

# 2009 Sky View High School Profile



## **SETTING**

Cache Valley is a mountain valley located in northern Utah and southern Idaho. It extends approximately 50 miles from Avon, Utah on the South to Preston, Idaho on the North. According to the 2000 census the population was 91,391, a 30% increase over the 1990 population of 70,183. In 2006 the population was estimated to have reached 106,399. The valley recently received metropolitan status with Logan as the principal city. In addition to Logan, the valley is comprised of 25 other smaller cities and communities and has a strong agricultural history.

Logan is home to Utah State University, Utah's land grant institution, serving more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Utah State University boasts one of the nation's premier Colleges of Education.

Sky View High School, located in Smithfield, Utah, is one of three public high schools and two charter high schools in Cache Valley. Located just 15 miles from the Utah-Idaho border, Sky View opened its doors to students in 1965. Sky View is part of the Cache County School District and served as the District's lone high school until 1983 when it was joined by Mountain Crest High School. Sky View serves over a dozen small cities and communities. Feeder schools include the North Cache 8-9 Center, two middle schools, and six elementary schools.

## WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

1. Student learning is the chief priority of the school.
2. All students can learn.
3. Students learn best when they are actively involved in the learning process.
4. Teachers, students, parents, administrators, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission of student learning.

## WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

*Relationships, Character, and Knowledge . . . for Life!*

## WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH (DESIRED RESULTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING)?

### *Relationships*

Students will value and respect others, communicate and collaborate effectively, and be active participants in school and associated activities.

Measurable Indicators: Extra-curricular participation, ISQ

### *Character*

Students will demonstrate integrity, be self-motivated, and accept responsibility for their actions.

Measurable Indicators: Attendance, Grades, SHARP Survey

### *Knowledge*

Students will demonstrate basic competence in reading, writing, and computing to function effectively in society. Students will also demonstrate the ability to acquire new knowledge, solve complex problems, and think critically.

Measurable Indicators: CRT, CTE, UBSCT, ACT, Formative Assessments

### *. . . for Life*

Students will demonstrate a commitment to pursue a career, post-secondary education or technical training and to participate in society as productive citizens.

Measurable Indicators: Concurrent enrollment, CTE Certification, Senior Exit Survey, Advanced Placement

**WHO ARE WE?**

Sky View High School’s population continues to be very homogeneous despite the changing demographics of the valley. This presents a challenge as we endeavor to provide quality services across the curriculum to all of our students regardless of how small of a subgroup they represent.

School enrollment has declined over the last several years because of lower growth on the North end of the valley and the addition of two charter high schools since 2004.

Administrators	3 (475:1)
Counselors	4 (356:1)
Faculty	55 FTE (26:1)
Support Staff	
Office Staff	6
Custodians	7 (Full-Time)
Aides	25

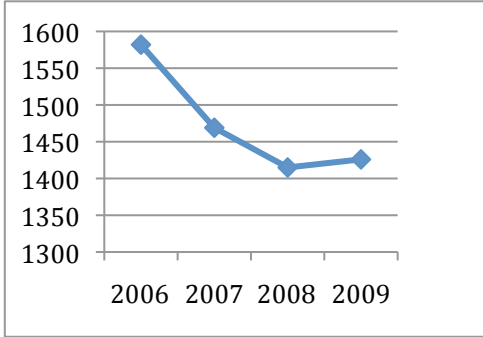


Figure 1: Student Enrollment

**Student Body**

<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Sophomores	547	492	479	485
Juniors	540	492	472	473
Seniors	495	485	464	468
<b>Total</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>1469</b>	<b>1415</b>	<b>1426</b>

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Current</b>
Asian	12
African American	15
Caucasian	1334
Hispanic	58
American Indian	3
Pacific Islander	4

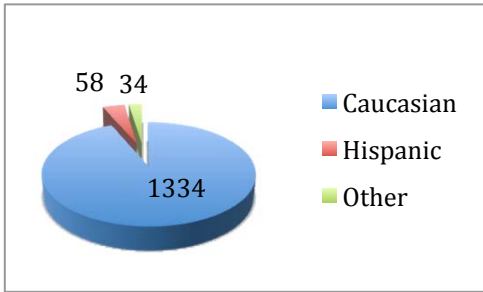


Figure 2: Ethnicity

**At-Risk Students**

ELL	26
Special Education Students	109
Life Skills Students	26
Economically Disadvantaged	276

## WHAT DO WE OFFER ACADEMICALLY?

Sky View High School provides a wide range of academic opportunities to students including courses required for a basic education, career and technical education courses, and college level courses. In addition, Sky View maintains partnerships with Bridgerland Applied Technology Center, BYU Independent Study, Utah Electronic High School, Utah State University and the Utah System of Higher Education. Each year, a number of students complete the New Century Scholarship, which means they leave high school with not only a high school diploma, but also an associate's degree.

### Academic Departments

Agricultural Science

Business & Marketing

English & Foreign Language

Family and Consumer Science

Healthy Lifestyles

Mathematics

Performing Arts

Science

Social Studies

Special Education

Visual & Technical Arts

### Schedule & Graduation Requirements

Sky View High School uses a five-period trimester system. Students receive .5 credit for each course completed. Each class meets 65 minutes a day. To graduate from Sky View a student must earn a total of 27.5 credits, which include the following:

	<b>Class of 2009, 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>
English	3 Credits	4 Credits
Math	2 Credits	3 Credits
Science	2 Credits	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits	3 Credits
Healthy Lifestyles	2 Credits	2 Credits
Arts	1.5 Credits	1.5 Credits
Computer Tech	.5 Credits	.5 Credits
Career Technology	1.5 Credits	1.5 Credits
Financial Literacy	.5 Credits	.5 Credits
<b>Required</b>	<b>16 Credits</b>	<b>19 Credits</b>
Electives	11.5 Credits	8.5 Credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.5 Credits</b>	<b>27.5 Credits</b>

All students are required to pass all three sections of the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT). Students have multiple opportunities to pass each section of this test.

### **Concurrent Enrollment**

Sky View High School participates fully with the Utah System of Higher Education in offering concurrent enrollment classes to students. In addition, Sky View sits in the shadow of Utah State University (USU) and benefits greatly from its relationship with Utah's Land Grant University. The following concurrent enrollment classes are currently available at Sky View:

Accounting 1050	Psychology 1010
Accounting 1500	Math 1050/1060
OSS 1400 Microcomputer Applications in Business	English 1010/2200
OSS 1550 Business Correspondence	Music 1010
OSS 1420 Adv. Word Processing	French 1010/1020
PFP 1050 Personal Finance	Spanish 1010/1020
History 1700 American Civilization	Speech 1020 Public Speaking
Plant Science 2900	Speech 2110 Interpersonal. Comm.
ASTE 3100 Ag Leadership	Ceramics 2650
ASTE 2900 Humanities in the Food Web	ETE 1200
NFS 1020 Nutrition for People	Engineering 1000
FHD 1500 Human Growth and Dev.	Multimedia Design 1110
Chemistry 1010	3D Graphics 260R
SpEd 1000	Adv Anatomy & Physiology 1105/1106
	Medical Terminology 1101

### **Advanced Placement**

In addition to concurrent enrollment, Sky View participates in the Advanced Placement (AP) program, which consists of college-level courses and exams for high school students. Following is a list of Advanced Placement courses available:

AP American Government	AP American History
AP Art	AP Biology
AP Calculus	AP Chemistry
AP Physics	AP Statistics
AP Ceramics	AP English

### **Career & Technical Education**

Sky View is also part of the state's Career & Technical Education (CTE) program and offers a variety of Career pathways to students in the following areas:

Agriculture	Information Technology
Business	Marketing
Family & Consumer Science	Skilled & Technical Sciences
Health Science & Technology	Technology & Engineering

### **Bridgerland Applied Technology Center (BATC)**

BATC provides an opportunity for advanced vocational/technical training. Students are eligible to take BATC courses beginning their junior year. Most students take BATC courses in blocks either during periods 1 & 2 or Periods 4 & 5. Students are transported to and from BATC by bus.

## WHAT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DO WE OFFER?

Sky View High School is very proud of the many extra-curricular opportunities available to students including opportunities for student leadership; participation in organizations, societies, and councils; curricular and non-curricular clubs, and activities sponsored by the Utah High School Activities Association.

### Student Leadership

Executive Council  
Class Presidencies  
Cheerleaders  
Boys' and Girls' Associations

### Organizations, Societies & Councils

Academic Olympiad  
Band Council  
ColorGuard Council  
Encore Council  
Governor's Youth Council  
National Honor Society  
Orchestra Council  
Thespian Council  
Aurora (Yearbook)  
Catonian (School Newspaper)  
Catalyst (School Literary Magazine)

### Curricular Clubs

Art  
DECA  
FBLA  
FCCLA  
FFA  
French  
German  
HOSA  
Math  
MESA  
Spanish

### Non-Curricular Clubs

Anime  
Close-up  
Hockey  
Human Rights  
Interact Club  
Key Club  
LaCrosse

### Non-Curricular Clubs continued . . .

Multicultural Club  
Music  
Hope Alliance  
Ping Pong  
Video Production

### Utah High School Activities Association

Baseball  
Boys' Basketball  
Boys' Golf  
Boys' Soccer  
Boys' Tennis  
Cross Country  
Debate  
Drama  
Drill Team  
Football  
Girls' Basketball  
Girls' Soccer  
Girls' Tennis  
Girls' Golf  
Music  
Softball  
Swimming  
Track  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

## HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

At Sky View High School our goal is to measure ourselves by how well we are addressing our Mission Statement and Desired Results for Student Learning. Schools are getting better and better at measuring academic skills, but one of the challenges of measuring what we consider to be life skills, is that we can only approximate how well students have internalized those skills by examining external indicators. We have selected indicators for measuring both academic and life skills that examine how well students are learning those skills, and how well our community believes we are doing at teaching those skills.

### *Relationships*

Students will value and respect others, communicate and collaborate effectively, and be active participants in school and associated activities.

### **Measurable Indicator: Extra-Curricular Participation**

At Sky View High School, we believe that extra-curricular participation is an important part of a student's educational experience. Extra-curricular participation is an indicator of the strength of the relationship and engagement between the student and the school, and the student's relationships with peers and adults.

In 2009, a survey was conducted to determine the percentages of students involved in extra-curricular activities at the school. The survey was conducted school-wide with 1203 respondents. The following graph shows the percentage of students reporting involvement in six categories. Seventy-five percent of students report being active participants in extra-curricular activities at the school. Twenty-five percent of students report no involvement. In a similar survey conducted in 2007, thirty-one percent of students reported no involvement.

