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State Releases 2009 Base API Report

The State Department of Education released the 2009 Base API Report for California Schools. This report establishes a school's Base API Index, which is used to determine growth goals for the 2010–11 school year. The API is scored on a performance scale of 200 to 1,000, with a State target of 800. The Base API Report also shows how individual schools compare to other schools statewide and compares individual schools to the 100 most similar schools. Both of these rankings are done on a 10-point scale (10 being the highest).

The comprehensive schools in the El Dorado Union High School District continue to perform very well as compared to the state as a whole. Three schools currently meet the State's API Target of 800, and one school is within 6 points of this target. All four schools rank 8 or better on the Statewide Ranking, indicating that the students in these schools are performing at very high levels. Three of the schools rank 6 or better on the Similar School Ranking, indicating that students are performing in the top half of similar schools. The chart below summarizes the 2009 Statewide and Similar School Rankings as well as the 2010 Growth Targets for our comprehensive high schools.

High School	No. Students in 2009 API	2009 Base API	2009 Statewide Rank	2009 Similar School Rank	2009-10 Growth Target	2010 API Target
El Dorado	1,007	794	8	6	5	799
Oak Ridge	1,632	866	10	6	A	A
Ponderosa	1,355	855	10	8	A	A
Union Mine	786	805	9	4	A	A
EDUHSD*	5,142	824	B	B	B	B

* EDUHSD also contains six small or alternative schools. API information for small schools (11 to 99 testing students) is less reliable and similar school ranks and growth targets are not established by the State for these schools.

A = School has reached the Statewide performance target of 800.

B = Growth, target, and rank information are not applicable to school districts as a whole.

On behalf of the El Dorado Union High School District, Superintendent Sherry Smith states, "How proud we all are of the excellent performance of our students, putting us as one of the highest performing high school districts in the state."

The 2009 Base API reports, including school rankings and growth targets, are posted on the California Department of Education website at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/index.asp.