

RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

REPORT OF STANDARDIZED GROUP TESTING FOR THE 1965-66 SCHOOL YEAR

NO STANDARDIZED GROUP ACHIEVEMENT TESTS WERE ADMINISTERED AT THE SECOND OR THIRD GRADE LEVELS. PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THE MAIN INTEREST IN ACHIEVEMENT AT THESE TWO LEVELS HAS BEEN IN THE AREA OF READING. THE GINN ACHIEVEMENT TESTS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED AS PART OF THE READING PROGRAM OFFER THE TEACHERS MORE USEFUL INFORMATION THAN COULD BE GAINED BY THE STANDARDIZED READING TEST.

THE THIRD GRADE PUPILS OF THE DISTRICT WERE ADMINISTERED THE CALIFORNIA TEST OF MENTAL MATURITY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1965. THE AVERAGE IQ FOR THE THIRD GRADERS WAS 96.5 WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE AVERAGE RANGE OF INTELLIGENCE (90-110).

ONE OF TWO CHANGES IN THE TESTING PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR OCCURRED AT THE FOURTH GRADE LEVEL. THIS YEAR THE FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS WERE ADMINISTERED THE STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST. THE CHANGE WAS MADE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A MORE ACCURATE MEASUREMENT OF PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AT THE LOWER LEVELS. THE STANFORD BATTERY MEASURES NINE DIFFERENT AREAS, SIX OF WHICH ARE REPORTED BELOW. THE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL FOR THESE SIX AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>TESTS AND AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT</u>			
READING	WORD MEANING	3.0	PARAGRAPH MEANING	3.0
LANGUAGE	SPELLING	3.1	LANGUAGE	3.1
ARITHMETIC	ARITHMETIC COMPUTATION	2.9	ARITHMETIC CONCEPTS	3.1

THESE RESULTS INDICATE THAT THE FOURTH GRADE PUPILS WERE ACHIEVING, ON THE AVERAGE APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR BELOW THE FOURTH GRADE POPULATION UPON WHICH THESE TESTS WERE STANDARDIZED.

THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS WERE ADMINISTERED THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST BATTERY AND THE CALIFORNIA TEST OF MENTAL MATURITY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1965. THE AVERAGE IQ FOR THE FIFTH GRADE WAS 98 WHICH IS THREE IQ POINTS BELOW LAST YEAR'S RESULTS (101). THE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE FIFTH GRADE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
READING ACHIEVEMENT	5.3	4.8
ARITHMETIC ACHIEVEMENT	5.2	4.9
LANGUAGE ACHIEVEMENT	5.2	4.6

THE RESULTS INDICATED NOT ONLY A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE IQ AT THE FIFTH GRADE LEVEL BUT A CORRESPONDING DROP IN THE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL. THIS DROP PLACED THE ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

AT THE SIXTH GRADE LEVEL THE STUDENTS WERE ADMINISTERED ONLY THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST BATTERY. THE RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE OCTOBER, 1965 TESTING INDICATED THE FOLLOWING ACHIEVEMENT.

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
READING ACHIEVEMENT	5.8	5.6
ARITHMETIC ACHIEVEMENT	5.7	5.6
LANGUAGE ACHIEVEMENT	5.9	5.1

THE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL FOR THE SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS OF THIS DISTRICT WAS NOT ONLY BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, BUT SHOWED A DROP FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF LANGUAGE SKILLS.

A SECOND CHANGE IN THE TESTING PROGRAM WAS THE ELIMINATION OF ANY STANDARDIZED TESTING AT THE SEVENTH GRADE LEVEL. A SURVEY TAKEN LAST YEAR INDICATED THAT TEST RESULTS AT THIS LEVEL WERE NOT USED SUFFICIENTLY TO JUSTIFY THE TIME AND EXPENSE USED FOR TESTING.

