



Data Match Results

Between Pomona Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services

June 1, 2009

Background

This report presents the results of a data match conducted between the Pomona Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). DCFS data reflecting active caseloads from early 2009 were matched against Pomona Unified School District's enrollment file as of December 2008. Pomona USD then provided the Education Coordinating Council with the matched data for analysis, after measures were taken to ensure its confidentiality.

The purpose of this data match was to identify DCFS students attending Pomona USD public schools. The match found 284 DCFS students who were enrolled in Pomona USD public schools in December 2008, compared to 30,032 students in Pomona USD overall.

Table 1
Students Enrolled in Pomona Unified School District (12/2008)

DCFS students enrolled currently	284
Total Pomona USD students	30,032

Demographics

DCFS students were distributed among all types of schools. Among current DCFS students, 59.5% attended elementary school, 17.3% attended middle school, and 20.8% attended high school; another 2.5% attended charter or alternative schools. This contrasts with Pomona USD overall, where 54.7% attended elementary school, 16.5% were in middle school, 27.1% were in high school, and 1.7% attended charter or alternative schools.

Table 2
Distribution by School Type

School type	DCFS		Pomona USD	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Elementary	169	59.5%	16,423	54.7%
Middle school	49	17.3%	4,955	16.5%
High school	59	20.8%	8,146	27.1%
Alternative	6	2.1%	388	1.3%
Charter	1	0.4%	120	0.4%
Total	284	100.0%	30,032	100.0%

Grade Level

The highest percentages of DCFS students were found in the early grades in 2008, with first grade and fourth grade representing the highest percentages at 10.6% and 10.2% respectively. The lowest percentage was in 11th grade, accounting for just 3.9% of DCFS students. Within Pomona USD overall, students were distributed fairly evenly across grade levels in both elementary and middle schools. Greater variations were seen in among high school grades, however.