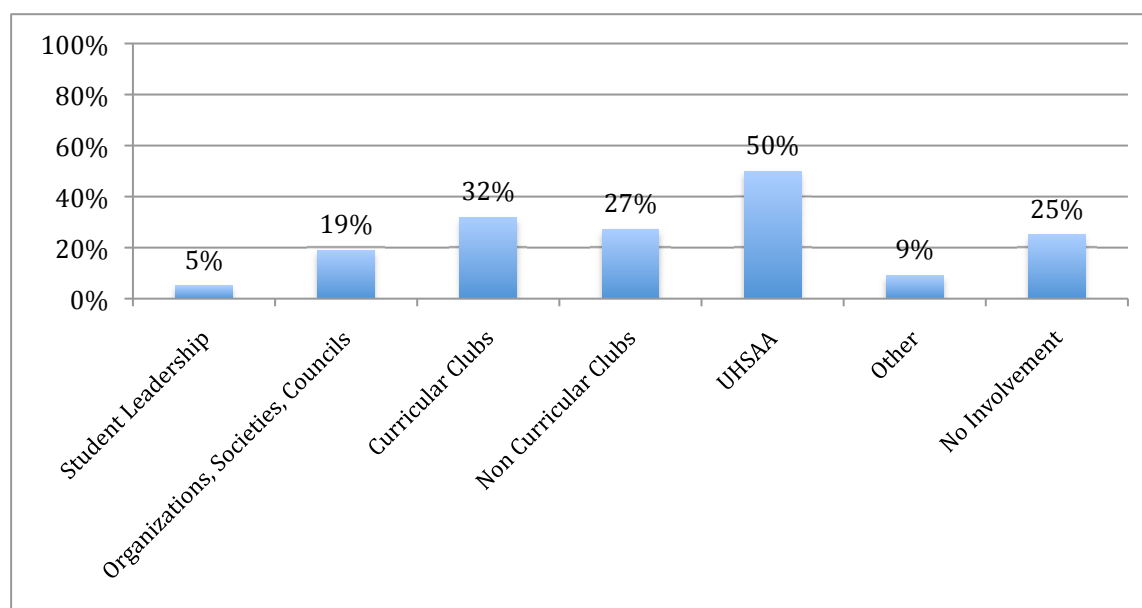


Figure 3: Percentage of Students Surveyed Reporting Involvement in Extra-Curricular Areas

### **Measurable Indicator: ISQ**

Sky View High School has been participating in the Indicators of School Quality survey for several years. The Indicators of School Quality (ISQ) is a comprehensive survey system for school administrators to evaluate and monitor school improvement and accreditation efforts. ISQ evaluates the school in seven domains:

1. School Leadership
2. Teacher Excellence
3. Instructional Quality
4. Parent Support
5. Student Commitment
6. School Safety
7. Resource Accessibility

Four audiences evaluate these seven domains: parents, teachers, students, and staff. A color-coding system is used to indicate audience perceptions: exemplary (purple), superior (green), typical (yellow), and opportunity to improve (red).

### **Reports**

There are three status reports included in the profile for 2007, 2008, and 2009. Each status report contains a wealth of information. Page one contains summary information for each of the seven domains by audience. Page two shows an item-by-item analysis for each of the seven domains by audience. Page three shows an item-by-item analysis disaggregated by subgroups. Page four lists the survey demographics, risk factors and school priorities. There are several ways to read a status report. First, you can quickly scan the status reports to identify areas of strength and weakness based on the colored bubbles. Second, you can look to get a general idea of the strength of the relationships between audiences.

In addition to the status reports there is a progress report between 2008 and 2009. This report identifies highlights areas that have improved or digressed over those two years. There is also a normative report that compares Sky View High School with schools with similar demographics. Below is a summary of the information that we believe is important to notice about these reports:

#### Risk and Protective Factors

The Indicators of School Quality (ISQ) survey evaluates and rates the school on seven protective/risk factors. According to this index, the Sky View community is considered to be low-risk. Percentages above 80% indicate the presence of protective factors that support higher academic achievement scores. Percentages below 80% indicate the presence of risk that impedes the educational process.

<b>Risk and Protective Factors</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Economic Status	84%	94%	96%
Community Affiliation	96%	95%	95%
Family Bonding	93%	94%	94%
Neighborhood Stability (Mobility)	92%	94%	94%



Academic Status (Parent Education)	99%	99%	100%
Home Language	98%	99%	99%
Peer Associations	99%	99%	98%

### Relationships

There are several important relationships to monitor at a school. First are the internal relationships between the staff and the administration. The strength of the relationship between the staff and the administration appears to be strong. This is important because if there is a lack of trust between the staff and the administration, it is very difficult to implement school improvement efforts. It is also evident from the report that teacher morale is high. The second important sets of relationships are between the students and the teachers. Those relationships appear to be good, but could be improved. Qualitative data from the open-ended questions on the surveys contain many affirmations from the students on the high quality of teaching taking place in classrooms. The third important sets of relationships are between parents and the school. The surveys show that parents haven't always been well informed on what is happening at school, which is reflected in the parent column on the second page. That column has become increasingly green over the last three years indicating stronger communication between the home and the school. Parents believe teachers are doing a good job in the classroom, teachers believe parents are supportive. However, teachers want more teachers to participate in parent teacher conferences. Efforts need to be taken to continue to strengthen the relationships between parents and the school.

### Areas of Strength

Looking across the three years of status reports allows for the identification of areas of strength. First, there is general agreement that parents support their students' education, the school provides a quality education, students and staff feel safe at the school, the school is clean and in good repair and the school provides enough extra-curricular activities. There has been continual improvement over the last three years, most notably in the opinions of the parents toward the school.

### Opportunities to Improve

Like all schools, there are many opportunities for improvement. Most notably the school needs to reach out to parents and include them in parent teacher conference and to continue to improve communication between teachers and parents. We need to work to ensure the administration is more accessible to parents and students. We also need to work to make sure more students are participating in extra-curricular activities and that students have better access to computers and quality instructional materials. Other important areas include improving counselor accessibility and making sure the hallways and grounds are well supervised.

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# Sky View High School

Smithfield, UT  
January 30, 2007






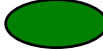
























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Grades (%)				
10th Grade	32	82	36	
11th Grade	41	87	30	
12th Grade	43	82	34	
Child Ethnicity (%)				
African American	1		3	
American Indian	0		2	
Asian/Pacific Islander	0		3	
Hispanic	2		5	
White (Caucasian)	96		89	
Other Ethnicity	3		5	
Child Gender (% Male)			47	
Neighborhood Risk (%)	Overall Neighborhood Risk is Low			
Economic Status	84	All numbers are percentages. Item content can be determined by looking at the returned surveys. Percentages at or above 80 indicate the presence of factors that support higher academic achievement scores for the school. Percentages below 80 indicate risk and are highlighted in red.		
Community Affiliation	96			
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Neighborhood Stability	92			
Academic Status	99			
Home Language	98			
Peer Associations	99			
School Priorities (ranked by %)	Parent	Teacher	These numbers represent the percent of parents believing that school function is one of the most important attributes of a quality school, or the percent of teachers believing that school function is something this school does best. Rank is average of both.	
1 - Focus on academic achievement	87	76		
2 - Provide a safe environment	48	65		
3 - Provide breadth in learning experiences	50	46		
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5 - Promote good citizenship	40	30		
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February 12, 2008






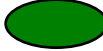
























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# Sky View High School

Smithfield, UT  
February 18, 2009





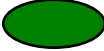
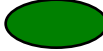
























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The school is clean and in good repair				
The school grounds and hallways are well supervised				

<b>Indicators of School Quality</b>	Parent	Parent	Student	Student
Disaggregated Data	English Yes/No	Moved Yes/No	Boy / Girl	White Yes/No
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## Indicators of School Quality: Demographics, Risk, and School Priorities

Demographics	Parent	Teacher	Student	Staff
Number of Respondents & Adequacy of Samples <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> - Good <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #FFD700; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px; margin-left: 10px;"></span> - Fair <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #FFB6C1; border: 1px solid black; margin-left: 10px;"></span> - Poor	261	47	1201	34
Grades (%)				
10th Grade	49	77	34	
11th Grade	36	83	33	
12th Grade	34	79	33	
Child Ethnicity (%)				
African American	0		3	
American Indian	0		3	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1		5	
Hispanic	2		6	
White (Caucasian)	98		89	
Other Ethnicity	0		5	
Child Gender (% Male)			47	
Neighborhood Risk (%)	Overall Neighborhood Risk is Low			
Economic Status	96	All numbers are percentages. Item content can be determined by looking at the returned surveys. Percentages at or above 80 indicate the presence of factors that support higher academic achievement scores for the school. Percentages below 80 indicate risk and are highlighted in red.		
Community Affiliation	95			
Family Bonding	94			
Neighborhood Stability	94			
Academic Status	100			
Home Language	99			
Peer Associations	98			
School Priorities (ranked by %)	Parent	Teacher	These numbers represent the percent of parents believing that school function is one of the most important attributes of a quality school, or the percent of teachers believing that school function is something this school does best. Rank is average of both.	
1 - Focus on academic achievement	83	67		
2 - Provide a safe environment	54	60		
3 - Treat all students with respect	39	58		
4 - Provide breadth in learning experiences	43	47		
5 - Promote good citizenship	39	47		
6 - Accommodate individual differences	19	7		
7 - Develop community involvement	5	9		
8 - Involve families meaningfully	9	2		











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## Signal Analysis Legend

-  Exemplary
-  Improvement
-  Superior
-  Progress
-  Typical
-  No Change
-  Opportunity to Improve
-  Regress

# Progress Report

The table presented below summarizes global domains by audience for the last two times ISQ was used by the school. The more recent data are summarized by the top signal, and a colored text box represents positive (green or purple) or negative (red) change for that domain, item, or audience. The reverse side of this report is a breakdown for each domain by item.

Indicators of School Quality	Parent	Teacher	Student	Staff
Parent Support				
Teacher Excellence				
Student Commitment				
School Leadership				
Instructional Quality				
Resource Management				
School Safety				



## Indicators of School Quality

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# Normative Report

## Signal Analysis Legend

- Exemplary
- Exemplary
- Superior
- Above Norm
- Typical
- At Norm
- Opportunity to Improve
- Below Norm

The table presented below summarizes global domains by audience for ISQ school data and normative data. The school data are summarized by the top signal, and a colored text box represents positive (green or purple) or negative (red) difference from the norm. The reverse side of this report is a breakdown for each domain by item. Staff responses are not normed as that audience is too often inadequately sampled.

Indicators of School Quality	Parent	Teacher	Student	Staff
Parent Support				
Teacher Excellence				
Student Commitment				
School Leadership				
Instructional Quality				
Resource Management				
School Safety				

## Indicators of School Quality

Normative Report	Parent	Teacher	Student	Staff
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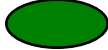
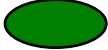










## Behavior Support

### Signal Analysis Legend

-  Exemplary
-  Superior
-  Typical
-  Opportunity to Improve

The table presented below summarizes behavior support domains for the two audiences who saw relevant items. The teacher data was taken from items that surveyed both the working environment of the school and the degree to which teachers and administrators model appropriate behavior for students. The student data was taken from items that surveyed the degree to which the school supports acceptable behavior in the classroom and in school common areas.

Indicators of School Quality	Teacher	Student
Clear Expectations		
Trusting Relationships		
Building Social Skills		
Building Academic Skills		
Rewards & Recognition		

*Character*

Students will demonstrate integrity, be self-motivated, and accept responsibility for their actions.