THE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS WERE ADMINISTERED THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST BATTERY IN OCTOBER, 1965, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
READING ACHIEVEMENT	7.9	7.3
ARITHMETIC ACHIEVEMENT	7.6	7.5
LANGUAGE ACHIEVEMENT	7.7	7.7

THE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL FOR THE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS OF THIS DISTRICT WAS BELOW THE NATIONAL NORMS AND INDICATED A DROP IN READING SKILLS AT THIS GRADE LEVEL.

THIS TEST DATA INDICATED THAT THE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE STUDENTS TESTED DURING THE FALL OF 1965 WAS BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE AT ALL LEVELS. THE INTELLIGENCE LEVEL, AS MEASURED IN THE THIRD AND FIFTH GRADES, CONTINUED TO SHOW AVERAGE ABILITY FOR THE STUDENTS OF THIS DISTRICT.

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THIRD GRADE GROUP ABILITY TEST RESULTS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>AVERAGE IQ.</u>	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
BELLE HAVEN	97	93
BRENTWOOD	94	94
COSTANO	105	99
FLOOD	117	107
KAVANAUGH	97	92
O'CONNOR	97	97
RAVENSWOOD	95	93
WILLOW	<u>105</u>	<u>102</u>
<u>DISTRICT TOTAL</u>	<u>98.3</u>	<u>96.5</u>

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FOURTH GRADE ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>READING</u>		<u>ARITHMETIC</u>		<u>LANGUAGE</u>	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
BELLE HAVEN	3.2	2.4	3.8	2.5	3.8	2.4
BRENTWOOD	3.9	2.7	4.0	2.7	4.1	3.0
COSTANO	4.2	3.2	3.9	3.1	4.4	3.3
FLOOD	5.2	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.2
KAVANAUGH	4.1	2.9	4.0	2.8	4.4	2.9
O'CONNOR	3.8	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.7	3.0
RAVENSWOOD	3.6	2.6	4.1	2.9	4.0	2.7
WILLOW	<u>4.8</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>3.1</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>3.2</u>
<u>DISTRICT TOTAL</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>3.1</u>

THE 1964 TEST RESULTS ARE BASED ON SCORES OBTAINED FROM THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST BATTERY. THE 1965 TEST RESULTS ARE FROM THE STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST.

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FIFTH GRADE STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>Av. IQ.</u>		<u>READING</u>		<u>ARITHMETIC</u>		<u>LANGUAGE</u>	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
BELLE HAVEN	96	96	4.8	4.2	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.4
BRENTWOOD	98	98	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.7
FLOOD	111	116	6.5	5.8	5.9	5.7	6.4	5.6
COSTANO	108	98	5.8	4.7	5.5	5.0	5.8	4.8
GARDEN OAKS	94	93	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.5
KAVANAUGH	96	93	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.7
O'CONNOR	98	95	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.4	4.8
RAVENSWOOD	99	96	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.6
WILLOW	<u>112</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>5.8</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>5.2</u>
<u>DISTRICT TOTAL</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>5.2</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>4.6</u>

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SIXTH GRADE ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>READING</u>		<u>ARITHMETIC</u>		<u>LANGUAGE</u>	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
BELLE HAVEN	4.8	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.8
COSTANO	6.6	5.5	6.4	5.5	6.6	5.1
FLOOD	7.0	6.1	6.6	6.0	6.9	5.6
GARDEN OAKS	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.0	5.4	4.8
KAVANAUGH	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.2
O'CONNOR	7.3	5.7	6.4	5.9	6.8	5.4
RAVENSWOOD	6.4	5.6	5.9	5.7	6.5	5.3
WILLOW	<u>6.1</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>5.5</u>
<u>TOTAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>5.8</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>5.1</u>

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EIGHTH GRADE ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>READING</u>		<u>ARITHMETIC</u>		<u>LANGUAGE</u>	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
GREEN OAKS	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.2	7.4
MENLO OAKS	8.8	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.5	8.5
GARDEN OAKS	<u>7.7</u>	<u>6.7</u>	<u>7.6</u>	<u>7.2</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.2</u>
<u>TOTAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>7.9</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>7.6</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.7</u>	<u>7.7</u>