

Alta Sierra Intermediate School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2019-2020 School Year

Published During 2020-2021

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements and access to prior year reports, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF webpage at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

California School Dashboard

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.

About This School

School Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

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District Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2020-2021)

Principal's Message

Welcome to Alta Sierra Intermediate School!

At Alta Sierra Intermediate, we not only pride ourselves on the academic, athletic, and co-curricular success of our students, but in the positive relationships that are developed and the professional support that our students are provided by every staff member on this campus. This includes the administrative team, teachers, clerical team, custodians, grounds crew, and cafeteria workers. We work extremely hard at creating a safe and supportive learning environment where students feel safe and excel in Mind, Body, and Spirit. There is power in acknowledging student success, no matter how big or small and in greeting him or her in a friendly manner each day. Our staff understands this and the importance of building positive self-esteem in all our students at Alta Sierra.

Alta Sierra Intermediate School has continued to receive numerous awards and recognition in both academic and co-curricular areas. Alta Sierra received the Clovis Assessment System for Sustained Improvement (CLASSI) Exemplary School Award for the 2018-19 school year. Alta Sierra was named a California Gold Ribbon School in 2014-15, which honors a select group of California's outstanding public schools. Schools that are selected demonstrate exemplary achievements in implementing state standards in priority areas. Alta Sierra was recognized in the National Schools to Watch program in the spring of 2008 and re-designated in 2011, 2014, 2017 and 2020. This high honor is awarded only to an outstanding group of schools in the state of California and across the nation. Please visit www.schoolstowatch.org for more information. Alta Sierra also received the Fresno State Bonner Award for Character Education during the 2016-17 school year. This award is given to schools that promote core ethical values as the basis of good character and foster an intentional, proactive, and comprehensive approach to core values in all phases of school life.

Alta Sierra Intermediate is an Emerging AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) site. Our goal is to work towards becoming an AVID Sustaining site who utilizes research based AVID instructional WICOR strategies with our students across all content areas.

Alta Sierra Intermediate School is a school with a strong sense of community and service. Alta Sierra is committed to providing students an experience of giving back to their community through philanthropic experiences. School leadership, clubs, and athletics encourage students to participate in a community-service project. Each of these experiences teaches Alta Sierra Intermediate students to take care of themselves, each other, and their community.

Many of the topics summarized in our School Accountability Report Card are presented in greater detail at our monthly School Assessment Review Team (SART) meetings, School Site Council (SSC) meetings and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), which are open to all Alta Sierra parents. If you have any questions, please contact us at (559) 327-3500, as your input is always valued.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Carter

Principal

Mission Statement:

The Mission of Alta Sierra Intermediate School is to work effectively and efficiently to ensure all students connect to school and become lifelong learners. Our goal is for all students to achieve academic proficiency on the California standards; respect each other; and keep our school safe and united.

Vision Statement:

At Alta Sierra, we will:

- Maximize Student Achievement through a commitment to a continuous improvement philosophy
- Maintain a commitment to our improvement philosophy to ensure effective and efficient operation, which includes planning for future enrollment growth
- Maintain consistent discipline procedures and consequences school wide that provide a safe and orderly school environment
- Maintain a positive school culture and internalize the Alta Sierra vision statement and motto for all students and staff

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2019-2020)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	749
Grade 8	679
Total Enrollment	1,428

Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.6
Asian	10
Filipino	1.8
Hispanic or Latino	35.2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4
White	46.8
Two or More Races	2.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	38.1
English Learners	3.9
Students with Disabilities	8.2
Foster Youth	0.3
Homeless	

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Basic (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	School 2020-21	District 2020-21
With Full Credential	54	56	55	1753
Without Full Credential	6	4	1	69
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	7	7	7	111

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0		0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

*Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials (School Year 2020-2021)

Year and month in which data were collected: October 9, 2019

Clovis Unified School District sets a high priority upon ensuring there are sufficient textbooks and materials to support the district's instructional program. CUSD Board Policy Number 3301 establishes criteria and procedures for the adoption of all textbooks. All K-8 textbooks purchased have been approved by the State Board of Education and adopted by the Clovis Unified Governing Board. Textbooks and instructional materials purchased for grades 9-12 are aligned to the state content standards and adopted by the Clovis Unified Governing Board.

The Department of Supplemental Services continues to support the school sites with funding that allows for the purchase of supplementary instructional material for our students, including English learners in grades K-12. The supplemental material is designed to accelerate pupils as rapidly as possible toward grade-level proficiency in the core subjects of English-language arts, math, social science and science. These supplemental materials are used in addition to the basic reading/language arts and other core materials provided for every student and are correlated to state content standards.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	7th StudySync, McGraw-Hill (7-8)	Yes	0%
Mathematics	California Mathematics, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (6-8) Math Accelerated, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (7)	Yes	0%
Science	Focus on Physical Science, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill California Life Science; Holt, Rinehart and Winston	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	Discovering Our Past: Medieval and Early Modern Times, Glencoe United States History: Independence to 1914; Holt, Rinehart and Winston	Yes	0%

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

In order to maintain our facilities in top condition, CUSD has utilized the services from a third party to perform the 2020-2021 Williams inspection utilizing the Facilities Inspection Tool (FIT). This will allow CUSD to obtain an objective evaluation of our facilities in order to continue to maintain the safest and best facilities for students and staff.