**Measurable Indicator: Attendance**

The measurable indicators we use for each DRSL are not mutually exclusive. In other words, they may be an indicator of more than one DRSL. Attendance is a good example. Attendance not only is an indicator of a student’s character, but it is also an important indicator of the strength of their relationship with the school, an indicator of their academic success, and an indicator of how well they will do in life beyond high school.

The following table reports attendance for all students and attendance for our largest at-risk populations. Overall attendance is very good at Sky View High School, but noticeably lower among the major subgroups.

Attendance Rates	Year Ending 2006	Year Ending 2007	Year Ending 2008	Thus Far 2009
Overall Attendance	94%	94%	93%	95%
Hispanics	89%	91%	89%	93%
ELL Students	89%	86%	86%	95%
Students With Disabilities	92%	93%	91%	93%

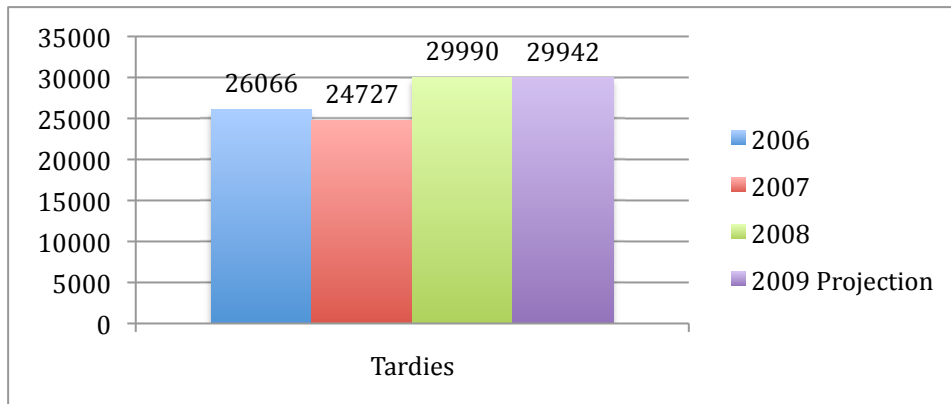


Figure 4: Total Number of Tardies Per Year

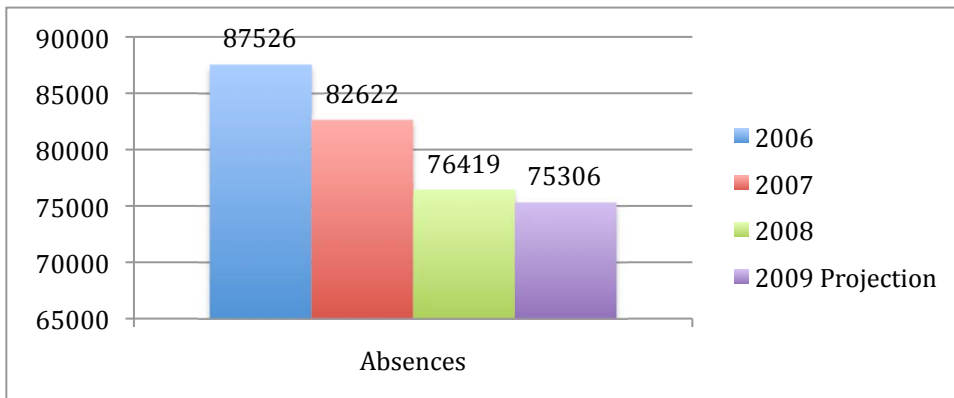


Figure 5: Total Number of Absences Per Year

**Measurable Indicator: Grades**

Grades are a problematic variable on which to gather data for a number of reasons. First, grades have differing values based on the individual grading policy of teachers. Second, grades do not always represent proficiency, but also include variables such as attendance, participation, extra-credit, etc. Third, every class is not created equal. An “A” in one class does not translate into an equivalent amount of knowledge or skills gained, or work completed as an “A” in another class. Nevertheless, we believe that grades are an important indicator not only of the character of the students, but of the commitment of the school to student success. Grades may be an indicator of how well the school is doing at addressing the needs of struggling students (This is a variable we are just beginning to track and to assign meaning). We are concerned about the rise in students failing classes in the 2007-2008 school year. We are also concerned about the grade distribution among our Hispanic population which is significantly lower than among the overall population.

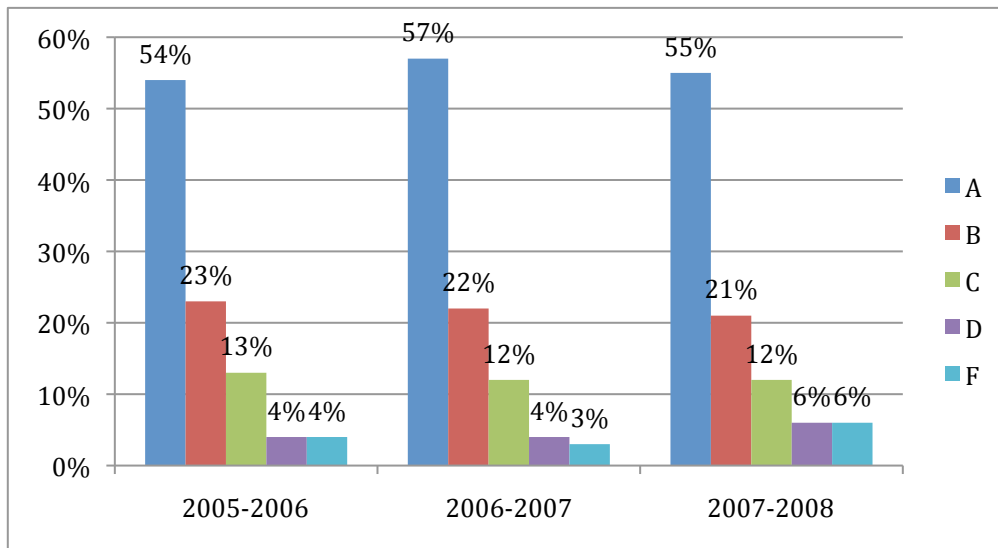


Figure 6: Overall Trends in Grade Distribution

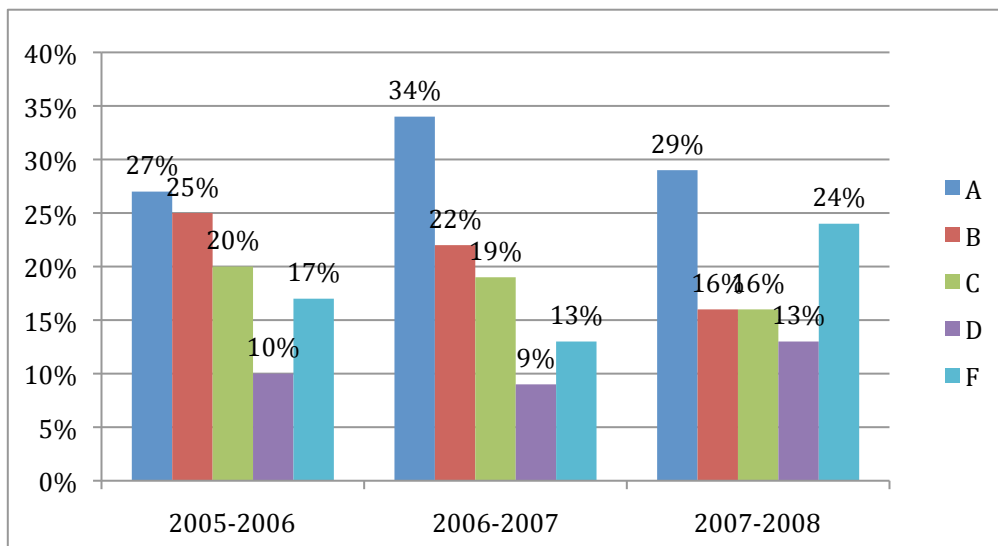


Figure 7: Hispanic Grade Distribution

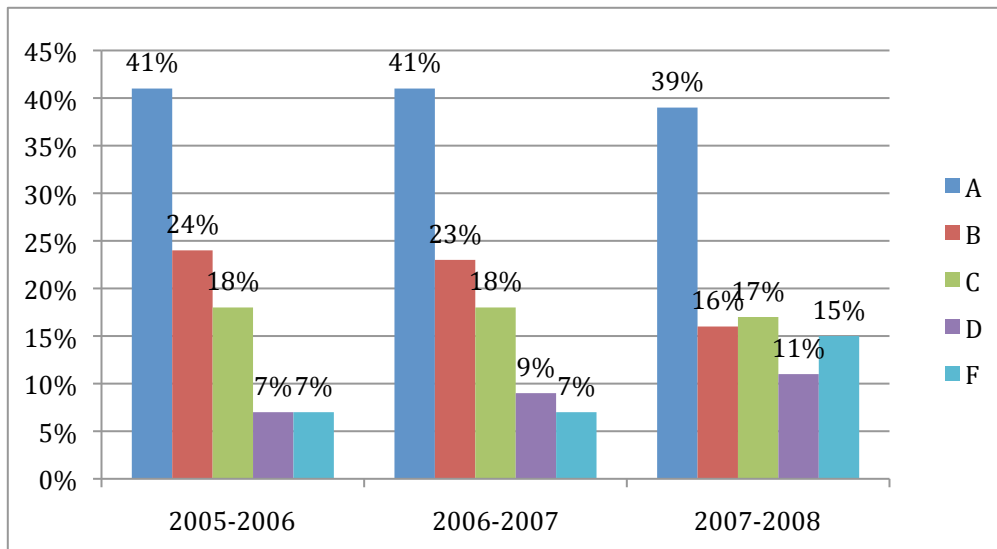


Figure 8: Special Education Grade Distribution

## **Measurable Indicator: SHARP Survey (Student Health and Risk Prevention)**

The SHARP Survey is administered every two years. Sky View High School has participated in the SHARP Survey in 2003, 2005, and 2007. The survey is administered to grades 10 and 12. The survey is designed to assess adolescent substance use, antisocial behavior, and the risk and protective factors present in the school community that lead to or help prevent antisocial behavior. For the purpose of this profile, we will not examine the 2003 results, as the numbers surveyed are too low to be a representative sample of the school population.

### Substance Use

Students are asked about whether they have ever used a substance versus their use of such substances in a 30-day period. For Sky View High School, reported substance use between both 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students is at or below state levels for each of 14 substances. Four areas of concern that are at state levels include the use of inhalants, sedatives, cigarettes, and marijuana. In almost all cases, the report of substance use in 2007 versus 2005 has decreased. A noted exception is alcohol use in a 30-day period among 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Antisocial Behavior

Students are asked which antisocial behaviors they have participated in over the past year. Again, for Sky View High School, levels were at or below state levels in every case.

### Risk Profile

Students were asked questions that assessed risk factors that lead to antisocial behavior. Again, for Sky View High School, levels were at or below state levels with only one exception. We were only slightly higher than the state level in the area of "Low Commitment to School" in 2005. We saw significant improvement in the percent of students at risk in many areas. Some notable increases were in the areas of family conflict, "parents' favorable attitudes" toward substance use, and depressive symptoms.

