

# Fast Facts

Schools in Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) are located in the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, and Ontario covering 88 square miles.

**CVUSD Student Enrollment:** 32,915

**District-wide Attendance Rate for 2007/08:** 96.12%

<b>Average SAT Score* 2007/08:</b>	Verbal	Math	Writing
District-wide (*out of 800)	482	505	479

**Graduation Rate for 2006/07:**  
District-wide rate 87.4%

**Student Enrollment by Ethnicity in 2007/08:**

African-American	4.6%
American Indian/Alaskan	.3%
Asian	10.0%
Caucasian	29.0%
Filipino	4.7%
Hispanic	51.0%
Pacific Islander	.35%

There are 46 languages spoken in CVUSD.

The Transportation Department bussed 648,728 students 749,830 round-trip miles in 2007/08.

More than 2.3 million lunches and 311,533 breakfasts were served by the Nutrition Services Department in 2007/08.

Approximately 28% of our students are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

CVUSD employs 2,815 making it one of the largest employers in the County of San Bernardino:

Teachers	1,478
Classified	1,169
Clerical & Management	168

# Highlights

There was no shortage of success stories throughout the last year. Here are some of the top stories that occurred during the 2007/08 school year:

## ACADEMICS

Country Springs ES was recognized as a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, one of the highest recognitions bestowed upon a school.

Borba FS has been fully accredited as an International Baccalaureate World School and Don Lugo HS was accepted as a Diploma Program candidate.

Rhodes ES and Wickman ES were named California Distinguished Schools – the highest honors in the state.

Oak Ridge ES was named a California Business for Education Excellence/Just for Kids California Honor Roll School for 2007.

Marshall ES improved their academic performance to allow for an exit from the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP).

Five elementary schools scored above 900 on the Academic Performance Index including Rhodes ES which leads San Bernardino County in scores at 946; five elementary schools placed within the top 10 schools in the County; twelve schools have scores above 800; Canyon Hills JHS and Townsend JHS scored in the top five of junior highs in the County; and Ayala HS and Chino Hills HS are within the top ten high schools in the County. Eleven schools earned double digit gains. Gird ES increased 77 points since 2006, outgrowing all schools in the District over the past two years. El Rancho ES increased 60 points over the past two years and Cortez ES grew by 45 points and surpassed the state target of 800 with a score of 809.

The Class of 2008 was the first CVUSD class to have graduated with a mandatory 2.0 grade point average.

Briggs FS, Canyon Hills JHS, and Butterfield Ranch ES, Chaparral ES, Country Springs ES, Eagle Canyon ES, Glenmeade ES, Hidden Trails ES, Liberty ES, Los Serranos ES, Oak Ridge ES, Rhodes ES, Rolling Ridge ES, Walnut ES and Wickman ES achieved the District goal of 97 percent attendance for the year, up from only eight schools last year.

Ayala HS and Chino HS each were awarded a three-year accreditation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The California Department of Education has chosen the District's International Baccalaureate program to use as a model for the state leadership and the legislature and to support their continued requests for additional funding.

## STUDENTS

Ayala HS basketball player Rebekah Gardner was named "Player of the Year" by the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin as she guided the Lady Bulldogs to a League Championship and State Regional runner-up.

Alex Walker and Michelle Wagner of Ayala HS, along with Melissa Reese of Townsend JHS, have been named to the National Honor Band by the Bands of America and will participate in the 2009 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Eleven students from Ayala HS and Chino HS won statewide awards in 21 categories in the home economics and technology categories through California FHA-HERO, the organization sponsored by the California Department of Education for students enrolled in home economics and technology courses.

Chino Hills HS Debate Club students Brandon Rivera and Chloe Staab competed against teams from throughout the state and made it to the sweet 16 round before facing elimination.

Chino Hills HS graduate Zach Collier was a first round draft pick of the Philadelphia Phillies in the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Zach played outfield for the Huskies.

Don Lugo HS senior Kellan Bateman received an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Don Lugo HS graduate Charlie Hinojosa was drafted by the New York Mets after a successful baseball career with the Conquistadors. He was chosen in the 39th round of the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft and was Mt. Baldy League's MVP.

The students in the Don Lugo Floriculture classes will be creating the centerpieces for four banquets taking place on behalf of the 2009 Tournament of Roses Committee. The class has also been asked to design and build a portion of the Sierra Madre Rose Float entry, one of the oldest participants in the Rose Parade and recipients of awards for beauty and craftsmanship in recent years.

Canyon Hills JHS student Shannon Lin made it to the quarterfinals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the first ever student to advance from the Inland Valley.

Townsend JHS student Eugene Laksana and Oak Ridge ES student Adam Lopez qualified for the State Science Fair with their projects "Calcium v. Protein" by Eugene and "Tooth Decay" by Adam.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

The Ayala HS Varsity Football Team went from 0-10 in the prior year to reaching the CIF playoffs.

Ayala Band and Color Guard placed 14th in the nation and was featured in Southwest Airlines magazine.

CIF Southern Section named Ayala HS a "Champion for Character School" for exemplifying the very finest in sportsmanship, character, integrity and athletics.