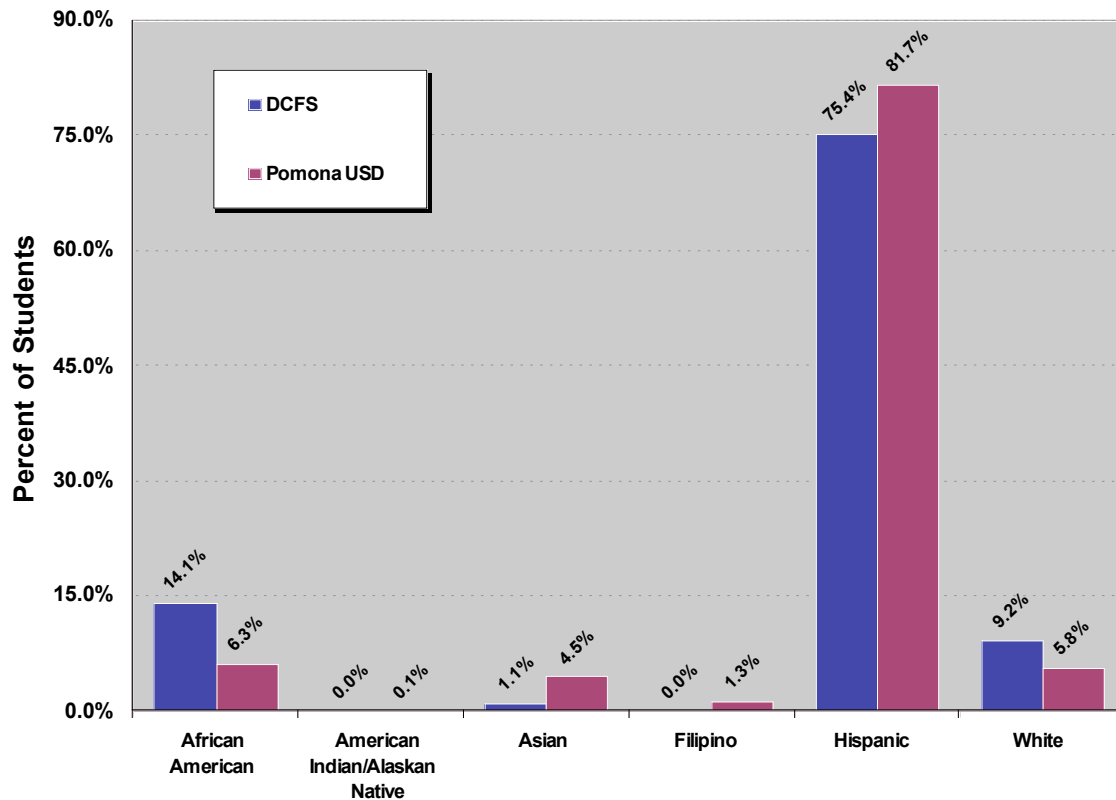
Table 3
Distribution by Grade Level

Grade	DCFS		Pomona USD	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Kindergarten	27	9.5%	2,206	7.3%
1	30	10.6%	2,385	7.9%
2	26	9.2%	2,378	7.9%
3	22	7.7%	2,384	7.9%
4	29	10.2%	2,279	7.6%
5	23	8.1%	2,297	7.6%
6	17	6.0%	2,323	7.7%
7	22	7.7%	2,197	7.3%
8	24	8.5%	2,190	7.3%
9	20	7.0%	2,468	8.2%
10	14	4.9%	2,275	7.6%
11	11	3.9%	1,359	4.5%
12	19	6.7%	2,015	6.7%
Ungraded	0	0.0%	1,276	4.2%
Total	284	100.0%	30,032	100.0%

Ethnicity

About one in seven DCFS students (14.1%) in Pomona USD were African American or Black, compared to 6.3% for Pomona USD overall. Latino students accounted for 75.4% of currently enrolled DCFS students and 81.7% of Pomona USD's total student population. Asian students represented a smaller percentage of the student population for DCFS compared to Pomona USD as a whole (1.1% vs. 4.5%).

Figure 1
Distribution by Ethnicity



Gender

The proportions of male and female DCFS students in Pomona USD were 54.6% and 45.4% respectively, while the percentages for Pomona USD overall were 51.6% and 48.4%.

Table 4
Distribution by Gender

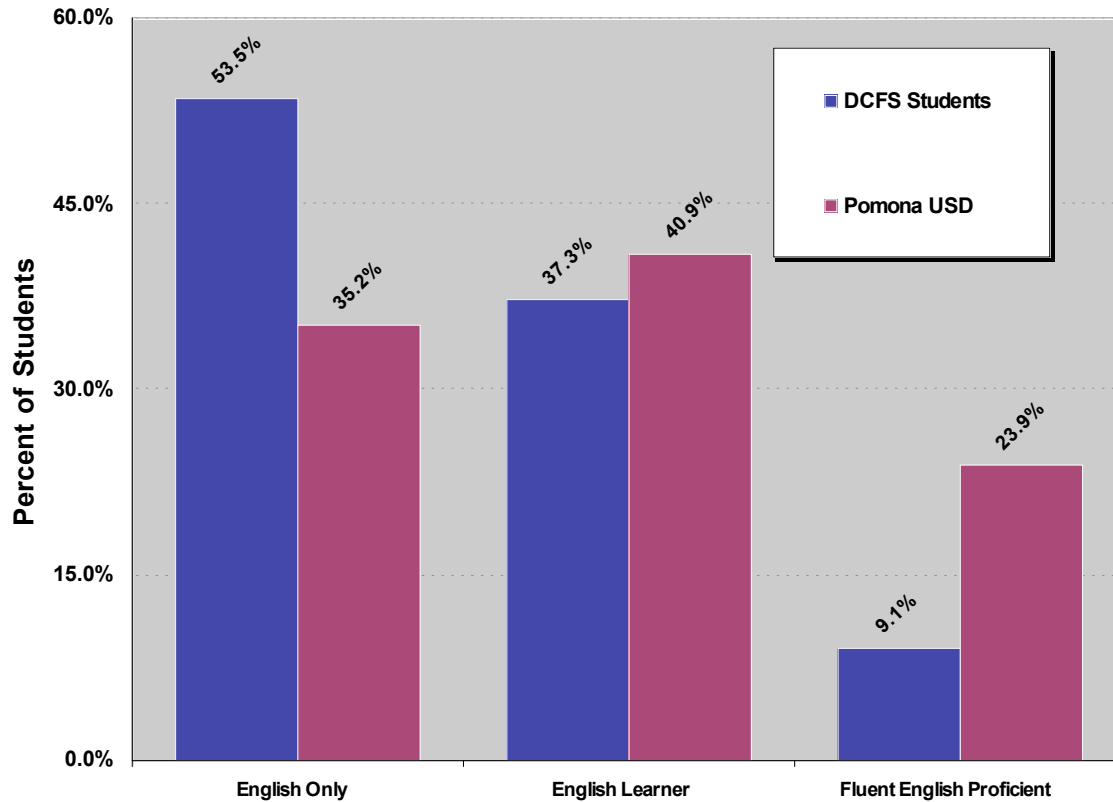
Gender	DCFS		Pomona USD	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	155	54.6%	15,483	51.6%
Female	129	45.4%	14,549	48.4%
Total	284	100.0%	30,032	100.0%