### Protective Profile

Students were asked questions that assessed protective factors that help predict antisocial behavior. For Sky View High School, the presence of protective factors was at or higher than state levels with one exception, rewards for prosocial behavior. Some areas that were notably high include "Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement", "Family Attachment", "Religiosity", and "Interaction with Prosocial Peers".

## *Knowledge*

Students will demonstrate basic competence in reading, writing, and computing to function effectively in society. Students will also demonstrate the ability to acquire new knowledge, solve complex problems, and think critically.

### **Measurable Indicator: Criterion Referenced Tests (CRT)**

The CRT data is helpful to the school for a number of reasons. First, it helps us to examine the effectiveness of ongoing instruction in the areas assessed. Second, it allows us to disaggregate the data by subgroups. Finally, it provides data on individual students and areas where they may be at risk. The data is color codes as follows:

Purple:	Above the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile
Green:	Significant upward trend and/or above the 70 <sup>th</sup> percentile
Yellow	Stable trend, but below the 70 <sup>th</sup> percentile
Red	Significant declining trend and/or below the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile

The school is doing very well in the area of Language Arts and Physics and has maintained or seen steady improvement in Geometry, Chemistry and Biology. An area of concern is Earth Science and Algebra I. Typically, students enrolled in these two courses have already failed the same course in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. There continues to be significant gap between the overall population's performance and that of the major subgroups. We believe there are several reasons these groups continue to struggle. Some of these reasons are due to disabilities, general literacy, discouragement, involvement in at-risk behavior, or disengagement from school.

## **ALL SUBJECTS**

### **Aggregate CRT Scores for All Subjects**

<b>CRT Scores</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Language Arts (10)	87%	84%	90%	91%
Language Arts (11)	84%	86%	89%	91%
Geometry	68%	58%	61%	71%
Algebra I	50%	25%	44%	36%
Physics	81%	88%	85%	92%
Chemistry	83%	64%	70%	70%
Biology	66%	65%	72%	74%
Earth Science	50%	56%	43%	50%

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **Disaggregated CRT Scores: Language Arts 10**

<b>CRT Scores</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Hispanic	67%	44%	47%	60%
Free & Reduced Lunch	78%	76%	81%	83%
ELL	75%	33%	54%	45%
SPED	42%	19%	54%	70%



**Disaggregated CRT Scores: Language Arts 11 (Insufficient Data for All Subgroups)**

CRT Scores	2005	2006	2007	2008
Hispanic	45%	54%	50%	64%
Free & Reduced Lunch	76%	66%	81%	82%
SPED	45%	49%	34%	78%

**MATHEMATICS****Disaggregated CRT Scores: Algebra I (Insufficient Data for All Subgroups)**

CRT Scores	2005	2006	2007	2008
Hispanic	45%	27%	20%	<10
Free & Reduced Lunch	42%	27%	33%	<10
SPED	24%	5%	43%	<10

**Disaggregated CRT Scores: Geometry (Insufficient Data for All Subgroups)**

CRT Scores	2005	2006	2007	2008
Hispanic	38%	42%	33%	50%
Free & Reduced Lunch	61%	62%	59%	67%
SPED	57%	62%	80%	78%

**SCIENCE****Disaggregated CRT Scores: Earth Systems (Insufficient Data for Any Subgroups)****Disaggregated CRT Scores: Biology (Insufficient Data for All Subgroups)**

CRT Scores	2005	2006	2007	2008
Hispanic	37%	19%	34%	37%
Free & Reduced Lunch	47%	54%	54%	67%
ELL	25%	8%	36%	20%
SPED	35%	30%	49%	47%

**Disaggregated CRT Scores: Chemistry (Insufficient Data for All Subgroups)**

CRT Scores	2005	2006	2007	2008
Free & Reduced Lunch	80%	49%	72%	59%

**Disaggregated CRT Scores: Physics (Insufficient Data for All Subgroups)**

CRT Scores	2005	2006	2007	2008
Free & Reduced Lunch	<10	90%	85%	80%

**Measurable Indicator: Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-PASS)**

Utah's Performance Assessment System for Students is part of the State of Utah's accountability plan for schools and was enacted in 2000. Schools are identified as achieving acceptable performance if the following conditions are met:

1. The percentage of students participating on each assessment is 80% (or greater)
2. The school proficiency level is 80% (or greater) or progress is 190 (or greater)
3. The subgroup proficiency level is 80% (or greater) or the Subgroup progress is 190 (or greater)

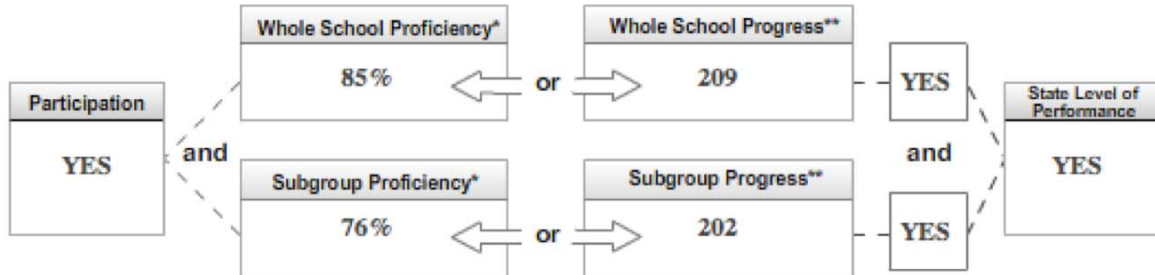
U-PASS is based on a progress model and rewards students for not only achieving certain levels of proficiency, but also for maintaining those levels while at the same time helping students who are not proficient become proficient. Unlike NCLB, U-PASS does not assume that schools will be able to reach 100% proficiency by a specified time frame. U-PASS also gives a school progress points based on the graduation rate and school attendance. The high school progress model is based on the following percentages:

30% language arts  
25% math  
25% science  
10% attendance  
10% graduation rate

A U-PASS report card has been available to Elementary Schools for several years, but have only recently become available to high schools.



**U-PASS Accountability System  
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Proficiency	
LANGUAGE ARTS Percent Proficient	<b>91%</b>
<a href="#">Click here for more info.</a>	
MATH Percent Proficient	<b>66%</b>
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SCIENCE Percent Proficient	<b>74%</b>
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ATTENDANCE Percent Proficient	<b>&gt;95%</b>
GRADUATION Percent Proficient	<b>99%</b>

Progress	
LANGUAGE ARTS Progress Score	<b>209</b>
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MATH Progress Score	<b>153</b>
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SCIENCE Progress Score	<b>167</b>
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ATTENDANCE Progress Score	<b>198</b>
UBSCT Progress Score	<b>272</b>

In order to achieve the State Level of Performance a school must have 95% participation, and either proficiency or progress in the Whole School and the Subgroup.

**\*Overall proficiency:**  
Acceptable range is 75 % and higher.

**\*\* Overall Progress:**  
Acceptable range is 180 and higher.

**Participation:**  
Acceptable range is 95% and higher.

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Individual Subgroups	Proficiency	Progress
African American	n<10	n<10
American Indian	n<10	n<10
Asian	n<10	n<10
Caucasian	yes	yes
Hispanic	no	yes
Pacific Islander	n<10	n<10
Economically Disadvantaged	yes	yes
Limited English Proficient	n<10	yes
Students With Disabilities	no	yes

Figure 9: U-PASS Report Card

### Comparisons

The following comparisons, compiled by Doug Snow, compare Sky View High School to the State Average and a Regional High School Average (including: Bear River High School, Box Elder High School, Logan High School, and Mountain Crest High School). In almost every case, Sky View does very well when compared to both the State and its closest neighbors. However, this can be expected as Sky View operates as a low-risk school as noted by the ISQ survey.

