

News Release

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Two East Side Union High Schools Eligible for Governor's Performance Awards

Andrew Hill and Yerba Buena High Schools exceeded their Academic Performance Index (API) targets in all areas and are eligible for the Governor's Performance Awards. Andrew Hill has achieved this difficult task for the second year in a row.

The API has been established by the State Department of Education to measure the academic performance and progress of schools. It is a numeric index that ranges from 200 to a high of 1000. Each school's index is established based on the performance of the students on state mandated tests. Schools are expected to meet their schoolwide growth target and targets for individual subgroups of students. The State sets the annual growth targets for all schools and monitors progress.

Three other schools in the district, Oak Grove, W.C. Overfelt and Piedmont Hills, exceeded their schoolwide growth targets but not all of their subgroups achieved the target. Mt. Pleasant experienced growth but not enough to make their target, and Independence stayed at the same level. Scores at two schools, James Lick and Silver Creek, declined slightly. Santa Teresa's API will not be available until next week due to score corrections by the State Department.

East Side **Superintendent Esperanza Zendejas** is closely analyzing the scores and the strategies used at the successful schools to determine how to replicate those efforts at the other schools. She will be aggressively working with the schools to make sure everyone meets their targets.

"We are proud of Andrew Hill and Yerba Buena and congratulate them on their success. We will be capitalizing on their 'Best Practices' at other schools," said **Superintendent Zendejas**.

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