

# School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2005-06

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The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published annually, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available at the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office. DataQuest, an online data tool at <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>, contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state.

## I. About This School

### Contact Information

This section provides the school's contact information.

School Information	
School Name	HomeTech Charter School
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### School Description and Mission Statement

This section provides information about the school's goals and programs.

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It is the mission of HomeTech Charter School to provide a high quality education in a technologically advancing society. The goals of the school are designed to prepare students as educated persons in the 21st century.

HomeTech promotes the use of technology to enhance student learning and supports the academic goals and vision of Paradise Unified School District. HomeTech seeks to capitalize on an independent study/home school environment in which parents and teachers work together to personalize an educational program for each student. Through the use of technology as a tool for learning and the individualized approach to study, HomeTech provides the opportunity for students to learn by following a core instructional program and inquire for themselves about the world and its systems.

### Opportunities for Parental Involvement

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities.

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Opportunities for parent involvement include:

- Governing board
- Parent group
- Workshops

## Student Enrollment by Grade Level

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students	Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	8	Grade 8	5
Grade 1	3	Grade 9	8
Grade 2	4	Grade 10	13
Grade 3	3	Grade 11	13
Grade 4	2	Grade 12	9
Grade 5	3	Ungraded Elementary	0
Grade 6	7	Ungraded Secondary	0
Grade 7	7	Total Enrollment	85

## Student Enrollment by Group

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
African American	9.4	White (not Hispanic)	85.9
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0	Multiple or No Response	0.0
Asian	2.4	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	20.2
Filipino	1.2	English Learners	0.0
Hispanic or Latino	1.2	Students with Disabilities	14.0
Pacific Islander	0.0	---	---

## II. School Climate

### School Safety Plan

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

HomeTech Charter School's safety plan exists to insure the health and safety of all students and staff members all year long. The plan is reviewed annually by all staff members.

### School Discipline Practices

This section provides information about the school's efforts to create and maintain a positive learning environment, including the school's use of disciplinary strategies.

Among the programs, practices and elements that promote a positive learning environment are parent participation, master agreements between parent, student and teacher, opportunities for social interaction, governing board meetings and award ceremonies.

### Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the number of suspension and expulsion incidents at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Suspensions	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Expulsions	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## III. School Facilities

### School Facility Conditions and Improvements

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

HomeTech Charter School is currently located in a rented storefront facility. The building's maintenance, condition of the grounds and bathroom maintenance are the responsibility of a property management agency. HomeTech has weekly janitorial service to maintain a clean and orderly physical environment.

## School Facility Good Repair Status

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

Item Inspected	Facility in Good Repair	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Gas Leaks	[X]	
Mechanical Systems	[X]	
Windows/Doors/Gates (interior and exterior)	[X]	
Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, and ceilings)	[X]	
Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior)	[X]	
Structural Damage	[X]	
Fire Safety	[X]	
Electrical (interior and exterior)	[X]	
Pest/Vermin Infestation	[X]	
Drinking Fountains (inside and outside)	[X]	
Restrooms	[X]	
Sewer	[X]	
Playground/School Grounds	[ ]	n/a
Other	[ ]	n/a

## IV. Teachers

### Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Teachers	School			District
	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2005-2006
With Full Credential	3	5	5	280
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	7
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	0

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Indicator	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	---	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	---	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	---	0	0

### Core Academic Classes Taught by No Child Left Behind Compliant Teachers

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) compliant and non-NCLB compliant teachers at the school, at all schools in the district, at high-poverty schools in the district, and at low-poverty schools in the district. More information on teacher qualifications required under NCLB can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/>.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by NCLB Compliant Teachers	Taught by Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	93.0	7.0
High-Poverty Schools in District	0.0	0.0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	91.0	9.0

## Substitute Teacher Availability

This section provides information about the availability of qualified substitute teachers and the impact of any difficulties in this area on the school's instructional program.

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Because HomeTech Charter School is a home school program, the school does not need to hire substitute teachers.

## Teacher Evaluation Process

This section provides information about the procedures and the criteria used for teacher evaluations.

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The district's evaluation program for all teaching staff meets Education Code requirements and focuses on the identification of sound teaching that aligns with the California Teaching Standards. Emphasis is placed on the support and development of new teachers and continuing professional growth for veteran teachers. All probationary and temporary teachers are evaluated yearly and permanent teachers every third year. Teachers set improvement goals for the year they are evaluated and professional growth goals between evaluations. Probationary teachers receive formal observations while permanent staff have a menu of evaluative experiences to choose from. Teachers who are identified as needing improvement are placed on "Professional Improvement Status" with documentation of progress and recommendations for future status. Individuals continuing to need improvement are placed on "Intensive Assistance Status" and then "Conditional Intensive Assistance Status." The final result of unsatisfactory performance could be termination. The results of teacher evaluation are confidential between the individual teacher and district.