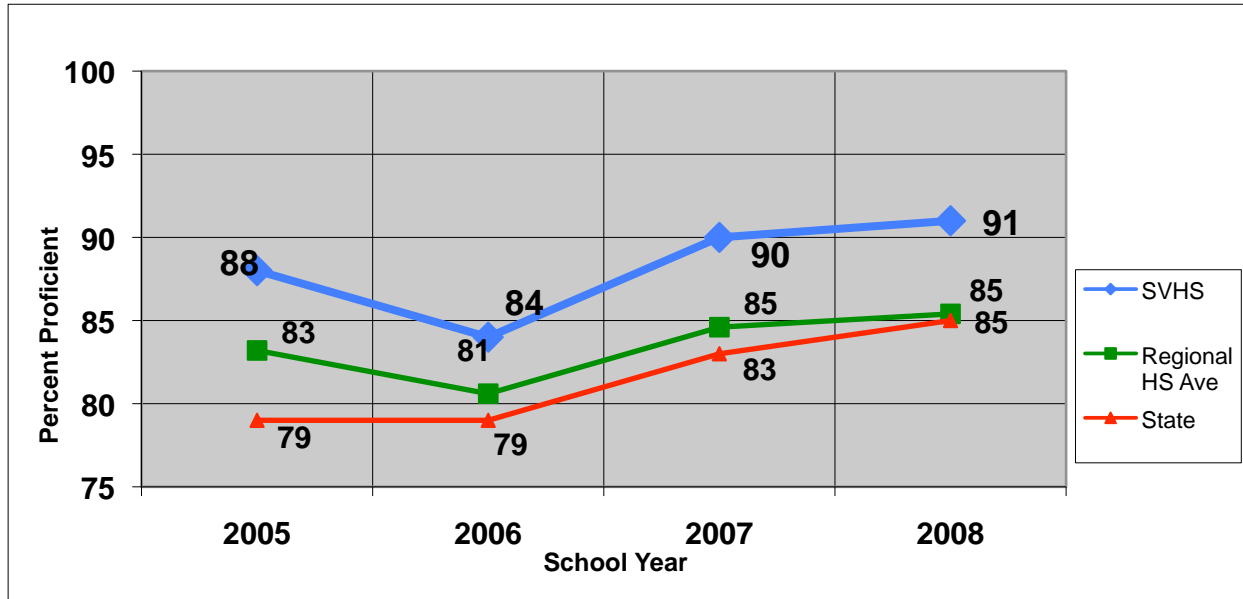


Figure 10: Language Arts 10 Comparison

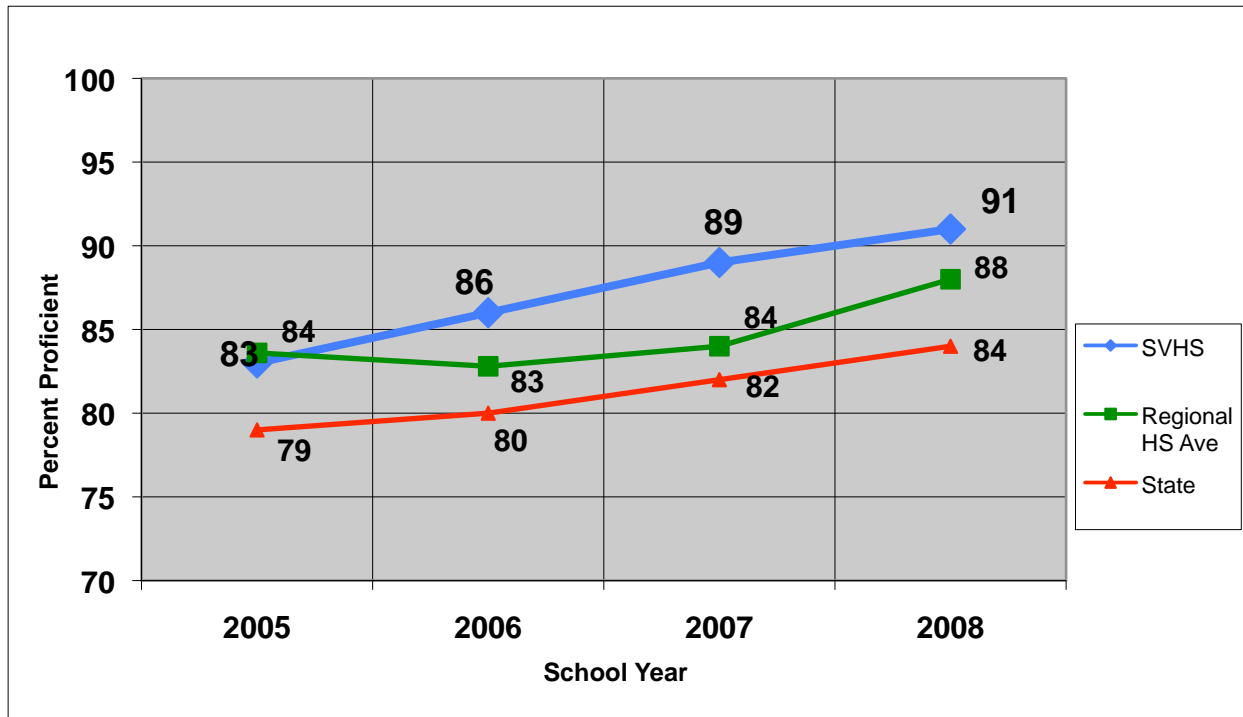


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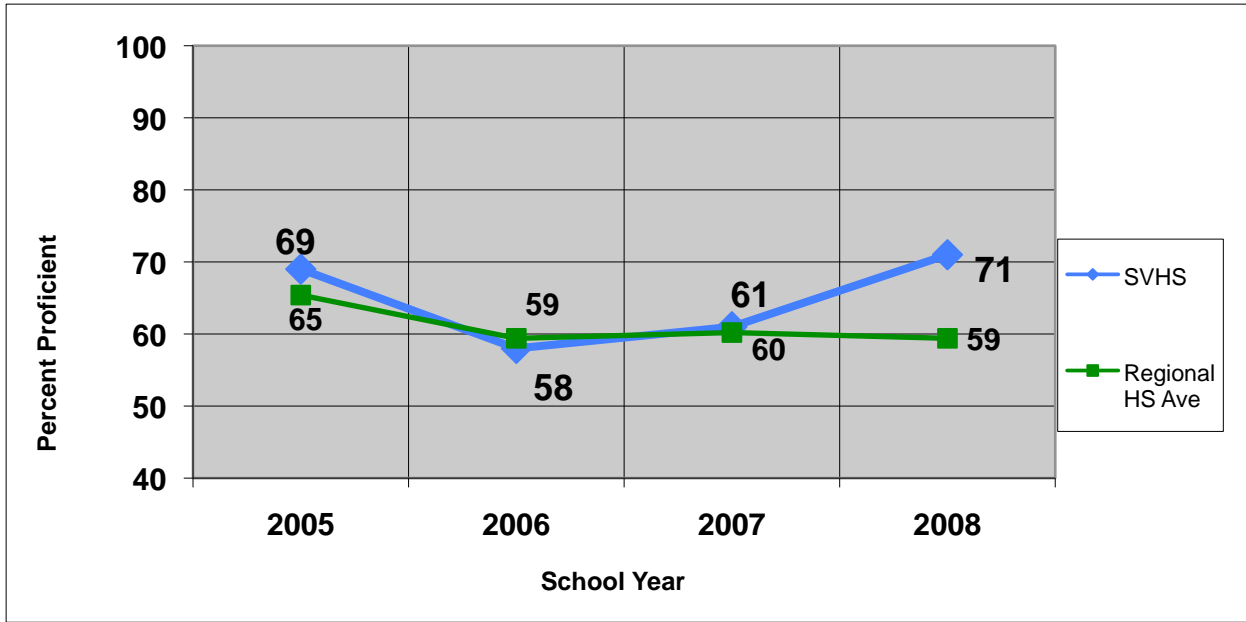


