

School Accountability Report Card

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The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g. Academic Performance Index [API], Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP], test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
School Name	Chico Junior High School	District Name	Chico Unified School District
Street	280 Memorial Way	Phone Number	(530) 891-3000
City, State, Zip	Chico, CA 95926	Web Site	www.chicousd.org
Phone Number	(530) 891-3066	Superintendent	Kelly Staley
Principal	John Bohannon	E-mail Address	kstaley@chicousd.org
E-mail Address	jbohannon@chicousd.org	CDS Code	04-61424-6057137

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

Chico Junior High School (CJHS) is located in the center of Chico. It serves students who reside in the southwest Chico area. The following elementary schools are feeder schools for CJHS: Citrus, Emma Wilson, Neal Dow, and Parkview.

The curriculum is diverse in meeting the needs of all students, from those with identified learning disabilities to the gifted and talented. Reading and writing are two areas of emphasis at CJHS. The school provides extra support for second language learners and struggling readers. It boasts its own movie theater, three computer labs, four computer carts containing 80 laptop computers for student use, and technology in every classroom.

Our elective choices are varied. A semester class is available for activities in Industrial Technology. Student Government (Leadership) engages students in leadership and organizational skills. Visual and Performing Arts programs include: Beginning and Advanced Art where students successfully compete for recognition for their projects; and award winning Vocal and Instrumental Music classes and groups that consistently receive superior ratings at California music festivals.

Chico Junior High School has a partnership of students, staff, families and community members working together to ensure that all students achieve high levels of academic and personal success, contribute to their community, and confidently compete in a changing global society.

Our school-wide mission is to provide our students with academic success via a 7-8 sequence of teaching, learning, assessment and support through quality educational programs that address diverse student needs and promote learning throughout life.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities.

Chico Junior High School has an active Parent Teacher Student Association, School Site Council/Safety Committee, English Language Advisory Council, and parent volunteer participation. Please contact the main office for more information.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	13
Grade 7	305
Grade 8	277
Total Enrollment	595

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	4.71	White	55.29
American Indian or Alaska Native	3.36	Two or More Races	
Asian	7.90	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	54.5
Filipino	0.34	English Learners	16.0
Hispanic or Latino	26.89	Students with Disabilities	10.8
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.34		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

This table displays, by subject area, the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

Subject	2007-08			2008-09			2009-10		
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms	
		1-22	23-32		1-22	23-32		1-22	23-32
English	24	11	19	1	26.3	8	9	7	27.0
Mathematics	28.3	5	11	6	32.5	1	6	10	30.5
Science	28.3	4	12	7	32.2	1	7	10	30.1
Social Science	27.6	5	16	4	32.6	1	8	11	30.0

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

An extensive school safety plan, updated annually, in accordance with SB 187, has been developed and practiced. This plan includes the following emergency procedures: traumatic incidents, imminent danger procedure – Code Red, evacuation/relocation procedure, civil defense/disorder, bomb threat/bomb emergency, earthquake, chemical spill, crime in progress, and fire/explosion. Fire, earthquake, and the Code Red Lockdown are practiced by staff and students each semester. Teachers and students are familiar with the procedures. Supervision by campus supervisors, staff and administration is provided before school, during lunch and after school. Staff continually monitors all school entrances. There is a defined procedure for all guests to check in at the office, prior to visits. Safety is a high priority at Chico Junior High School. Our School Site Council addresses school safety issues in their meetings.

