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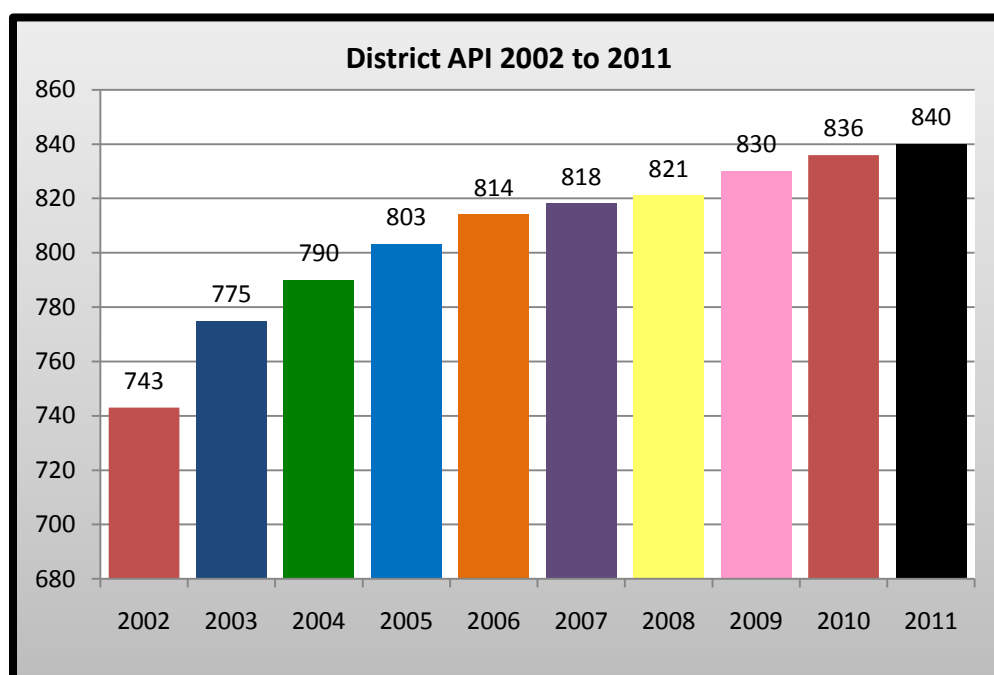
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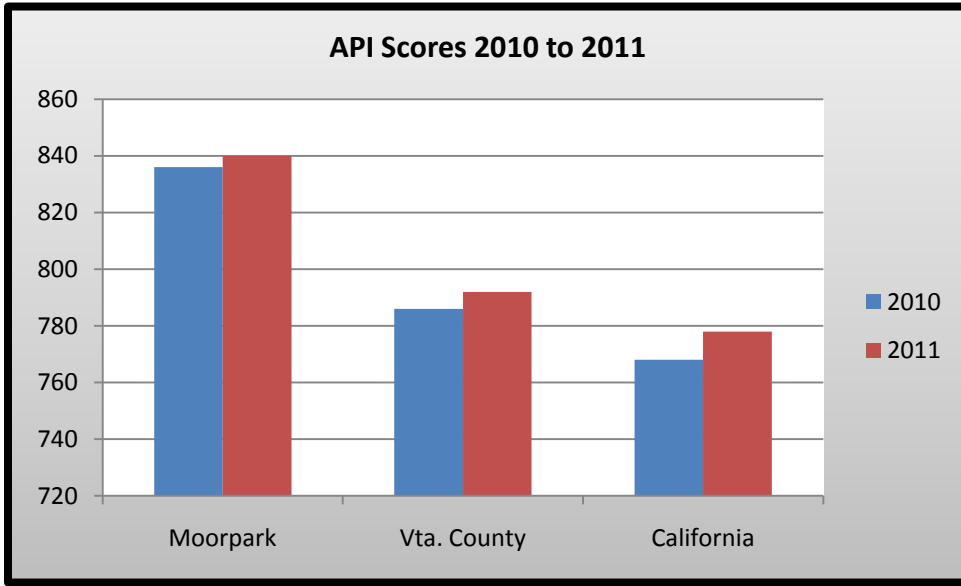
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### MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS:

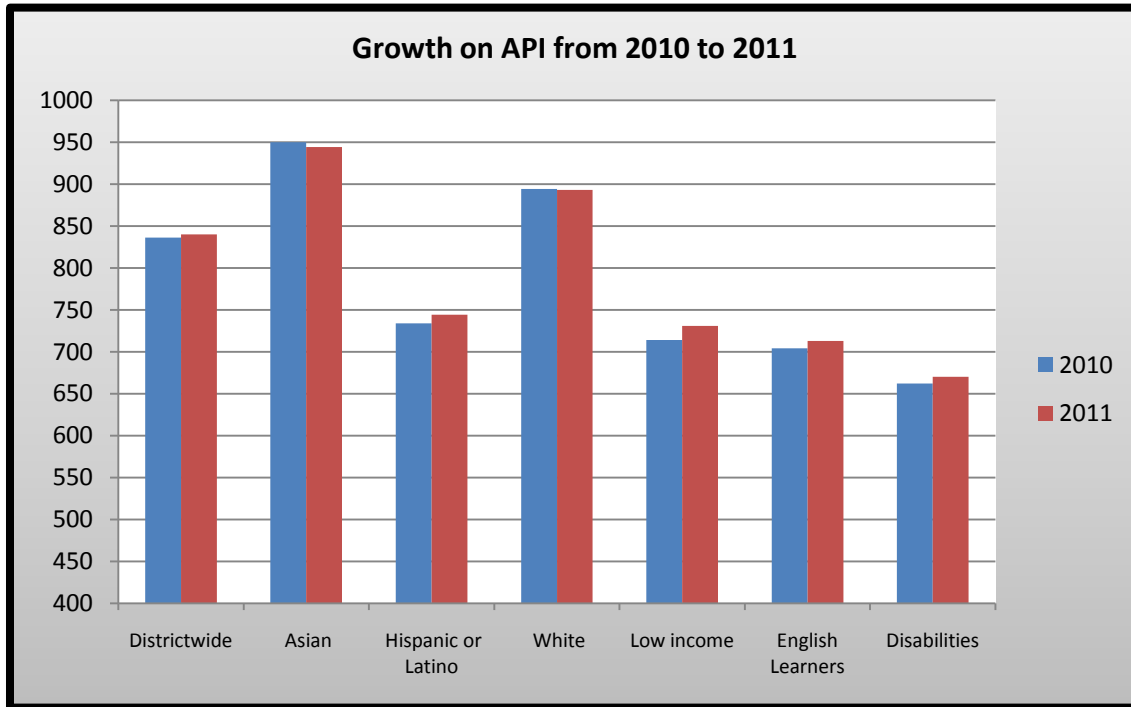
1. Moorpark Unified celebrates a gain of 4 points on the 2011 Growth Academic Performance Index (API).