Figure 12: High School Geometry Comparison

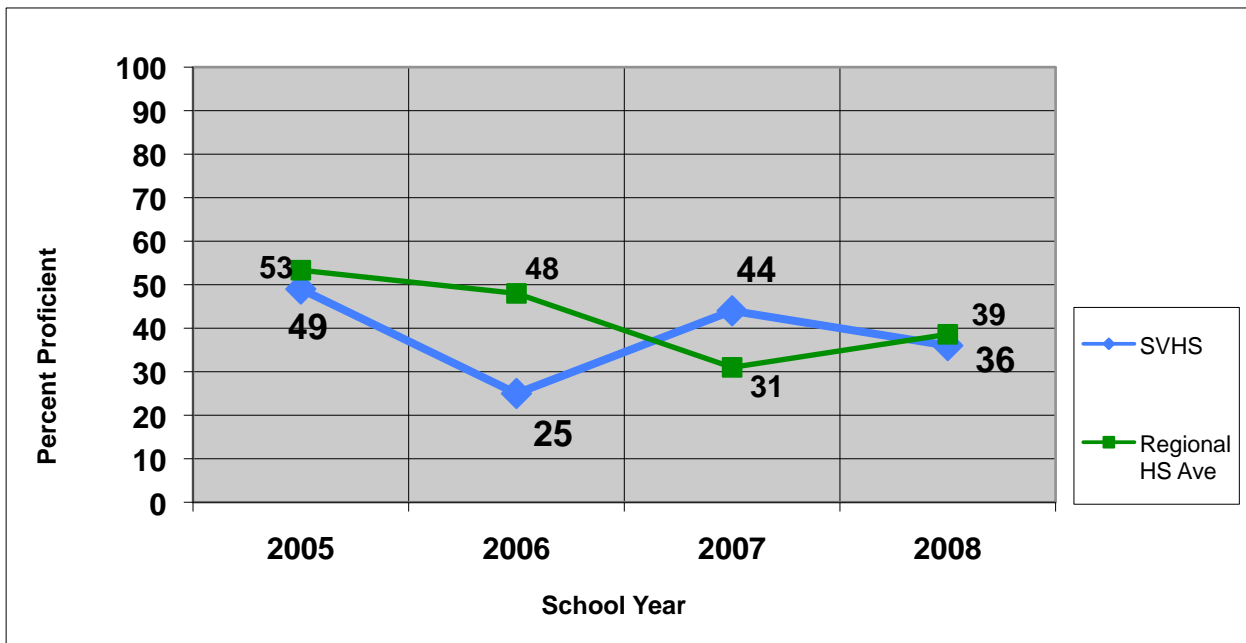


Figure 13: High School Algebra I Comparison

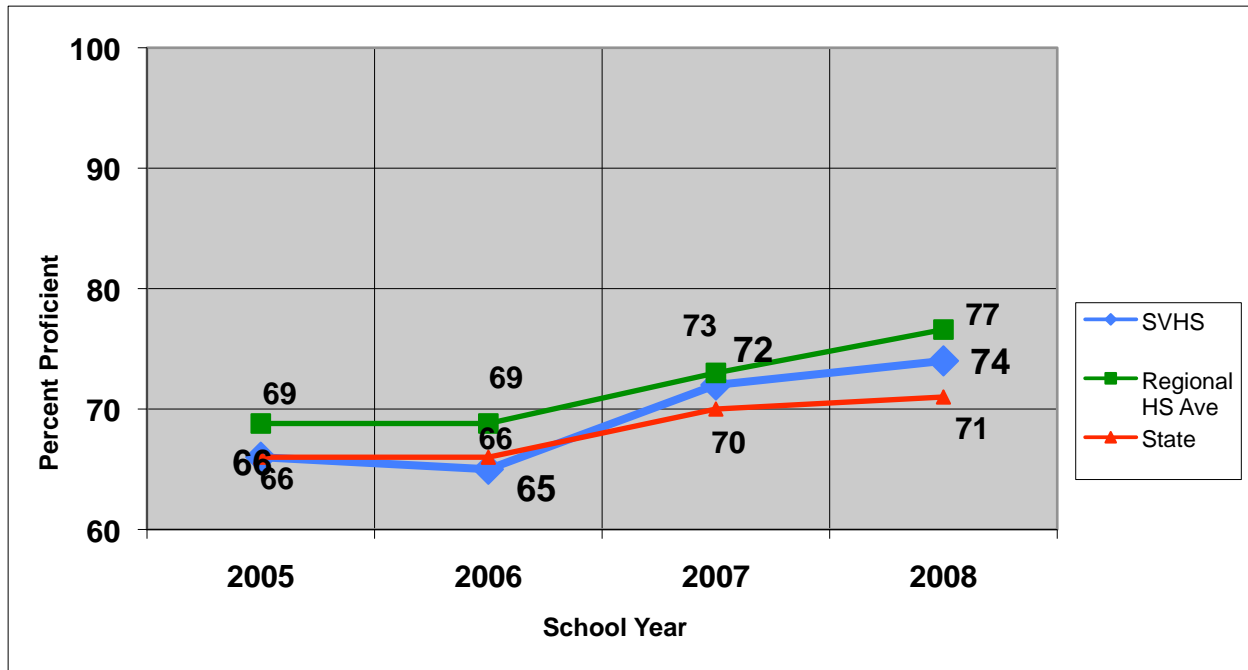


Figure 14: Biology Comparison

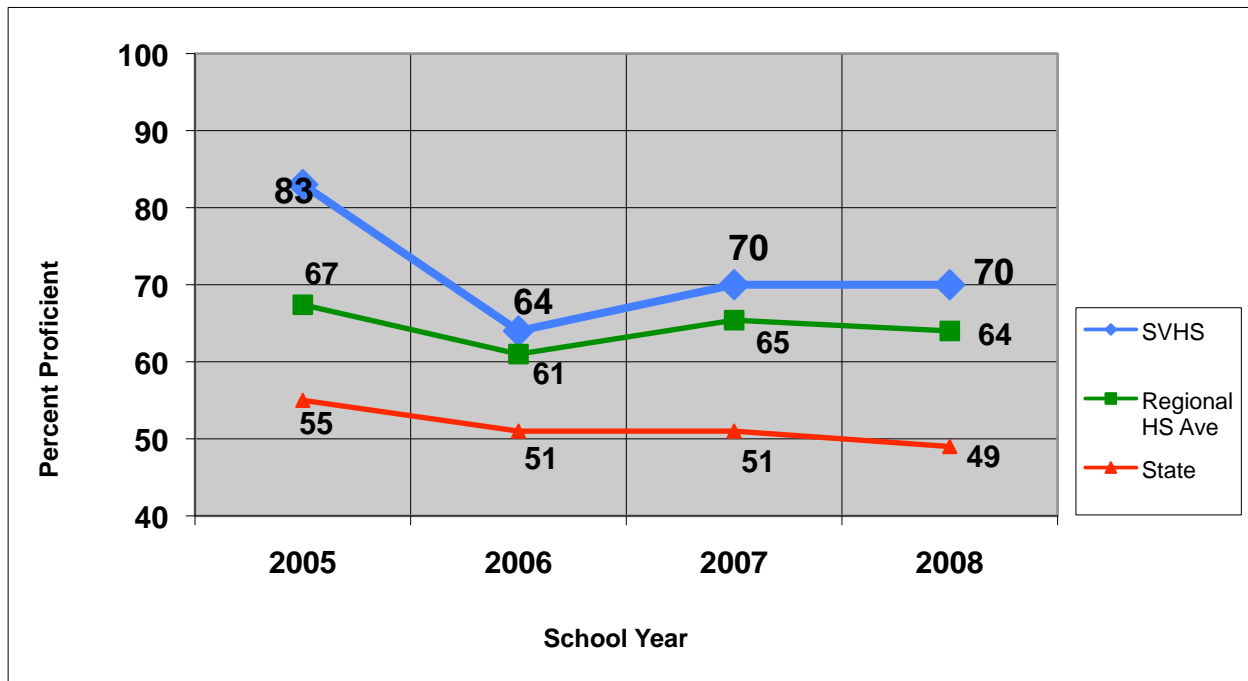


Figure 15: Chemistry Comparison

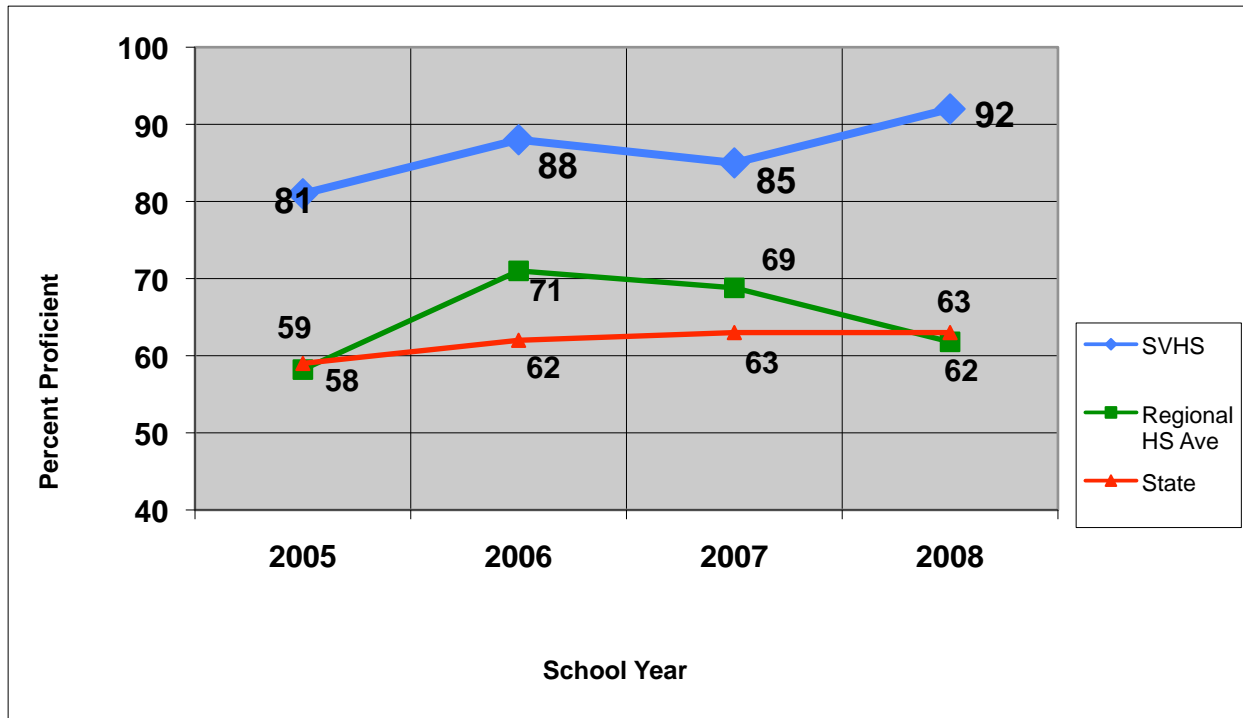


Figure 16: Physics Comparison

**Measureable Indicator: CTE**

The Career & Technical Education Program tests students after their completion of each CTE course on the course objectives. Funding for CTE is based on the number of students who score at the substantial level (between 80%-100%). The following chart summarizes the number of students tested and the percent of those students who scored in the substantial 80%-100% and sufficient 65%-79% levels over a three-year time period. Further analysis is needed that examines CTE data across the different pathways.

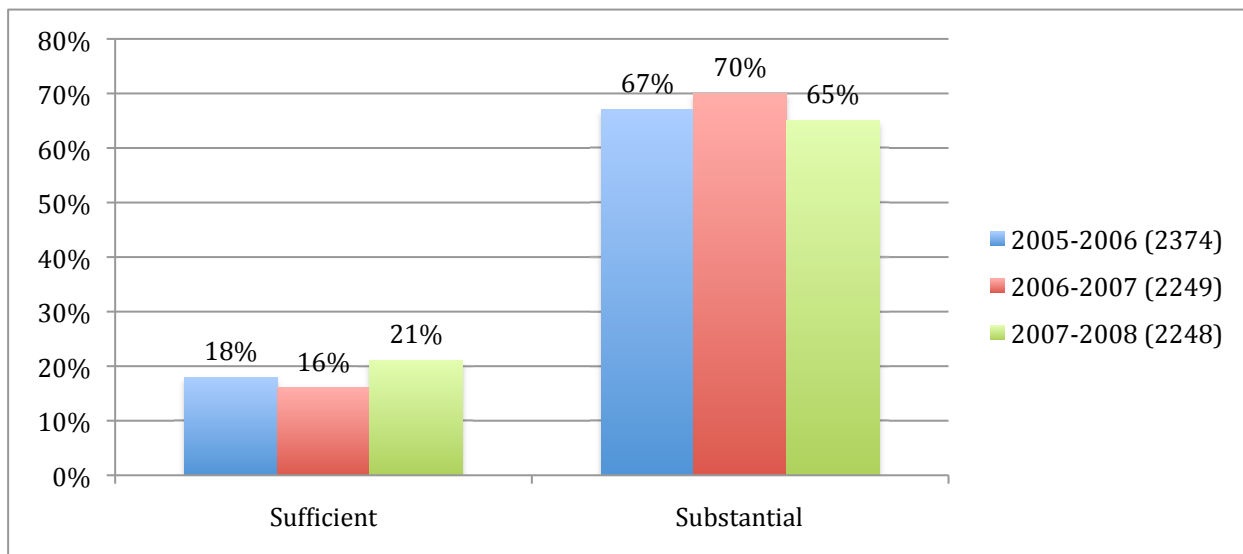


Figure 17: Percent of Students Scoring Substantial or Sufficient on CTE Exams

**Measureable Indicator: UBSCT**

The Utah Basic Skills Competency Test measures basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Most students easily demonstrate competency on their first try. However, a few students continue to struggle to demonstrate competency. A major goal of the school has been to ensure that each student has every opportunity to pass this test before graduation. The following table summarizes the UBSCT results for the last several years. The following table lists the number of those students who passed or failed according to grade level. Compared to State Levels, Sky View performs well on the UBSCT test. However, we would still like to see improvements in the areas of writing and mathematics.

Test Date	Reading Passed   Failed			Math Passed   Failed			Writing Passed   Failed		
	Soph	Jr	Sr	Soph	Jr	Sr	Soph	Jr	Sr
February 2006 (496)	461 35	9 9	1 0	429 65	7 24	2 5	404 93	12 20	2 2
October 2006		16 20	7 2		16 59	10 9		42 47	5 12
February 2007 (471)	442 29	8 16	3 2	396 76	13 44	3 9	403 70	13 38	2 12
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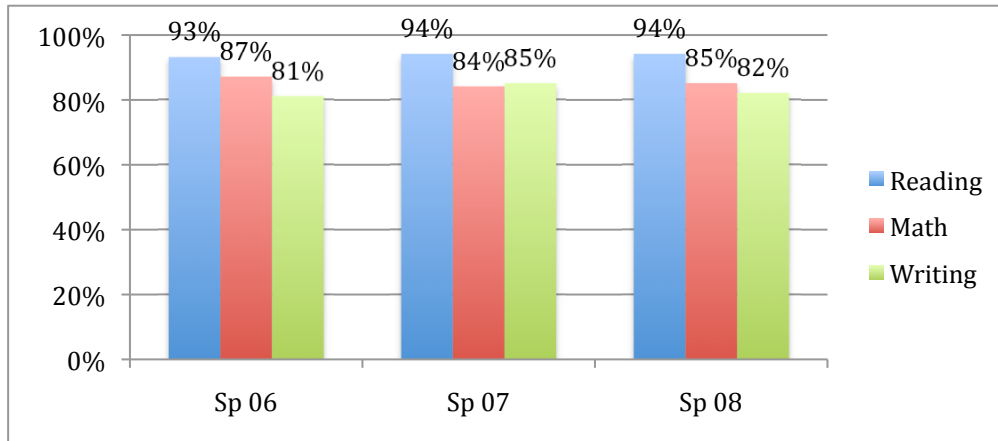


Figure 18: Percent of Sophomores Passing UBSCT on First Attempt

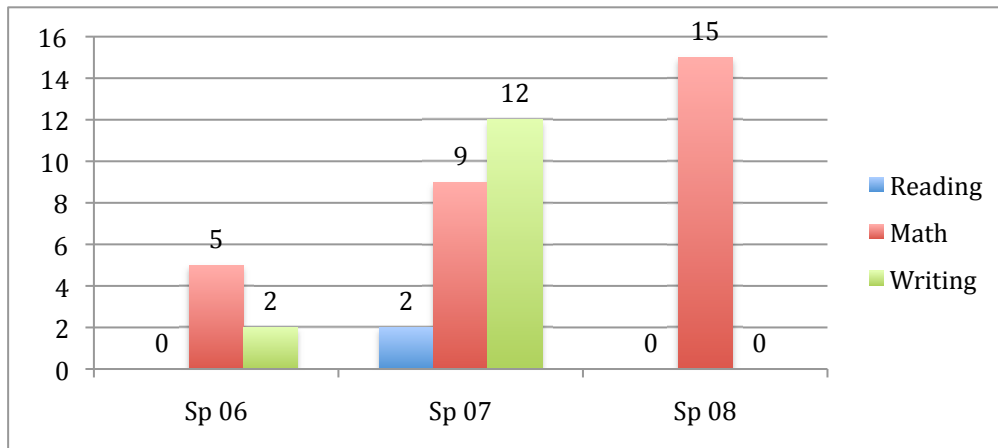


Figure 19: Number of Seniors Failing UBSCT Test on Last Attempt



**Measureable Indicator: ACT**

Not only is the ACT an indicator of college readiness of high school graduates, but many high schools in the country are beginning to use it in place of gateway tests such as the UBSCT. Sky View High School has always had the philosophy to encourage all of our students to take this test.