Language Classification

The proportion of current DCFS students classified as English Only was 53.5%, compared to 35.2% for Pomona USD students. Additionally, 37.3% of DCFS students were classified as English Learners, which contrasts with 40.9% for Pomona USD. Among Fluent English

Proficient students, just 9.1% of current DCFS students were so classified (compared to 23.9% for Pomona USD).

Figure 2
Distribution by Language Classification



Special Education

The percentage of DCFS students enrolled in special education was 19.0% in 2008-09, almost double the rate for Pomona USD overall (10.0%). Additionally, more than one-third of the DCFS students enrolled in special education were identified as having a specific learning disability (38.9%).

Table 5
Special Education Students

Enrollment Status	DCFS		Pomona USD	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
In special education	54	19.0%	3,004	10.0%
Total enrolled	284	100.0%	30,032	100.0%

Gifted and Talented (GATE)

More than 7% of the Pomona USD student population (2,209 students) were identified as “gifted and talented”, while only 6 DCFS students were so classified in 2008-09.

Table 6
Gifted and Talented Students

Enrollment Status	DCFS		Pomona USD	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
In GATE	6	2.1%	2,209	7.4%
Total enrolled	284	100.0%	30,584	100.0%

Achievement Indicators

Similar to the results from other data matches, DCFS students did not perform as well as Pomona USD students on the California Standards Tests in 2007-08. In English-Language Arts, the overall percentage of Pomona USD high school students who scored at proficient or advanced (39.9%) was almost twice as the percentage of DCFS students who scored at that level (20.8%). Additionally, Math proficiency rates were troubling for both student populations, but particularly for DCFS students: in high school, 13.5% of Pomona USD students scored proficient or advanced compared to 4.2% of DCFS students. The gap in proficiency rates for elementary and middle school DCFS students was smaller however, compared to Pomona USD overall.