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Suspensions	12.9	6.2	26.1	4.0	6.6	9.9
Expulsions	2.3	3.1	3.4	0.7	0.7	0.7

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms based on the most recent data available, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

Chico Junior High School was built in 1953. The school underwent a major remodel in the summer of 2000. Several wings of classrooms, library and offices were remodeled with asbestos eradication and replacement of floor tile, phones, air conditioning and cabinets. The school was painted inside and out. The roofs were repaired. The school installed a new bell and public address system and fire alarm. School bathrooms were improved in August 2001. All of the heating and cooling units have been replaced over the last few years. CJHS is proud of its newly completed gym remodel project. In addition to the new lights, the hardwood floors have been recently sanded, painted and varnished. The walls were brightened with new paint. New bathroom facilities were built for the gymnasium in the fall of 2007. The school has locker facilities and a Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) swimming pool available for student use. The physical education department has a large playing space available to them on black top and grass. A new running path was installed in 2005. The school is surrounded by a green space for lunch and also for before and after school activities. Office space is ample for all counselors, administrators and clerical staff. There are thirty-six classrooms, including the three computer labs. The two nighttime custodians and daytime maintenance employee keep the school clean and in repair. Maintenance, cleanliness and graffiti problems are dealt with immediately when discovered. Through the district and full-time maintenance and custodial staffs, summer projects keep the school in repair. The grounds are maintained on a weekly basis. Any safety issue is dealt with immediately. Students and staff take pride in their school, and students participate in a rotating schedule of participation to pick up litter on the campus after lunch each school day.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[X]	[]	[]	[]	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[]	[]	[X]	[]	Stained ceiling tiles in Rooms 304, 306, and 408. Paint with stain blocking paint. WO #42301
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[]	[X]	[]	[]	Broken cover plate in Room 938A. Replace. WO #42304
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[]	[X]	[]	[]	Broken faucet in Room 502. Replace faucet. WO #42305
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[]	[X]	[]	[]	Dryer needs proper venting in Room 903B. Vent dryer properly to outside. WO #42788
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[X]	[]	[]	[]	
Overall Rating	[]	[X]	[]	[]	

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10
With Full Credential	34	29	28	565
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	---

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Indicator	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers in the school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. High poverty schools are defined as those schools with student participation of approximately 75 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low poverty schools are those with student participation of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found on the CDE Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Taught by	
	NCLB Compliant Teachers	Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100%	0%
All Schools in District	96.35%	3.65%
High-Poverty Schools in District	96.80%	3.20%
Low-Poverty Schools in District	95.42%	4.58%

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1.6	---
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)		---
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.4	---
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		---
Psychologist	0.55	---
Social Worker		---
Nurse	0.2	---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.2	---
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		---
Other		---

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2010-11)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school; whether the textbooks and instructional materials are from the most recent adoption (yes/no); and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Updated and readily available resources are important if students are to perform at their best in class. The State of California adopts textbooks that meet quality standards established by the State Board of Education. The Chico Unified School District selects textbooks and other instructional materials from these state adoptions. All of the textbooks currently in use meet these standards. They were selected to match the needs of Chico students by a Task Force comprised of teachers and administrators and approved by the Board of Education.

The CUSD convenes curricular task forces to review textbooks in core subject areas on the Kindergarten through grade 8 state adopted list concurrent with the adoption cycle. Currently adopted are:

2006 History
K-6 Harcourt - Reflections
7-8 Glencoe – Discovering Our Past

2007 Science
K-5 Macmillan – California Science
6-8 Prentice Hall – Focus on California Science

2009 Math
7 - Holt Pre-Algebra
8 - Houghton Mifflin - Algebra Readiness
8 - CPM Algebra
8 - CPM Geometry

2002 Reading/English
K-6 Houghton Mifflin – A Legacy of Literature
7-8 McDougal Littell – Language Arts

These standards aligned textbooks are in the hands of all students within two years of adoption.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Most Recent SBE or Local Governing Agency Approved Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Meets State Guidelines	0	Yes
Mathematics	Meets State Guidelines	0	Yes
Science	Meets State Guidelines	0	Yes
History-Social Science	Meets State Guidelines	0	Yes
Foreign Language	Meets State Guidelines	0	Yes
Health	Meets State Guidelines	0	Yes
Visual and Performing Arts	Meets State Guidelines	0	Yes

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found on the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$8,085.48	\$2,817.93	\$5,267.56	\$60,010.99
District	---	---	\$4,990.77	63,194.00
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	-2%	-3%
State	---	---	5,681.00	66,478.00
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	-12%	-10%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services that are provided at the school through either categorical funds or other sources.

