

SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Van Nuys Middle School was established in 1948 as *Van Nuys Junior High School*, serving students in grades seven through nine. In 1990, a Math/Science Magnet school was added as part of the District's Integration Program. In 1996, it was reconfigured as a middle school, with grades six through eight. The enrollment is approximately 1,400 students in the home school, and 200 students in the Magnet.

18 to 19 percent of Van Nuys Middle School students receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and about 78% qualify for free or reduced meals.

Our student population represents over many countries and approximately 26 different home languages are spoken. We are designated as a PHBAO school, (Predominantly Hispanic, Black, Asian, and Other). The most recent survey shows the multi-ethnicity of the student body with 76% Hispanic, 13% White, 5% African American, 3% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 2% Filipino. Approximately 41% of the students are identified as Limited Proficient speakers; the majority of these are Spanish speaking.

Approximately 725 students are enrolled in ESL classes, and 11% were redesignated during the 2004-2005 school year. The combined home school and magnet have 206 identified Gifted and Talented Students (GATE). There are approximately 217 Special Education students who receive services in the Resource Specialist Program (RSP) or Special Day Classes (SDC).

There are presently 86 certificated classroom teachers: 46 teachers have permanent status, 21 are probationary, 15 are provisional, 2 are district interns, and 2 hold emergency credentials. Three teachers hold BCLAD credentials, 3 hold SB395 or SB 1969 certification, and 27 hold CLAD or LDS credentials.