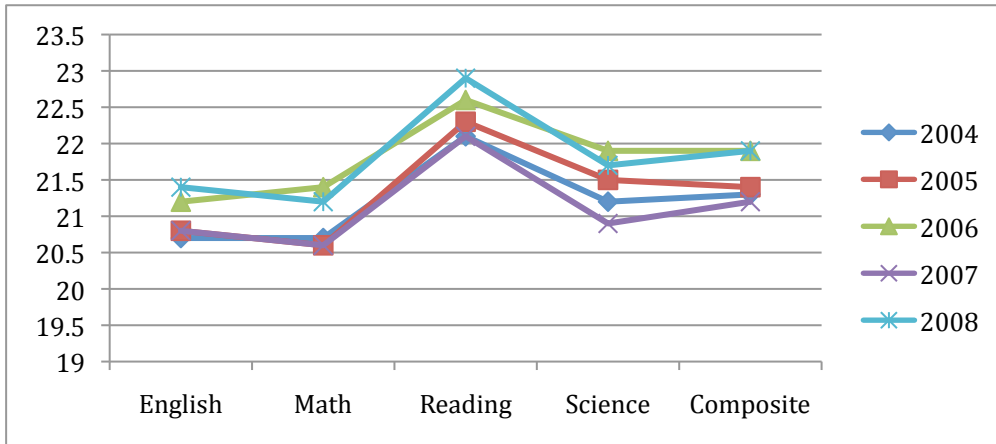


Figure 20: Average ACT Scores

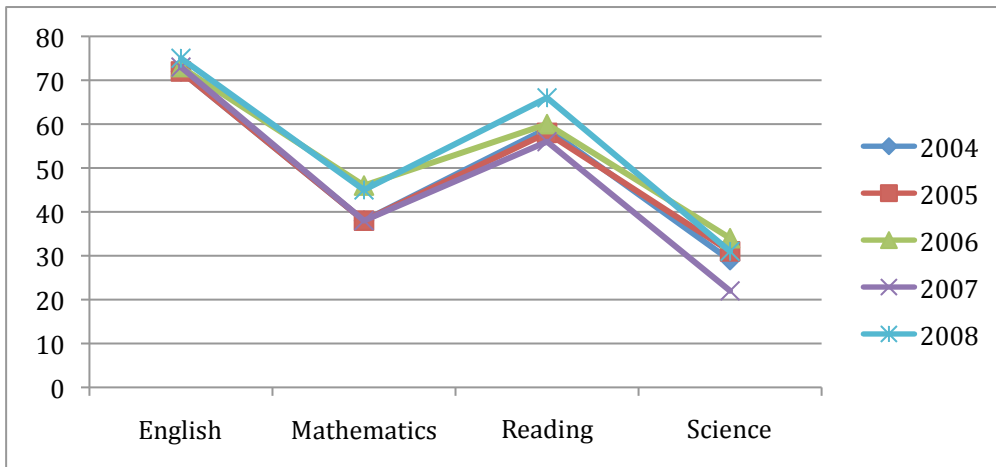


Figure 21: Percent of Students Meeting College Readiness Benchmarks

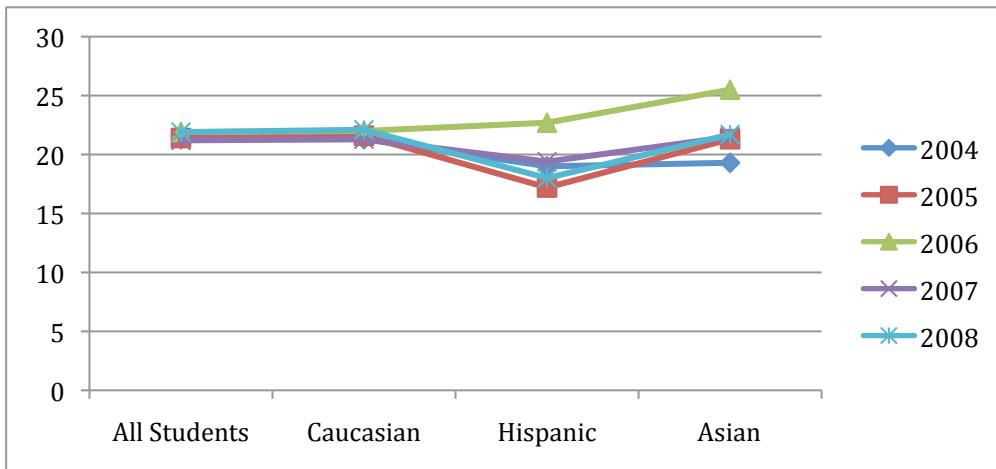


Figure 22: Composite Scores by Race/Ethnicity

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Students will demonstrate a commitment to pursue a career, post-secondary education or technical training and to participate in society as productive citizens.

**Measureable Indicator: Concurrent & BATC Enrollment, Advanced Placement**

Sky View’s partnership with Utah’s System of Higher Education and its proximity to Utah State University facilitates a strong concurrent enrollment program. Currently, Sky View offers courses through USU, WSU, & UVU. Each year, Sky View High School graduates earn over 6,000 college credits. In addition, we have a number of Advanced Placement courses available to students. Many students also take advantage of the programs at Bridgerland Applied Technology Center. Enrollment in these type of courses are strong indicators of a student’s post secondary intentions and demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning.

