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## Continued School Success in Lamorinda

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It's that time of year again, time for the annual Academic Performance Index (API) scores prepared by the California Department of Education. Continuing Lamorinda's usual excellent educational tradition, the numbers document the quality of schools in the area, among the best in the state.

API numbers can range from 200 to 1,000 - with a California target level of 800, the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) scored 899. Of the three area high schools, Miramonte racked up 930, Campolindo 920 and Acalanes 898.

"The Acalanes Union High School District remains the highest performing high school district in California," said AUHSD Superintendent John Stockton. "The continued academic success of the students of the Acalanes Union High School District is a great reflection of the commitment to a quality comprehensive instructional program by our educational community. Dedicated students, committed staff, caring parents, forward-thinking civic leaders, and our supportive communities continue to make our district a special place for students."

Academic Performance Index numbers are compiled based primarily on the performance of public school students in grades 2 - 11 that take the California Standards Test each spring.

Keep in mind these stellar scores were made against a backdrop of serious budget challenges in the 2009- 2010 school year. Educational foundations and community support helped bridge the gap.

Check out all the California test scores at [www.cde.ca.gov/ta](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta).

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