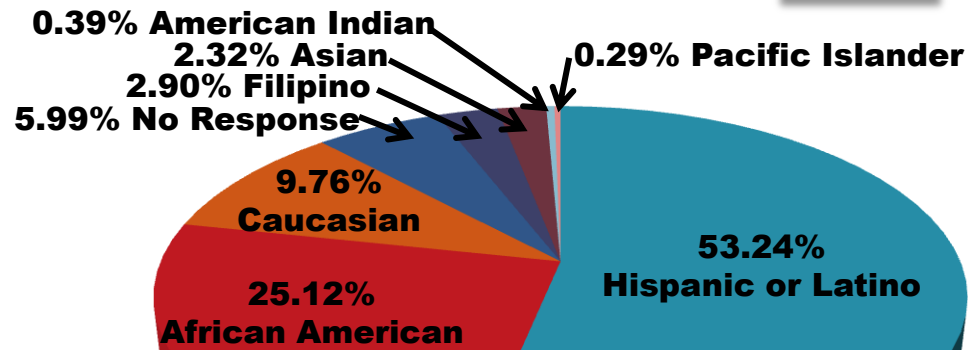


# Blair School

An International Baccalaureate World School  
And a 2011 California Distinguished School

Blair School is a dynamic, ethnically diverse school with more than half of our students coming from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. Where others have failed, over the past three years Blair triumphed by significantly closing major achievement gaps and recently earned statewide recognition as a 2011 California Distinguished School. The International Baccalaureate curriculum drives our success in which currently 100% of Blair 6th through 10th graders participate in the IB Middle Years Program. This is how...

## Blair School Works!



- 78.3% of Blair Students are Black or Latino
- 51% Participate in Free or Reduced-Price Lunch (STAR)
- 53% are Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- 14% are English Learners (STAR)
- 18% Reclassified as Fluent in English (STAR)
- 9% of Students have Disabilities (STAR)

\*STAR: California Department of Education's Standardized Testing and Reporting

### At Blair School:

- 100% of Socioeconomically Disadvantaged passed CAHSEE
- 87.9% of African Americans passed CAHSEE
- 85.4% of Hispanic or Latino passed CAHSEE

\*CAHSEE : California High School Exit Exam

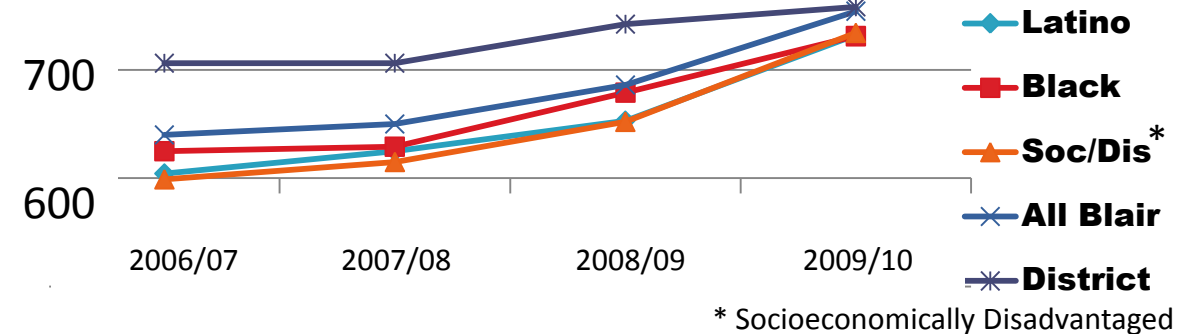


## Blair and IB Work for PUSD



A 2011 California Distinguished School

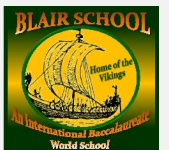
### BLAIR Closes API Achievement Gaps!