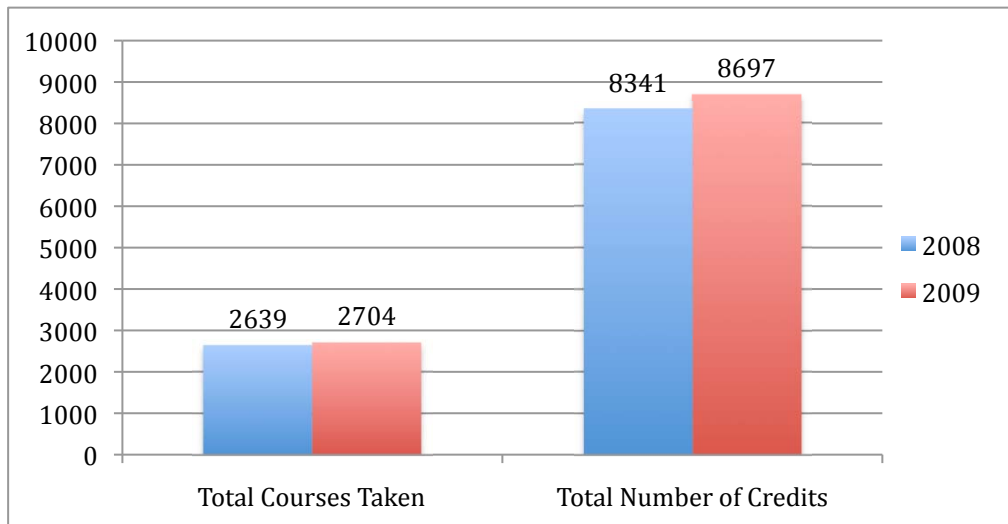


Figure 23: Total Number of Courses Taken, Total Number of Credits Taken

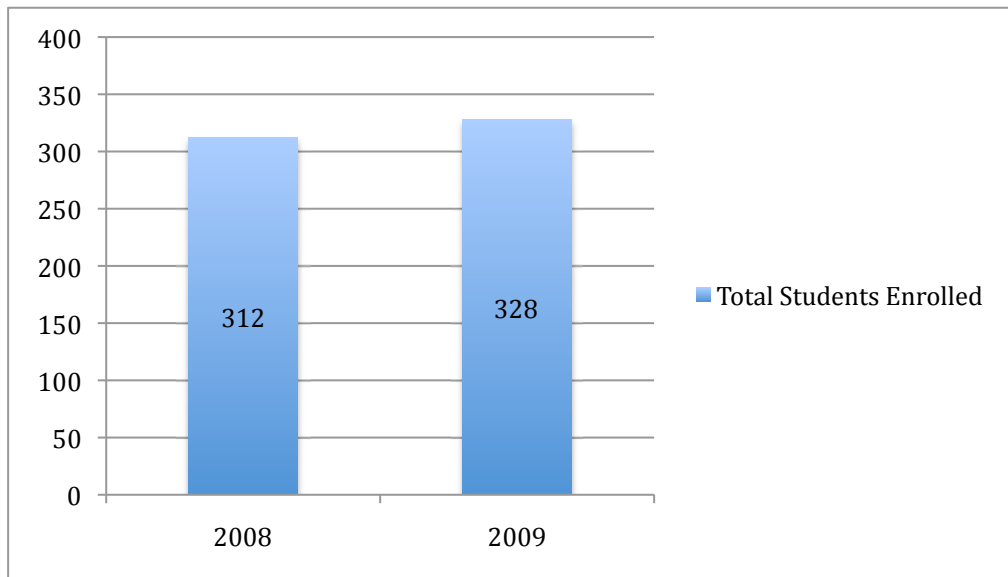


Figure 24: Total Students Enrolled at Bridgerland Applied Technology Center

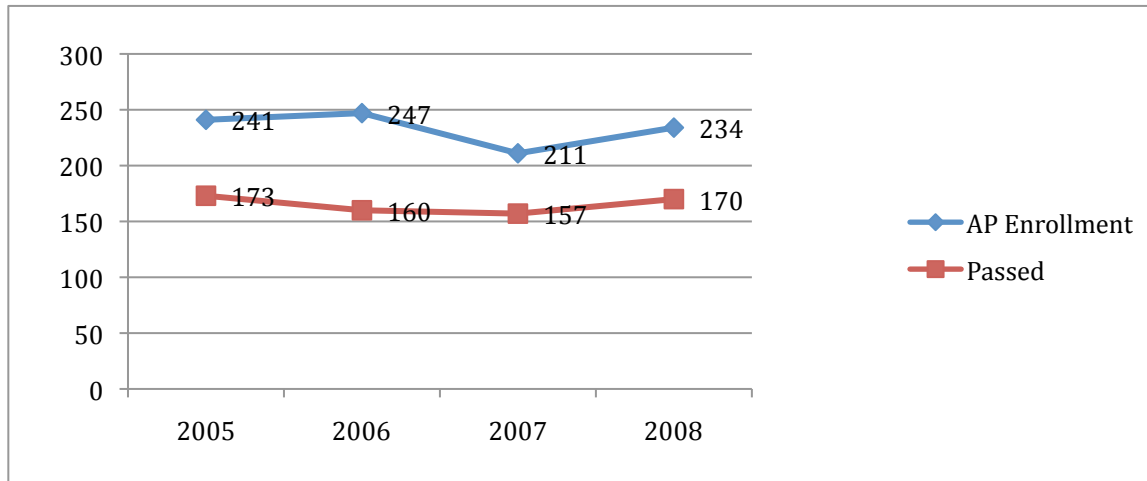


Figure 25: Advanced Placement: Number Tested, Number Passed

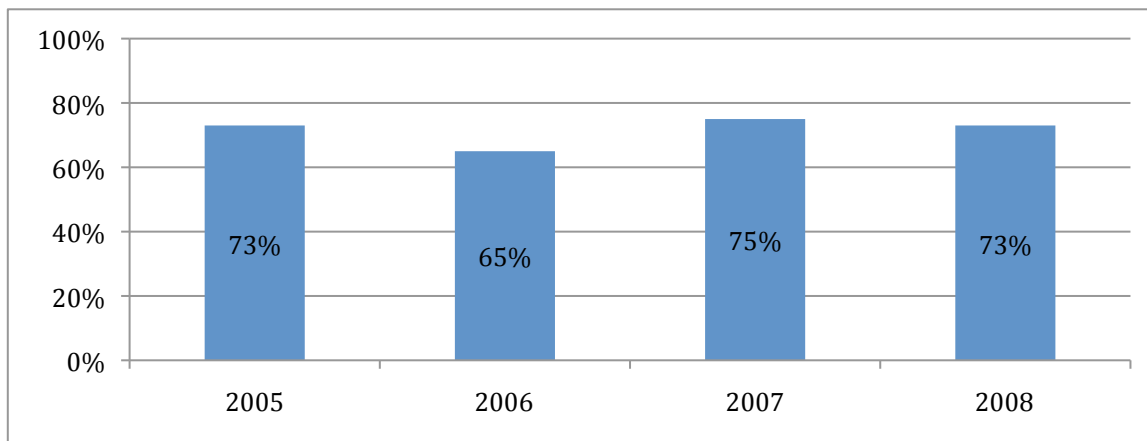


Figure 26: Percent of Students Passing AP Tests

### Measurable Indicator: Senior Exit Survey & Course Taking Patterns

In the past, senior students participated in a Senior Exit Survey, which among other things asked them about their post-secondary plans. However, this survey was discontinued several years ago. We are going to reinstitute this survey during the 2009-2010 school year because we believe it is important to gather information about student intentions. In addition, students' course-taking patterns are another important indicator. Before recent graduation requirement changes, 80% of the student body already completed the more rigorous recommended requirements for college admission including four credits of English, three credits of mathematics, and three credits of science.

**Conclusion**

We believe that the School Profile is an important part of our school improvement efforts. It provides school-wide data that are aligned with our Mission Statement and DRSLs. The School Profile will be updated on an annual basis to report progress in accomplishing our school-wide goals. However, the School Profile is not complete, nor is it comprehensive. It is not complete because there are areas where we can improve – both how we present and interpret the data. For example, we are still trying to find a way to better summarize the ISQ and CTE data.

It is not comprehensive because the data need to be disaggregated further as we set goals inside professional learning teams and assess individual student progress. We are currently working on a method for creating a “student dashboard,” that allows us to look at individual students and their progress on each DRSL. The following table presents a summary of the type of information that may be found on a “student dashboard.”

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>ID</u>							
<p><b>RELATIONSHIPS</b></p> <p>Extra-Curricular Activities _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><b>CHARACTER</b></p> <p>Attendance Percentage_____</p> <p>Number of Unverified Absences_____</p> <p>Grade Point Average_____</p>								
<p><b>KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <p>UBSCT</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">R</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">M</td> </tr> </table> <p>CRT</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">LA</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">M</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">S</td> </tr> </table> <p>ACT</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 100%; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	R	W	M	LA	M	S		<p><b>. . . FOR LIFE</b></p> <p>Number of Concurrent, AP Courses _____</p> <p>CTE or BATC Courses_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ACT</p>	
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### Sky View High School Action Plan (Brief)

<p><b>Relationships</b>  <i>Students will value and respect others, communicate and collaborate effectively, and be active participants in school and associated activities.</i></p> <p>The Search Institute has identified a set of 40 developmental assets that act as protective factors for youth and help them to make a successful transition from adolescence to adulthood. These assets are developed in the family, the community, and at school. At school, participation in extra-curricular activities provides opportunities for students to learn to value and respect others, and communicate and collaborate effectively. Extra-curricular activities serve to strengthen a student’s relationship with the school and are highly correlated to greater academic achievement.</p>	
<p><b>Goal</b>          Students will be active participants in the school as measured by extra-curricular participation.</p>	<p><b>Target Outcomes</b>          Increase extra-curricular participation by three percentage points per year.          Year 1: 77%          Year 2: 79%          Year 3: 81%          Year 4: 83%          Year 5: 86%          Year 6: 89%</p>
<p><b>Problem of Practice</b>          Sky View High School currently offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities to students. However, 25% of students report no participation in extra-curricular activities. In addition, the quality and level of participation, for those who do participate has not been thoroughly evaluated. A more concentrated effort is needed to ensure students are engaged in high quality extra-curricular activities between 8th-12th grades.</p>	<p><b>Improvement Strategies</b>          The PLT responsible to help improve extra-curricular participation will include the school administrations from both North Cache and Sky View, the School Community Council, representatives from both the PTA and student leadership.          Improvement strategies will focus on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better coordination with feeder schools</li> <li>2. Thorough ongoing evaluation and update of offerings</li> <li>3. Better marketing and promotion</li> <li>4. Consistent standards for participation</li> <li>5. Improved recognition of low profile programs</li> <li>6. Increased parent support and involvement in extra-curricular programs</li> <li>7. Targeting of activities for subgroups and at-risk students</li> </ol>

<p><b>Character</b>  <i>Students will demonstrate integrity, be self-motivated, and accept responsibility for their actions.</i></p> <p>Regular school attendance greatly enhances the likelihood of student success and demonstrates a commitment to the educational process. It is in the best interest of the school to create an environment that supports good attendance. Sky View’s current attendance policy is designed to help students demonstrate integrity, self-motivation and to accept responsibility for their actions. For most students, the policy works very well. Overall attendance rates are between 93-95%. Major tenets of the current policy include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clear and reasonable standards and expectations for attendance.</li> <li>2. Multiple tools for communicating with the home (online access, calling system, postcards and letters, full-time attendance secretary).</li> <li>3. Clear and defined consequences for excessive absences.</li> <li>4. A system for tracking attendance problems.</li> <li>5. A Student Assistance Team to address attendance problems through counseling and administrative intervention.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Goal</b>                  Create a school environment that supports good attendance.</p>	<p><b>Target Outcomes</b>                  Increase attendance percentage of major subgroups and at-risk students to 90%                  Reduce unverified absence rate to 1%</p>
<p><b>Problem of Practice</b>                  While the current attendance policy is very effective with a majority of the school population, attendance rates for the major subgroups are several percentage points lower than the general population. In addition, each trimester a large number of at-risk students have a high percentage of unverified absences. Attendance problems occur for a number of reasons. Students may be struggling academically or socially. They may be involved in high-risk behaviors, have problems at home, or do not feel safe at school.</p>	<p><b>Improvement Strategies</b>                  The PLT responsible for this goal will be the Student Assistance Team consisting of the school administrators, school counselors, the school attendance secretary, and counseling interns.</p> <p>Following are a list of research based strategies for improving student attendance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clarify expectations and the value of school attendance, especially with the at-risk students and their parents.</li> <li>2. Involve parents as partners in the process.</li> <li>3. Provide counseling support.</li> <li>4. Provide academic supports</li> <li>5. Provide social and self-management training</li> <li>6. Maintain high expectations for good attendance</li> <li>7. Reward and reinforce good attendance</li> </ol>

**Knowledge**

*Students will demonstrate basic competency in reading, writing, and computing needed to function effectively in society. Students will also demonstrate the ability to acquire new knowledge, solve complex problems, and think critically*

In the School Mission Statement there are two levels of literacy – basic and advanced. Not only do we want each student to leave high school with the ability to read, write, and compute well, but we also want them to be able to reason and think at higher levels. Currently, we believe we do a good job at providing higher-level courses to students who have already mastered the basic skills, but we continue to struggle with ensuring that every student has acquired the basic skills they need to be successful in life. We agree with the concept of No Child Left Behind and our belief statements support the idea that all students can learn. However, we also recognize that no matter how good our efforts, we will not succeed in every case, but we must never give up.

**Goal(s)**

1. Provide supports to ensure basic competency as measured by the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test
2. Improve student performance among the major subgroups (ELL, Hispanic, Special Education in Language Arts, Mathematics and Science as measured by Criterion Referenced Tests.

**Target Outcomes**

Reduce the number of students failing the UBSCT test in their senior year to as close to zero as possible.  
 Increase subgroup performance between 5-10% percentage points per year in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science where a PLT model is being implemented.  
 Example: Algebra I  
 Currently 36% (10% percentage point increase per year)  
 Year 1: 40% , Year 2: 44%, Year 3: 48%, Year 4: 53%, Year 5: 58%,  
 Year 6: 64%

**Problem of Practice**

Data from schools across the country demonstrate that proficiency can be significantly improved where PLTs are effectively implemented. In recent years, we have made efforts to improve collaboration among teachers including providing team meeting times, encouraging collaboration, team teaching, etc., but have had only marginal success. We believe that to significantly improve performance, PLTs must be fully implemented.

**Improvement Strategies**

Fully functioning PLTs will be the engine for accomplishing this goal and for creating more detailed action plans that address specific and targeted academic goals.

To focus on the needs of students in this area, five PLTs will be organized (see Full Action Plan for a list):

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*Students will demonstrate a commitment to pursue a post secondary career, technical training, or education, and to participate in society as productive citizens.*

The end goal of any educational institution should be to prepare students to take the next step in life whether that step is moving onto another educational opportunity, into a career setting, or as a productive citizen. One strength of Sky View High School, is the number of opportunities students have to enroll in Career and Technical Education, Concurrent Enrollment, Advanced Placement and Bridgerland Applied Technology Center courses. To achieve these goals, the school must have a system to continually evaluate and improve its course offerings and programs.

<p><b>Goal</b> Improve the quality of programs to provide post-secondary pathways and opportunities for students as measured by courses offered, enrollment patterns and student intent.</p>	<p><b>Target Outcomes</b> Increase the number of career pathways available to students and increase the number of students making course decisions that lead to post-secondary pursuits.</p>
<p><b>Problem of Practice</b> Again, Sky View High School provides a multitude of opportunities to students and is constantly updating and refining its curriculum. However, we need to be more systematic and data-driven in how we evaluate and update the curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Improvement Strategies</b> The PLT for this goal will include the school administration, school counselors, and department heads. This PLT will rely on both internal and external evaluations of the curriculum on an ongoing basis to improve and upgrade course offerings and to build a cohesive educational program.</p>