Each teacher is required to participate in 21 hours of staff development every year. Opportunities are provided by the district after school and during the summer. During the past three years two total work days have been set aside for staff development. Some schools have utilized early release days for students to provide staff development for teachers at those sites.

## V. Support Staff

### Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor		
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		--
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		--
Psychologist	.3	--
Social Worker		--
Nurse	.05	--
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.05	--
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		--
Other		--

## VI. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

### Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school, and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Core Curriculum Area	Quality, Currency, and Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts	Legacy of Literacy, Houghton Mifflin, ©2003 (grades K-6) The Language of Literature, McDougal Littell, ©2002 (grades 7-12)	0%
Mathematics	Materials purchased specifically for independent study	0%
Science	Harcourt Science Program, ©2000 (grades K-5) Prentice Hall Science Explorer, ©2001 (grades 6-8) Holt Science Spectrum: Physical Science, ©2001 and Holt Biology, ©1998 (grades 9-12)	0%
History-Social Science	Pending new adoption	0%
Foreign Language		
Health	Modern Health, Glencoe, ©1940	0%
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)		

## VII. School Finances

### Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2004-05)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures and teacher salaries can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site				
District	---	---		\$50,435
Percent Difference – School Site and District	---	---		
State	---	---	\$4,743	\$54,823
Percent Difference – School Site and State	---	---		

### Types of Services Funded

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services that are available at the school and funded through either categorical or other sources.

## Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2004-05)

This table displays district-level salary information for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/salaries0405.asp>.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$34,340	\$36,796
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$44,869	\$54,062
Highest Teacher Salary	\$68,680	\$68,679
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$76,518	\$83,916
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$73,798	\$86,752
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$82,112	\$92,915
Superintendent Salary	\$96,217	\$121,387
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	39.7	40.2
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.6	5.8

## VIII. Student Performance

### California Standards Tests

The California Standards Tests (CSTs) show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts and mathematics in grades 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11; and history-social science in grades 8, 10, and 11. Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding CST results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Note: To protect student privacy, scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less.

### CST Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
English-Language Arts	43	37	29	44	46	47	36	40	42
Mathematics	27	13	17	32	37	39	34	38	40
Science	24	38	33	41	35	42	25	27	35
History-Social Science	28	21	19	34	33	33	29	32	33

### CST Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
African American	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*		
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)	28	19	32	20
Male	26	23	31	33
Female	33	15	35	10
Economically Disadvantaged	24	17	38	15
English Learners				
Students with Disabilities	8	*	*	*
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

## Norm-Referenced Test

The norm-referenced test (NRT), currently the California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6), shows how well students are doing compared to students nationally in reading, language, spelling, and mathematics in grades 3 and 7 only. The results are reported as the percent of tested students scoring at or above the national average (the 50th percentile). Detailed information regarding NRT results for each grade level can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://star.cde.ca.gov/>. Note: To protect student privacy, scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less.

## NRT Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students scoring at or above the national average (the 50th percentile) in reading and mathematics.

Subject	School			District			State		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Reading	44	*	43	53	52	55	43	41	42
Mathematics	48	*	43	53	53	57	51	52	53

## NRT Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, scoring at or above the national average (the 50th percentile) in reading and mathematics for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at or Above the National Average	
	Reading	Mathematics
African American	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian	*	*
Filipino		
Hispanic or Latino		
Pacific Islander		
White (not Hispanic)	42	42
Male	*	*
Female	*	*
Economically Disadvantaged	*	*
English Learners		
Students with Disabilities		
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services		

## California Physical Fitness Test Results

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9 only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting fitness standards (scoring in the healthy fitness zone on all six fitness standards) for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tq/pf/>. Note: To protect student privacy, scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards
5	
7	
9	

## IX. Accountability

### Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

### API Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest 10 percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest 10 percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing 10 schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Statewide		7	3
Similar Schools		N/A	N/A

### API Changes by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays by student group the actual API changes in points added or lost for the past three years, and the most recent API score. Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.

Group	Actual API Change		API Score	
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006
All Students at the School		-65	-13	629
African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino				
Pacific Islander				
White (not Hispanic)				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
English Learners	--	--		
Students with Disabilities	--	--		

### State Award and Intervention Programs

This section will contain information about the school's participation in various state intervention and award programs only to the extent these programs were funded for the period addressed by this report.

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No schools in the district were under sanctions or in state intervention programs.

## Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal NCLB Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

## AYP Overall and by Criteria

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the AYP criteria.

