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On October 2, 2018 the California Department of Education released the 2018 CAASPP Results for districts across the State. The public can access these results at <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov>.

The CAASPP -- the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress -- are computer-based assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. The CAASPP replaced the paper-based Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program three years ago. Last spring, Piedmont Students in grades 3–8 and 11 participated in the 2018 CAASPP.

The assessments are “adaptive” in that they take into account the student’s correct or incorrect answers to generate succeeding questions. These assessments move beyond multiple choice, and include performance tasks that require complex written responses. For these reasons, the CAASPP are designed to provide a more complete understanding of student knowledge and critical thinking skills for college and career readiness.

Piedmont students performed superbly. Superintendent Booker commented, “I am so proud of the efforts from students and our remarkable educators. Academic success is built on teamwork, perseverance, and passion—all traits shared by our students and community.”

The following charts provide overall CAASPP results for Piedmont Unified as well as other unified school districts that are historically comparable to Piedmont Unified. The values indicate the percentage of test-takers (grades 3-8, 11) who either “met” or “exceeded” the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics.

Like class assignments and report cards, these assessments are one gauge of student progress, providing information to schools, teachers, and parents about how students perform relative to California’s goals for both learning and college and career readiness.

These results will be used as one of several means to determine and meet student needs, and guide discussions among parents and teachers.

2017-18 CAASPP Results: Unified (K-12) School Districts – English Language Arts/Literacy

Piedmont Unified ranks #2 in the state of California (and #1 in Northern California) in the percentage of students who either met or exceeded the standards in **English language Arts/Literacy**.

Unified School District	2017-18 English Language Arts/Literacy: Standard Exceeded/Met	2016-17 English Language Arts/Literacy: Standard Exceeded/Met	2015-16 English Language Arts/Literacy: Standard Exceeded/Met
Piedmont Unified	87% #1 in Northern California (#2 in State)	86% #1 in Northern California (#2 in the state)	87% #1 in Northern California (#3 in the state)
Albany Unified	76%	79%	77%
Arcadia Unified	80%	79%	77%
Berkeley Unified	66%	61%	62%
Dublin Unified	78%	76%	79%
Fremont Unified	77%	75%	71%
Irvine Unified	77%	77%	79%
La Cañada Unified	88%	86%	88%
Laguna Beach Unified	82%	82%	82%
Los Alamitos Unified	82%	82%	81%
Manhattan Beach Unified	84%	84%	82%
Oak Park Unified	81%	79%	79%
Palo Alto Unified	82%	82%	83%
Palos Verdes Unified	77%	78%	80%
Pleasanton Unified	81%	81%	81%
San Marino Unified	87%	90%	90%
San Ramon Unified	82%	82%	82%
South Pasadena Unified	84%	83%	81%
Alameda County	56%	55%	55%
California	49%	49%	44%

2017-18 CAASPP Results: Unified (K-12) School Districts – Mathematics

Piedmont Unified ranks #2 in the state of California (and #1 in Northern California) in the percentage of students who either met or exceeded the standards in **Mathematics**.

Unified School District	2017-18 Mathematics: Standard Exceeded/Met	2016-17 Mathematics: Standard Exceeded/Met	2015-16 Mathematics: Standard Exceeded/Met
Piedmont Unified	85% #1 in Northern California (#2 in State)	84% #1 in Northern California (#2 in State)	87% #1 in Northern California (#1 in State)
Albany Unified	70%	74%	73%
Arcadia Unified	75%	76%	77%
Berkeley Unified	60%	57%	58%
Dublin Unified	74%	73%	73%
Fremont Unified	73%	71%	70%
Irvine Unified	74%	74%	75%
La Cañada Unified	85%	84%	84%
Laguna Beach Unified	74%	72%	70%
Los Alamitos Unified	74%	73%	72%
Manhattan Beach Unified	77%	75%	73%
Oak Park Unified	75%	72%	73%
Palo Alto Unified	83%	81%	84%
Palos Verdes Unified	72%	72%	74%
Pleasanton Unified	77%	77%	76%
San Marino Unified	87%	86%	87%
San Ramon Unified	77%	77%	76%
South Pasadena Unified	79%	79%	78%
Alameda County	49%	47%	46%
California	38%	38%	33%