

School Fact Sheet, 2008–2009

JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thornton High School

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PRINCIPAL: Keith Irish **GRADE RANGE:** 9–12 **SCHEDULE:** Traditional

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Teachers

KEY FACTOR	CONTINUATION HIGH		
	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of teachers (FTE)	8	10	8
Students per teacher	23	18	18
Average years of teaching experience	10	14	15
Teachers with one or two years of teaching experience	12%	7%	10%
Full credential holders	100%	98%	95%
Trainee credential holders	0%	2%	4%
Emergency permit holders	0%	0%	3%

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education, Jefferson Union High School District. County and state averages represent continuation high schools only. Because teachers can hold more than one type of credential, percentages rarely add up to 100 percent.

Our teachers bring an average of ten years of teaching experience to their classes. About 91 percent have a full credential. Statewide about 95 percent of continuation high school teachers hold this credential.

Average Class Sizes

CORE COURSE	CONTINUATION HIGH		
	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
English	23	15	17
History/social science	13	14	18
Math	10	16	16
Science	12	14	17

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent continuation high schools only.

The average class size of core courses varies at our school from a low of ten students to a high of 23 students. Our average class size for all classes schoolwide is 14 students. The average class size schoolwide for other continuation high schools in the state is 17 students.

Students

KEY FACTOR	CONTINUATION HIGH		
	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
Number of students	187	187	135
English Learners	3%	22%	23%
Low-income students	19%	42%	50%
Students whose parents attended/graduated college	62%	44%	38%

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education. County and state averages represent continuation high schools only.

The factors above may affect students' performance in school.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Two factors indicate how effectively we prepare students for college: whether students are taking the courses required for college admission, and where students ultimately enroll in the state's public college system.

KEY FACTOR	CONTINUATION HIGH		
	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG	STATE AVG
2008 graduates meeting UC or CSU course requirements	0%	1%	1%
2007 graduates attending UC	0%	0%	0%
2007 graduates attending CSU	0%	0%	0%
2007 graduates attending community colleges	17%	35%	22%

SOURCE: 2008 CBEDS data, California Dept. of Education, California Postsecondary Education Commission. County and state averages represent continuation high schools only.

Information in this report changes throughout the year. A complete annual accountability report is available from our school or district office, and on our district Web site:

<http://www.juhsd.k12.ca.us/>

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

California Standards Tests

This series of tests is based on what California students are expected to know and learn at each grade level.

Student Proficiency

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FAR BELOW BASIC **BELOW BASIC** **BASIC** **PROFICIENT** **ADVANCED**

SUBJECT	PERCENT PROFICIENT OR HIGHER	LOW SCORES	HIGH SCORES
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English/Language Arts (Reading and Writing)

Our school	12%	
Calif. continuation high schools	9%	

Algebra

Our school	5%	
Calif. continuation high schools	3%	

US History

Our school	4%	
Calif. continuation high schools	9%	

Life Science (Tenth Grade)

Our school	12%	
Calif. continuation high schools	9%	

SOURCE: The scores for the California Standards Tests are from the spring 2009 test cycle. State averages represent continuation high schools only.

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API): This is California's way of rating schools. Using student test scores, the API places schools on a scale from 200 to 1000. Our school's API was 597, compared with 544 for the average continuation high school. The state expects schools to attain an API of 800 eventually. Many continuation high schools account for their results using the [Alternative School Accountability Model \(ASAM\)](#). If you see "N/A" in the tables below, ours may be an ASAM school.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP): This is a federal measure that requires schools to meet test score goals schoolwide and for all subgroups* of students. We met all six criteria for yearly progress. As a result, we succeeded at making AYP. Note that the number of criteria may vary from school to school.

CALIFORNIA API ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX		FEDERAL AYP ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	
Met schoolwide growth target	N/A	Met AYP	Yes
Met growth target for prior school year	N/A	Met schoolwide test participation rate	Yes
API	597	Met schoolwide test score goals	Yes
Growth attained from prior year	+86	Met subgroup* test participation rate	N/A
Met subgroup* growth targets	N/A	Met subgroup* test score goals	N/A
		Met API for AYP	Yes
		Met graduation rate	Yes
		Program Improvement school	No

SOURCE: API growth score, 2009 test cycle. API and AYP current as of September 2009.
* Numerically significant groups, such as English Learners and ethnic groups, with separate API and AYP goals.
N/A Data unavailable or unreported; statistically insignificant number of valid test scores; testing data under review; or school uses alternative accountability measures.

