



Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

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Dear GJUESD Families,

I hope your families are doing well and are getting ready for the fall season and fun festivities during this time of year. It's hard to believe the end of the first trimester is quickly approaching on November 3rd.

The 2023 state's standardized test scores, Smarter Balanced, and chronic absenteeism rates were released this month.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing ten percent or more of the school year for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences. Chronic absenteeism is missing 18 or more days of school.

We are excited to report the District's chronic absenteeism rate decreased by 17.7% in the 2022-23 school year. We still have room for improvement and are hopeful chronic absenteeism will continue to decrease with our campaign - **Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!** Look for these banners at all school sites!

State/District/School	Chronic Absenteeism Rate 2022	Chronic Absenteeism Rate 2023	Percentage Change
State of California	30.8%	25.4%	-5.4%
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District	46.2%	28.5%	-17.7%
McCaffrey Middle	33.6%	30.8%	-2.8%
Marengo Ranch Elementary	48.9%	23.4%	-25.5%
River Oaks Elementary	47.5%	24.3%	-23.2%
Lake Canyon Elementary	48.4%	35.4%	-13%
Valley Oaks Elementary	46.6%	23.7%	-22.9%
Greer Elementary	57.3%	33.3%	-24%

Students in grades 3-8 take the Smarter Balanced assessments in English language arts and math each spring.

How did students in GJUESD perform on these state tests? Our students outperformed the state average in English language arts and math. The tables below show the change from 2022 to 2023 in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards. District-wide, we demonstrated a slight increase in English language arts and almost 3% increase in math. We are very optimistic about the growth in these test scores.

Link to Smarter Balanced results: [State Testing Website](#)

MISSION STATEMENT

The school district's mission is to promote growth and achievement through innovative educational programs that integrate personal strengths, social-emotional and academic learning for all children.

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English Language Arts: Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards

State/District/School	English: Standard Met or Exceeded 2022	English: Standard Met or Exceeded 2023	English: Percentage Change
State of California	47.06%	46.6%	-1.06%
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District	46.99%	47.50%	+0.51%
McCaffrey Middle	51.41%	51.86%	+0.45%
Marengo Ranch Elementary	53.7%	52.92%	-0.78%
River Oaks Elementary	48.21%	47.25%	-0.96%
Lake Canyon Elementary	48.85%	47.93%	-0.92%
Valley Oaks Elementary	31.06%	33.54%	+2.48%
Greer Elementary	41.11%	45.84%	+4.73%

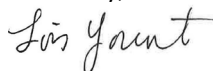
Math: Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards

State/District/School	Math: Standard Met or Exceeded 2022	Math: Standard Met or Exceeded 2023	Math: Percentage Change
State of California	33.38%	34.62%	+1.24%
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District	35.49%	38.30%	+2.81%
McCaffrey Middle	31.92%	32.92%	+1%
Marengo Ranch Elementary	42.63%	49.31%	+6.68%
River Oaks Elementary	42.48%	42.07%	-0.41%
Lake Canyon Elementary	39.67%	47.47%	+7.8%
Valley Oaks Elementary	24.67%	26.05%	+1.38%
Greer Elementary	35.97%	40%	+4.03%

The District is committed to strengthening collaboration with our families to support the academic and social-emotional growth of our students. We thank you for your continued dedication and support. We are confident our students will continue to excel and thrive in Galt!

The District's November newsletter will be shared with you next week. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Genuinely,



Superintendent