performance rubric and annual surveys.