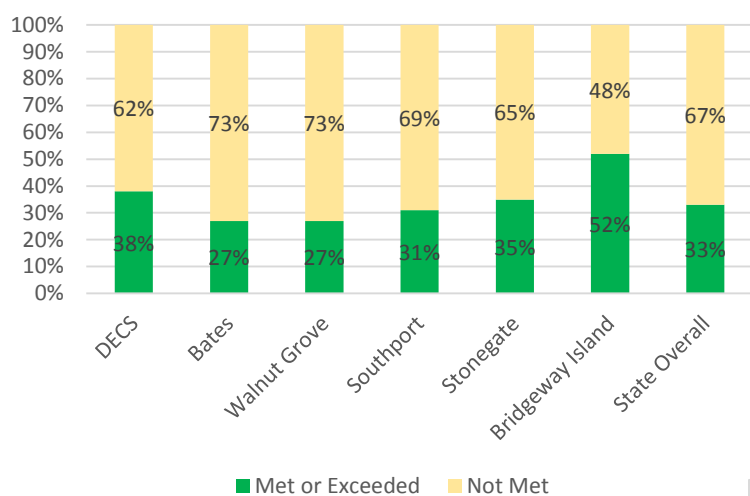


## Comparison of Testing Results between DECS students and Surrounding Schools

This is the first year of the new Smarter Balanced assessments and the state is not going to be releasing an API score for schools in California. Therefore, we have no basis of comparison to understand how our school is performing in relation to other schools in the area. As parents, we know that you choose to send your student to DECS for many reasons and we as an administration and a school board are committed to sharing information about the performance of our school in relation to other schools in the area.

We believe at DECS that there are so many ways to measure school performance and test scores are just one of those. We believe that arts, music, agriculture and school culture are extremely important to the overall development of our students, but that academic performance on state tests is a key indicator of our school's performance and we use these data to assist in our planning and evaluation of our school and instructional practices.

### Math SBAC Met or Exceeded



These Math data show us that our DECS students are performing better than the state overall and better than 4 of the 5 schools where our students would otherwise attend.

These ELA data show that on English Language Arts, our students are performing almost the same as the state average and slightly better than 3 of the 5 comparison

schools.

These data help us to focus on where we need to improve our instruction and our interventions with students.

The administration and the board encourage active conversations about school performance and improvements to our instructional programs. DECS is such an amazing school because of this school community. We are looking forward to continuing the conversation.

### ELA - SBAC Met or Exceeded