In addition to these general fund monies, CJHS received supplemental funding for specific purposes last year. A School Improvement budget of approximately \$26,000 supported our school improvement effort and was budgeted by our elected School Site Council. The federally funded Title I budget of approximately \$175,000 provided funds to hire instructional aides, buy instructional materials and establish staff development activities.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2008-09)

This table displays district salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	38,541.00	41,155.00
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	53,749.00	65,379.00
Highest Teacher Salary	84,597.00	85,049.00
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	94,796.00	106,453.00
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	99,845.00	111,487.00
Average Principal Salary (High)	102,737.00	121,513.00
Superintendent Salary	166,688.00	194,802.00
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	0.00	0.00
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	0.00	0.00

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs); the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and ten through eleven. The CAPA includes ELA, mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations. The CMA includes ELA for grades three through eight and science in grades five and eight and is an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2009 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/pkt5intrpts09.pdf>.

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
English-Language Arts	51	56	59	52	54	56	46	50	52
Mathematics	44	45	51	47	46	47	43	46	48
Science	59	72	80	57	60	64	46	50	54
History-Social Science	46	48	56	45	50	55	36	41	44

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA	55.5	46.6	57.8	55.1
All Student at the School	58.5	50.5	77.7	56.2
Male	56	52	86	56
Female	61	49	76	56
Black or African American	46	27	75	44
American Indian or Alaska Native	38	25	*	*
Asian	30	40	63	24
Filipino	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	40	33	65	44
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
White	73	64	90	69
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	40	36	65	39
English Learners	10	16	28	11
Students with Disabilities	26	31	67	17
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	*

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2009-10)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the CDE Physical Fitness Testing Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>. Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy, or to protect student privacy. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
7	12%	22.9%	54.5%

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found at the CDE Academic Performance Index (API) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2007	2008	2009
Statewide	7	6	7
Similar Schools	7	6	6

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years, and the most recent API score. Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.

Group	Actual API Change		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
All Students at the School	-1	32	20
Black or African American	n/a	n/a	n/a
American Indian or Alaska Native	n/a	n/a	n/a
Asian	n/a	n/a	n/a
Filipino	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hispanic or Latino	-4	75	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	n/a	n/a	n/a
White	-6	25	31
Two or More Races	n/a	n/a	n/a
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	-8	37	13
English Learners	n/a	n/a	41
Students with Disabilities	n/a	n/a	n/a

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – 2010 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2010 Growth API		
	School	LEA	State
All Students at the School	811	789	767
Black or African American		718	685
American Indian or Alaska Native		735	728
Asian		766	889
Filipino			851
Hispanic or Latino	730	712	715
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			753
White	870	820	838
Two or More Races			807
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	731	713	712
English Learners	692	660	691
Students with Disabilities		601	580

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal NCLB Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2009-10)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	No	No
Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Percent Proficient: Mathematics	No	No
API	Yes	Yes
Graduation Rate	N/A	Pending

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2010-11)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2006-2007	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement	Year 4	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	9
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	38

XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

Instructional staff is responsible for participating in staff development designed to improve teaching skills. Areas of focus are: Developing Professional Learning Communities, Developing minute-by-minute formative assessment techniques, Increasing Educational Technology, Establishing a System of Response to Intervention, and Colleague Coaching. We continue to study the results of our students' recent STAR test scores, Curriculum Based Measurement scores, teacher designed assessments, textbook tests, subject alike common assessments and District Benchmarks. We work together to analyze the results to improve our instructional strategies in order to help students achieve increased learning. Our goal is to provide data-driven instruction for our students.

Administrators and teachers meet in small groups each Wednesday morning for an hour to work collaboratively to discuss and plan for student achievement. Teachers work together to develop formative assessments, pacing guides, and coordinate curriculum. In addition, many of our teachers are involved in district task forces, writing standards, benchmarks, and benchmark assessments in each subject area. Curriculum improvement is an ongoing process at Chico Junior High and is coordinated with the Chico Unified School District.