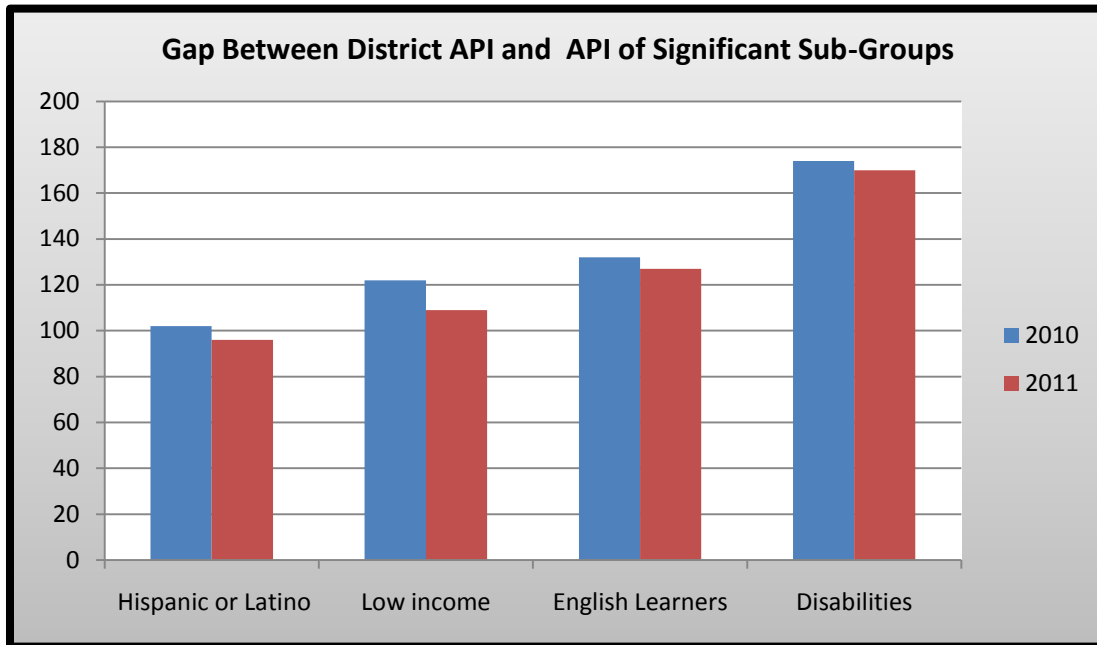
2. Moorpark Unified's API has risen at total of 97 points from the 2002 school year (the first year that California published Districtwide API scores).
3. Moorpark Unified's growth API is 48 points higher than the median Academic Performance Index (API) of Ventura County and 62 points higher than the median API of the State.



4. Moorpark Unified continues to make gains on the API for numerically significant sub-groups, including Hispanic, low income, English Learners, and students with disabilities.



5. While Moorpark Unified continues to have an achievement gap between sub-groups and overall achievement, between 2010 and 2011, on the API, this gap decreased.



On August 31, 2011, the California State Department of Education (CDE) released the 2011 Accountability Progress Report (APR) which included the Growth Academic Performance Index (API), Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), and Program Improvement (PI) Schools results. After reviewing the data, Moorpark Unified School District superintendent, Teresa Williams responded, "Moorpark Unified School District continues to show slow but steady growth in its STAR test results and API score. We continue to show gains in the growth of sub-groups; namely, our English Learners and students with disabilities. This is attributed to our teachers who worked hard at identifying specific areas of need; and who provide appropriate targeted interventions."

The County Superintendent of Schools Stan Mantooth stated, "Despite a number of years of chronic underfunding we can still be proud of our Ventura County students, teachers, administrators, and parents who are working every day to support improved academic achievement for our students. In reviewing the county-wide results, we are seeing continued growth in all parts of the county, including schools and districts with higher numbers of English Language Learners and children living in poverty. These kinds of advancements do not happen by accident and reflect a focus on the part of our schools and school districts to build capacity in staff and to support all students in their journey to academic success."

Three secondary schools, Chaparral Middle School, Mesa Verde Middle School, and Moorpark High School did not receive API scores in this release due to a demographic data error. Moorpark is currently in the process of working with CDE to update the data. The window for

CDE data corrections opens at the end of September, and the estimated publishing of the secondary sites' API is February 2012. In the interim, these sites have calculated their estimated API using the California Department of Education's API Estimator.

<b>School Site</b>	<b>Estimated API</b>
Chaparral Middle School	846
Mesa Verde Middle School	846
Moorpark High School	805