AYP Criteria	School	District
<b>Overall</b>	No	No
<b>Participation Rate - English-Language Arts</b>	Yes	No
<b>Participation Rate - Mathematics</b>	No	No
<b>Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts</b>	Yes	No
<b>Percent Proficient - Mathematics</b>	Yes	No
<b>API</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	Yes	Yes

## Federal Intervention Program

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (English-language arts or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Indicator	School	District
<b>Program Improvement Status</b>		Not In PI
<b>First Year of Program Improvement</b>		
<b>Year in Program Improvement</b>		
<b>Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement</b>	---	0
<b>Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement</b>	---	0.0

## X. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

### Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

This table displays the school's one-year dropout rates and graduation rates for the most recent three-year period. For comparison purposes, data are also provided at the district and state levels. Detailed information about dropout rates and graduation rates can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Indicator	School			District			State		
	02-03	03-04	04-05	02-03	03-04	04-05	02-03	03-04	04-05
<b>Dropout Rate (1-year)</b>	11.1	19.2	10.5	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.1
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	62.5	20.0	66.7	89.1	86.7	88.6	86.7	85.3	84.9

## Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

Beginning with the graduating class of 2006, students in California public schools must pass both the English-language arts and mathematics portions of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) to receive a high school diploma. For students who began the 2005-06 school year in the 12th grade, this table displays by student group the percent of students who met all state and local graduation requirements for grade 12 completion, including having passed both portions of the CAHSEE or received a local waiver or state exemption. Detailed information about the CAHSEE can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. Note: "N/A" means that the student group is not numerically significant.

Group	Graduating Class of 2006		
	School	District	State
All Students			
African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Pacific Islander			
White (not Hispanic)			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

## Career Technical Education Programs

This section provides information about the degree to which pupils are prepared to enter the workforce, including a list of career technical education (CTE) programs offered at the school.

Our school offers opportunities for career electives (Chef's Prep, Computer Tech, Child Development). Students are eligible to enroll in Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) throughout the county. Students may enroll concurrently in Butte Community College classes that emphasize workforce skills.

## Career Technical Education Participation

This table displays information about participation in the school's CTE programs.

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils	
Percent of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	
Percent of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	

## Courses for University of California and/or California State University Admission

This table displays for the most recent year two measures related to the school's courses that are required for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) admission. Detailed information about student enrollment in and completion of courses required for UC/CSU admission can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Indicator	Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission
Number of Students Enrolled in Courses	0.0
Percent of Graduates Who Completed All Courses	0.0

## Advanced Placement Courses

This table displays for the most recent year the number of Advanced Placement (AP) courses that the school offered by subject and the percent of the school's students enrolled in all AP courses. Detailed information about student enrollment in AP courses can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		---
English		---
Fine and Performing Arts		---
Foreign Language		---
Mathematics		---
Science		---
Social Science		---
All courses		

## College Admission Test Preparation Course Program

This section provides information about the school's college admission test preparation course program.

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HomeTech Charter School did not offer a college admission test preparation program. However, HomeTech did participate in the Reg-to-Go program through Butte College. This program offered opportunities for early placement testing and registration at Butte College.

## SAT Reasoning Test

This table displays the percent of the school's 12th grade students who voluntarily take the SAT Reasoning Test for college entrance, and the average verbal, math, and writing scores of those students. Detailed information regarding SAT results, and comparisons of these average scores to the district and state levels, can be found at the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/ai/>. Note: To protect student privacy, scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less.

Indicator	2004	2005	2006
Percent of Grade 12 Students Taking the Test			
Average Verbal Score			
Average Math Score			
Average Writing Score	---	---	

## XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

### School Instruction and Leadership

This section provides information about the structure of the school's instructional program and the experience of the school's leadership team.

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## Professional Development

This section provides information about the program for training the school's teachers and other professional staff.

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In 2005/2006 the district provided a staff development program for teachers and staff through workshops offered in summer sessions, after school and on minimum days. Staff development activities were both site-based to meet school needs and district-sponsored. Teachers attended a minimum of twenty-one hours of training on standards-based instruction and strategies to improve student achievement and the core content areas that include mathematics, English language arts, science, social studies and technology. Teachers were supported in implementation of new instructional strategies through collaboration and coaching by teacher leaders and administrators at the district and site levels. Teachers were offered the opportunity to participate in AB 466 Reading/Language Arts or Mathematics to learn how to effectively use adopted programs

Administrators participated in ongoing staff development in developing effective leadership through reading educational articles/research and monthly meetings. Several administrators participated in AB 75 Administrative Leadership Training.

## Instructional Minutes

This table displays a comparison of the number of instructional minutes offered at the school to the state requirement for each grade level.

Grade Level	Instructional Minutes	
	Offered	State Requirement
<b>K</b>	36000	36,000
<b>1</b>	50400	50,400
<b>2</b>	50400	50,400
<b>3</b>	50400	50,400
<b>4</b>	54000	54,000
<b>5</b>	54000	54,000
<b>6</b>	54000	54,000
<b>7</b>	54000	54,000
<b>8</b>	54000	54,000
<b>9</b>	64800	64,800
<b>10</b>	64800	64,800
<b>11</b>	64800	64,800
<b>12</b>	64800	64,800

## Minimum Days in School Year

The section provides information about the total number of days in the most recent school year that students attended school on a shortened day schedule and the reasons for the shortened day schedule.

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As a home school program, HomeTech Charter School has no need to utilize minimum days during the school year.