Blair and IB are solving the biggest issues ailing PUSD!  
In only our first five IB years, Blair School and the International Baccalaureate Program have combined to:

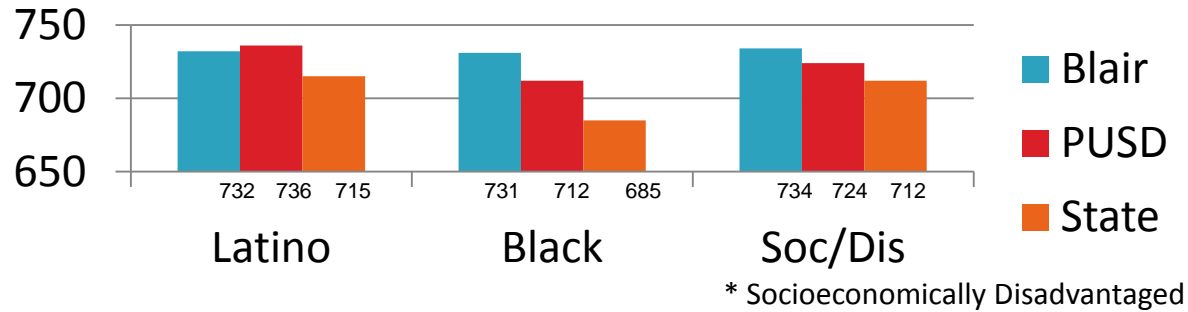
- ✓ **Significantly close the achievement gaps!**
- ✓ **Earn a 780 API score for Blair Middle School!**
- ✓ **Earn the California Distinguished School Award!**

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# BLAIR 2010 API by Subgroup

As Compared to PUSD and State



Blair is the only PUSD High School ever to win the California Department of Education's **Distinguished School Award** for "exemplary and inspiring schools... demonstrating significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap."\*

\* California Department of Education Award Description

# Blair's 68 Point API Rise In 2010 Is Strongest Where It Counts

Blair significantly closed the minority student achievement gap... traditionally a national, state-wide and PUSD problem. The numbers show the biggest API gains at Blair Middle School. In fact, Blair MS students scored a 780 API.

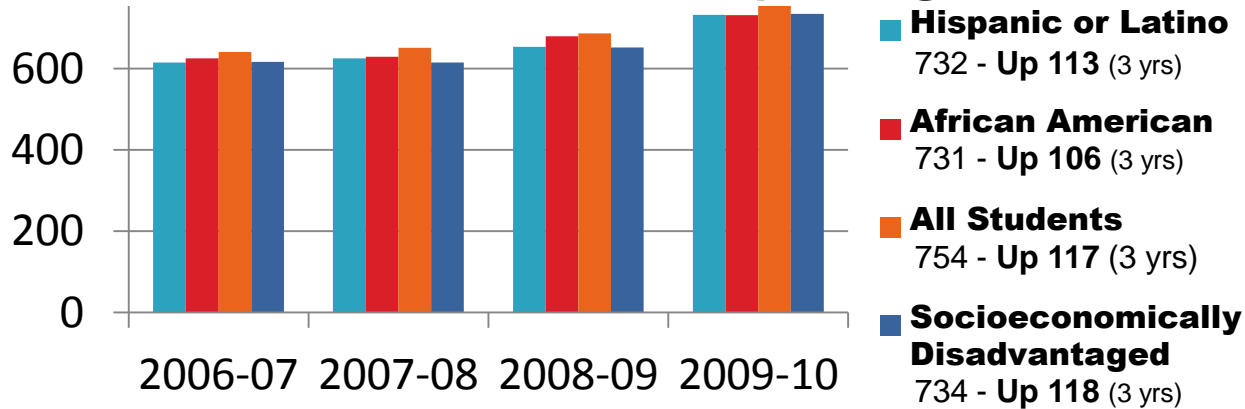
100% of Blair 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> graders are in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. Blair's commitment to IB's MYP is making a big difference!



## Coming Fall 2011

Blair's new middle school has already won its own award. The California Council of the American Institute of Architects has given its Merit Award for design to architects at gkk works for both the new Middle School and upcoming Ninth Grade building.