Figure 3
2007–08 CST English-Language Arts
Percent Proficient and Advanced

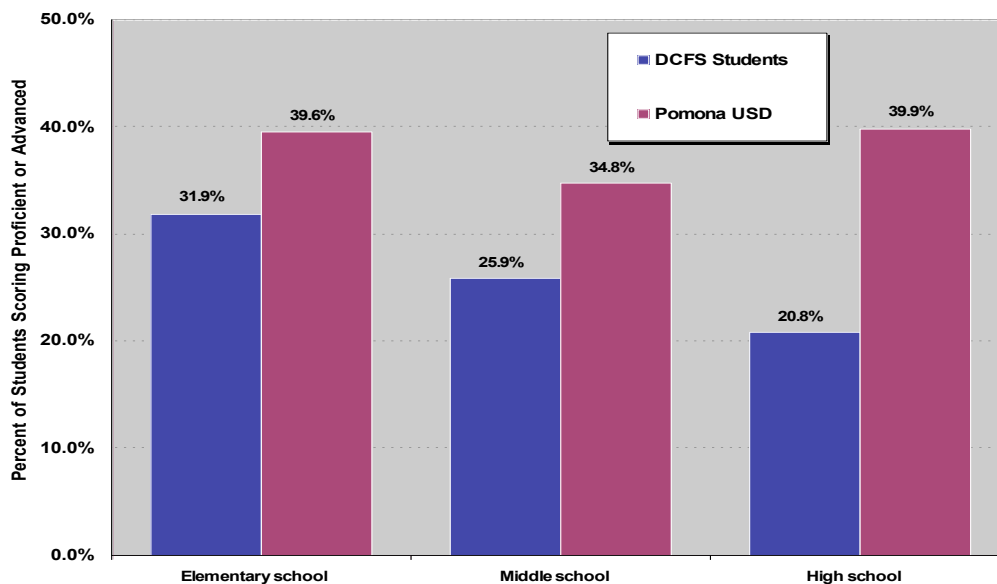
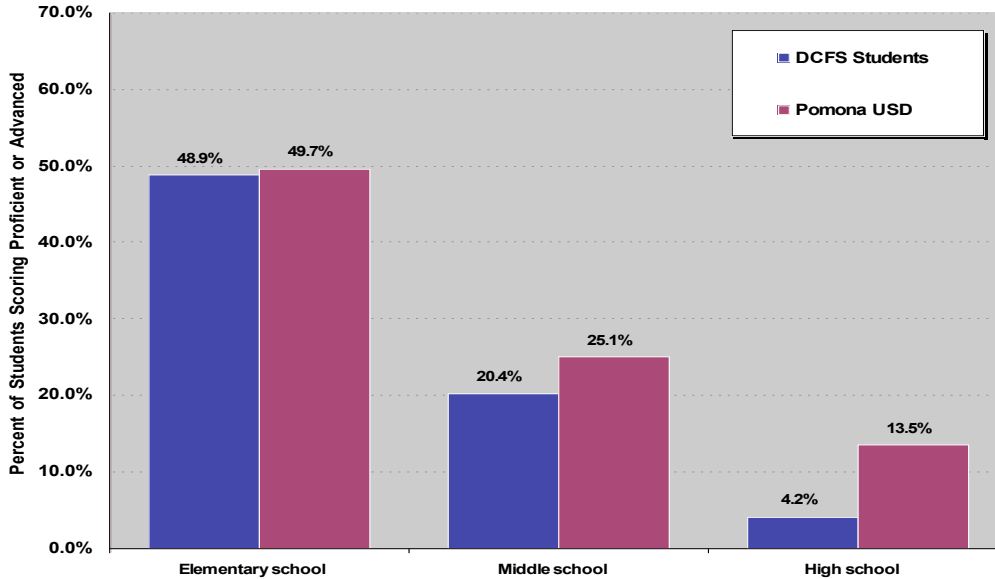
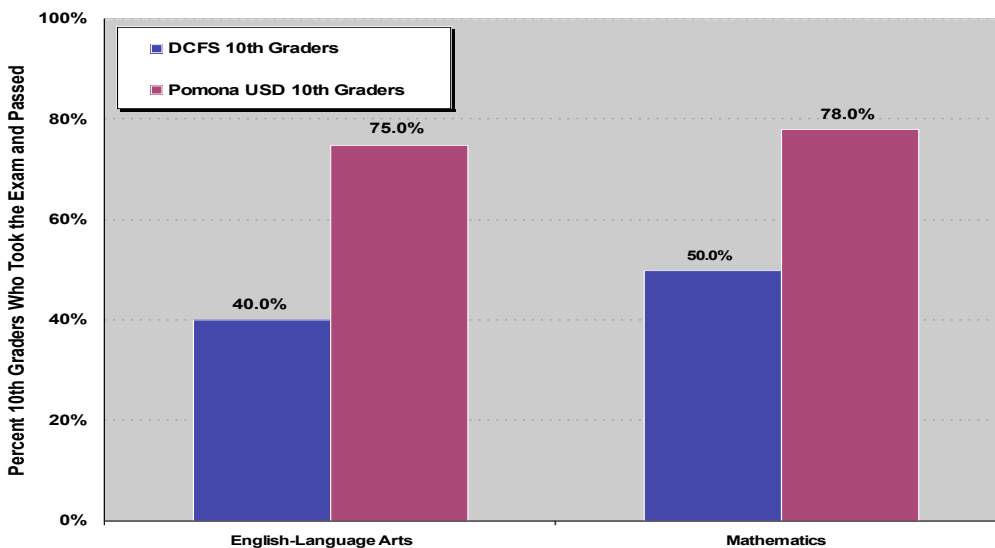