The Chino HS 77th Cavalry Band and Pageantry brought home the Grand Master's Champion award for its field performance at the Fiesta Bowl National Band Championships in Arizona.

Chino Hills HS won 9 out of 20 Sierra League Championships qualifying them to take home, for the first time, the Sierra League Perpetual All Sports trophy.

The Jim Graham Memorial Sportsmanship Award was given to Chino Hills HS for consistent demonstration of outstanding sportsmanship during the 2007/08 season by the Foothill-Citrus Basketball Officials Association.

Approximately 120 seniors from all six high schools participated in the 28th annual Student Government Day and learned about leadership from civic leaders as they held mock City Council and School Board meetings, visited the Chino courtrooms and the men's prison as well as shadowed principals at each of our schools.

Students throughout the District organized and promoted the first Adair Satterfield Junior High School Chino Relays with proceeds going to scholarships

in the former administrator's name. A team from Boys Republic High School took the top trophy in a masonry contest, defeating two other schools. The team built an 8-foot-long block wall, a sample panel for a block wall, a staggered block wall and a corner of a block wall to earn the top honors.

Nineteen students at Ramona JHS were the first ever at the junior high school level in the District and one of few in San Bernardino County with a chartered National Junior Honor Society, a sister organization to the National Honor Society at the high school level.

Seven students from Townsend JHS advanced to the world finals competition for the Odyssey of the Mind.

The Townsend JHS Dance Team won the USA National Title for California out of 10 competing teams and also received the Grand Champion's Award for scoring tops out of 61 teams.

Students from Townsend JHS took top honors in the Pomona Valley Art Association Student Show and their winning art work was featured on the cover of certificates given to classified and certificated employees in honor of Classified School Employee Week and Day of the Teacher.

Woodcrest JHS Color Guard won the Winter Guard Association of Southern California Junior High A division, for the second year in a row winning five out of six events.

Talk show host Jay Leno read several New Year's resolutions from students at Country Springs ES and Dickey ES on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno".

## **STAFF**

Ayala HS Athletic Director Steve Martin received the Bob Troppman Lifetime Achievement Award from the California State Athletic Directors Association.

Connie Weeks, Activities Director at Don Lugo HS, received the Warren Shull Award from the California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) for outstanding contributions in working with student leaders.

Woodcrest JHS teachers Paula Miller and Steve Ivey were selected for a 2008 History-Social Science Teacher of Excellence Award by the Inland Empire Council for Social Studies.

Network Specialist George Khairallah was featured in an article that appeared in Redmond and Data Bus magazine that explains the process and benefits of switching to a system that allows the staff to manage more than 34,000 user accounts in minutes rather than weeks, saving hundreds of hours annually.

Crossing Guard Christy Pocorena was named Crossing Guard of the Year by All City Management for her assistance to students and parents at Country Springs ES.

The Program Improvement team brought home a national award for their work with parents based on program leadership, teamwork, plans and activities. The District won the 2008 Partnership District Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University.

Several employees were named by their peers as outstanding administrators through the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA):

- Nancy Harms, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services – Central Office Administrator of the Year
- Grace Park, Assistant Principal at Ramona JHS – Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year

- Bari Ficquette, Assistant Principal at Borba Fundamental – Elementary Co-Administrator of the Year.

Hidden Trails ES teacher Heather Post was honored by Cambridge Who's Who for Excellence in Elementary Education for her dedication and leadership.

Dickson ES Assistant Principal Carol Sullivan and teacher Jody Biloon submitted a promising practice to the National Network of Partnership Schools – which was accepted and will be included in the 2008 Promising Practice book from the Network.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Don Lugo HS alumni Chad Cordero, a pitcher for the Washington Nationals, donated a scoreboard for the baseball field and laptop computers to the first grade teachers at his elementary alma mater, Newman ES.

Students and staff at Ramona JHS collected “Treats for Troops” for alumni serving in the military and have contributed the names and photos of many soldiers to be honored in the Military Salute on the District's website.

Teacher Dawn Zwack's third grade class at Cattle ES adopted Marine and CVUSD alumni Danny Zwick and his entire troop as they served in Iraq by collecting and sending care packages as well as writing a Chino newsletter to keep him up to date on local news.

The students and staff of Chaparral ES adopted CPL Joey Linares, also a Marine, and the son of Chaparral Kindergarten teacher Yolanda Linares, by sending him care packages as well as collecting funds to purchase a banner for the City of Chino Hills to fly in his honor.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

Seventy-one of our students were treated during the annual Make A Child Smile program to a shopping outing sponsored by the Chino Valley Professional Firefighters and Wal-Mart at the Chino Spectrum during the holiday season.

Justin Young, the owner/operator of Chick-Fil-A in Chino Hills, received a Medal of Honor from the San Bernardino County School Boards Association for his support of District schools.

Leaders from throughout the Inland Valley joined the annual Principal for a Day event and learned about District schools from the inside when they took over the top spot.

The Parent Resource Center, staffed by parent volunteers, debuted at the Professional Development Center (PDC) giving parents a place to find information about District schools and how to navigate the education system.

Fourteen schools visited the Los Angeles County Fair through the FairKids Discovery Field Trips programs and thanks to the community, donations paid for all transportation costs.