# BLAIR API Growth by Subgroup



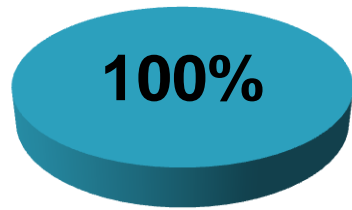
## A Message from the Desk of Mrs. Skinner, Blair School Principal

We all want a quality education for our children in a safe, secure and clean environment. Blair offers just that and distinguishes itself from other schools in the area by offering the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program.

We are a 6th through 12th grade school with an international focus where students learn to be critical thinkers with a global perspective. Our curriculum is aligned with state standards, taught by caring teachers who effectively use student data to better serve the needs of our students.

Blair's school wide test scores jumped 68 points this past year adding to an overall gain of 186 points over the past 7 years. And we are proud to announce that Blair has just been named a 2011 California Distinguished School.

## Blair Middle Years Program (MYP) Participation



■ All Blair 6th to 10th Graders are IB MYP Students

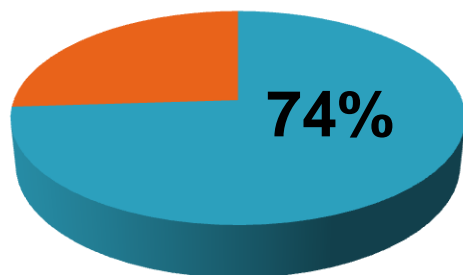
**100% of Blair 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Graders are MYP**

All 802 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> graders are in the IB Middle Years Program. They also have an API score of 780. We think the connection is clear. And Blair’s MYP student pipeline continues to grow our DP participation, so our future looks strong.

## 74% of All Blair Students Participate In IB

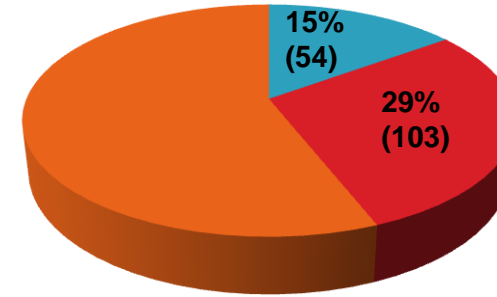
Add all 802 MYP students to the 54 DP students, and **74% of all Blair students participate in IB**. The International Baccalaureate Program is synonymous with Blair. With the introduction soon of IB Pathway Certificate Courses even more Blair students will participate in and benefit from IB.

## Blair 6th to 12th IB Participation



■ IB Students  
■ Non IB Students

## Blair Juniors & Seniors



■ IB DP Students  
■ Health Care Academy Students  
■ General Student Body

Blair School has (353) 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## Strong Growth for Blair’s IB Diploma Program (DP)

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders who seek to excel. Most Blair IB Diploma recipients over our short five year history are still in college at USC, UCLA, Cal Berkeley, Columbia, Princeton, Harvey Mudd and more. That just represents the full Diploma winners. That is only half the story.

As the table below illustrates, the rest of the Diploma Program story is equally impressive. Blair Juniors and Seniors not seeking Diplomas, yet taking IB classes, far outnumber Diploma candidates. Soon IB Pathway Certificate Courses will offer even more opportunities for students, in pathway-specific classes applied with IB discipline, oversight and certificates.