Figure 4
2007-08 CST Mathematics
Percent Proficient and Advanced



Results for 10th graders taking the California High School Exit Exam were similar to CST patterns, with 40% of DCFS 10th graders passing the English-Language Arts portion (compared to 75% for Pomona USD overall). Likewise, 50% of DCFS 10th graders passed the Math portion of CAHSEE, compared to 78% for Pomona USD overall.

Figure 5
Percent of CAHSEE 10th Grade Exam Takers Who Passed Each Portion



Suspensions

Unlike other data in this report, suspension data are reflective of the entire time a student has attended school in Pomona USD. As such, incidents are cumulative across years. Of the 284 DCFS youth attending Pomona USD in December 2008, 75 had at least one suspension incident. This represented about one of every four DCFS students (26.4%). Among the more than 40 reasons specified for suspension incidents (which totaled 519 in all), the most commonly categorized were defiance/disobedience and fighting/physical injury, which accounted for 10.1% 14.9% of all DCFS suspension incidents, respectively.

Table 7
Student Suspensions by Number of Incidents

Students Suspended	DCFS	
	<i>Students</i>	<i>Percent</i>
No suspensions	209	73.6%
1 suspension incident	31	10.9%
2 suspension incidents	14	4.9%
3 suspension incidents	7	2.5%
4 suspension incidents	5	1.8%
5+ suspension incidents	18	6.3%
Total	284	100.0%

**DCFS Students Attending School in
the Pomona Unified School District,
2008-09**

School	DCFS	Pomona USD
Alcott Elementary School	3	923
Allison Elementary School	5	421
Armstrong Elementary	0	390
Arroyo Elementary School	7	745
Barfield Elementary School	8	544
Community Day School	1	7
Cortez K-8 School	5	589
Decker Elementary School	2	601
Diamond Point Elementary	1	409
Diamond Ranch High School	9	1,818
Emerson Middle School	11	831
Fremont Middle School	5	785
Ganesha High School	18	1,788
Garey High School	14	2,167
Golden Springs Elementary	1	510
Harrison Elementary School	5	413
Kellogg Polytechnic School	2	396
Kingsley Elementary School	7	745
Lexington Elementary School	10	638
Lincoln Elementary School	19	528
Lopez Elementary School	3	244
Lorbeer Middle School	4	928
Madison Elementary School	8	657
Marshall Middle School	9	881
Mendoza Elementary School	6	438
Montvue Elementary School	14	355
Palomares Middle School	10	595
Pantera Elementary School	1	371
Park West High School	4	278
Philadelphia Elementary School	5	859
Pomona Alternative School	5	103

Pomona High School	13	1,839
Pueblo K-8 School	8	910
Ranch Hills Elementary School	2	474
Roosevelt Elementary School	9	871
San Antonio Elementary School	9	484
San Jose Elementary School	11	487
School of Extended Ed. Options	1	120
Simons Middle School	10	935
Vejar Elementary School	1	774
Village Academy High School	1	534
Washington Elementary School	7	723
Westmont Elementary School	6	597
Yorba Elementary School	4	327
Total	284	30,032