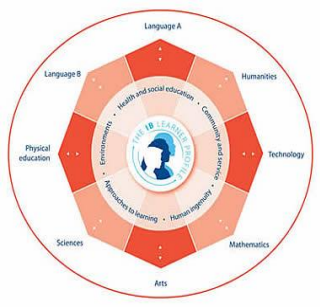
IB Diploma Program Blair Student Participation	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
IB Diploma Candidates	3	8	6	7	13	14
IB Diploma Exams Taken	43	88	68	114		
Juniors in DP Pipeline	6	7	7	16	14	
Students in IB DP Classes	18	22	19	32	54	
IB DP Student x Classes	55	103	82	130	129	
IB DP Diplomas Awarded	1	1	2	7		



**The International Baccalaureate Mission**  
*... is to foster inquiring, knowledgeable and caring students. To create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. They offer challenging programs of international education applied with rigorous assessment.*

## Blair School Sample IB Course Sequence

- Middle Years Program  
5 Areas of Interaction**
- Approaches to Learning
  - Community and Service
  - Human Ingenuity
  - Environment
  - Health and Social Education



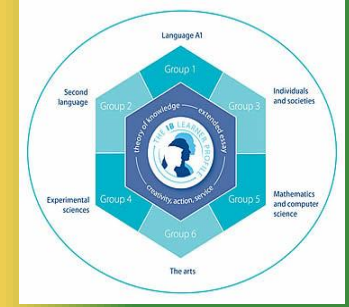
- Middle Years Program  
8 Subject Groups**
- Language A
  - Language B
  - Humanities
  - Science
  - Mathematics
  - Art & Technology
  - Physical Education

	IB Middle Years Program					Diploma Program	
Subject Area	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - MYP	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade - MYP	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade- MYP	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade - MYP	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade -MYP	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade - DP	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade - DP
MYP-Language A DP-Language A1	English 6	English 7	English 8	English 9	English 10	IB English A – HL <b>Higher Level</b> – Year 1	IB English A1 HL <b>Higher Level</b> –Year 2
MYP-Language B DP-Language ,B, or ab initio	Semester Course Spanish	Semester Course Spanish	Semester Course Spanish	Spanish 1 or Spanish Native Speaker 1	Spanish 2 or Spanish Native Speaker 2	Spanish 3 or French 3 IB Spanish SL or IB French SL <b>Standard Level</b>	IB Spanish SL or IB French SL <b>Standard Level</b>
MYP-Humanities DP-Individuals & Societies	Ancient Civilizations	World History	U.S. History		World History or AP World History	IB History of the Americas HL <b>Higher Level</b> – Year 1	IB History of the Americas HL <b>Higher Level</b> – Year 2
MYP Science DP-Experimental Sciences	Science 6	Life Science	Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry or Physics	IB Physics SL <b>Standard Level</b>	IB Biology HL <b>Higher Level</b>
MYP- Mathematics DP- Mathematics	Pre-algebra or Algebra	Pre-algebra or Algebra	Algebra or Geometry	Geometry	Algebra 2	IB Math Studies <b>Standard Level</b> Year 1	IB Math Studies <b>Standard Level</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester AP Calculus (optional)
MYP- Art	50 hrs. art 50 hrs. technology	50 hrs. art 50 hrs. technology	50 hrs. art 50 hrs. technology	50 hrs. art 50 hrs. technology	Drawing and Painting	IB Art is not offered – instead, students take a second IB Science course	IB Art is not offered – instead, students take a second IB Science course
MYP- Physical Education DP- Theory of Knowledge	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	AP Government - 1 <sup>st</sup> semester Theory of Knowledge - 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Theory of Knowledge – 1 <sup>st</sup> semester Economics – 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester

Students may not count more than 2 Standard Level courses taken during the junior year for the IB diploma. Any additional Standard Level courses taken during the junior year are considered Extra Certificates and will not count toward IB Diploma requirements.

The 5 areas of interaction – Approaches to Learning, Community & Service, Human Ingenuity, Environment, & Health and Social Education – are interwoven and integrated throughout the 8 subject areas listed above.

- Diploma Program  
3 Core Parts**
- Extended Essay
  - Theory of Knowledge Class
  - Creativity, Action, Service



- Diploma Program  
Six Subject Groups**
- Language A
  - Language B
  - Individuals & Societies
  - Math & Computer Sciences
  - Arts
  - Experimental Sciences