For all items inspected that were found to not be in "good repair," a work-order has been created and maintenance will be done before the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Maintenance items will be prioritized so that student safety is not compromised.

School Facility Good Repair Status

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 9/29/2020

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	R-207, R-213: Cords Are Running Across Room/Trip Hazard; R-305, R-309: Wallpaper Is Torn; LD Office, R-303, R-602: Water Stain Ceiling Tiles; Multi Use Rm: Floor Tiles Have Holes; R-604: Laminate Is Loose On Counter Top
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	R-311, R-312, R-306: Cords Are Strung Across Floor/Trip Hazard; R-312: Outlet Cover Is Loose; R-301: Sensor Cover Is Missing; Band R-701: Thermostat Cover Is Missing
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	R-504 Sp. Ed: Sensor Cover Is Missing In Restroom
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Fair	R-202, R-702, R-701, R-103, R-102, R-101, R-504: Paint Is Chipping On Door Frame; R-203: Paint Is Chipping On Window Frame; R-204, R-401: Paint Is Chipping On Window Frame And Door Frame; R-304, R-104: Safety Glass Is Missing On Fire Extinguisher Cabinet; R-302: Paint Is Chipping On Interior And Exterior Door Frame; R-504 Sp. Ed: Cover Is Missing On Fire Extinguisher Cabinet; R-106: Paint Is Chipping On Door And Door Frame
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	R-401: Metal Siding Is Rusted At Entry
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	R-202, Gym: Trip Hazard At Cement Seam At Walkway
Overall Rating	Good	

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- **Statewide assessments** (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	80	N/A	73	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	62	N/A	59	N/A	39	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students
Grades Five, Eight, and High School
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard**

Subject	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	54	N/A	45	N/A	30	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2019-2020)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019–2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019–2020 school year.

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Parental Involvement (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each school site

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2020-2021)

Alta Sierra Intermediate School enjoys the benefits of a very supportive school community and provides a variety of options for parents who want to be involved. Alta Sierra Intermediate benefits from a strong parent advisory group, School Assessment Review Team, (SART,) which was established in 1973 to enable parents and community members to be a part of assessing the quality of programs and in decision-making processes at the school site. The SART committee does not duplicate or assume the functions of other school organizations.

- Other groups that parents may be involved with that are not a duplicate of SART are: The Buchanan Foundation (a 7-12 foundation) Intercultural Diversity Advisory Council (IDAC) Parent outreach groups School Site Council (SSC) English Language Advisory Council (ELAC) School safety Various academic, athletic and co-curricular booster organizations Classrooms Offices

Each of our parent groups play a critical role in the success of our school, and we encourage parent participation. In a traditional school year, Alta Sierra Intermediate annually seeks parents and volunteers to assist in classrooms, offices and during activities. This lends great support to the classrooms, operations and events at Alta Sierra Intermediate School.

For more information on how to become involved at Alta Sierra Intermediate School, please contact Jennifer Carter: Principal, at (559) 327-3500.

State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

Suspensions and Expulsions

(data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively)

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	5.9	5.7	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only

(data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	3.2	2.6	
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

School Safety Plan (School Year 2020-2021)

Alta Sierra Intermediate has a School Safety Plan and a School Crisis Intervention Plan on file, and both are available to all parents and the general public. Staff, parents and the community review and update the school plans on an annual basis. Most recently, the plan was updated in December 2020. The staff develops both plans with input from parents and community members to ensure a safe and nonviolent environment. The School Safety Plan includes information on communication with outside organizations, police and fire protection. It also includes response to school crises; loss of a faculty member or student; as well as safety drills, including evacuation, facility alert, lock down, earthquake, and power outages, which are practiced on a monthly basis. Lessons are conducted annually in classrooms by the administration team discussing school rules, climate and goals with students, as well as expected student behavior.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
English Language Arts	33	8	1	36	31	11	8	31	33	7	1	39
Mathematics	30	10	9	30	28	4	35	9	30	2	29	15
Science	35	3	2	35	32	2	9	31	34		11	30
Social Science	34	5		36	32	4	7	31	36			39

*Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	714

*One full time equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	2
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	2.2

*One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$6,052.90	\$21.18	\$6,031.72	\$77,752.30
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,734.66	\$72,296
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	5.0	7.3
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$83,052
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-24.9	-6.6

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2019-2020)

“Children Are Our Most Precious Resource”

On an annual basis, Clovis Unified School District (CUSD) submits our funding Application through the Consolidated Application and Reporting System commonly called the ConApp. The application is submitted in two (2) parts: Part I, which contains program and demographic information, submitted by June 30th each year; and Part II, which contains budget information and program data submitted by January 31 each year. The categorical programs included in the application are Title I, Part A - Improving Academic Achievement. Title II, Part A - Supporting Effective Instruction and Title III - English Learner (EL), and Immigrant Programs and Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment. Essentially, these funds are designed to assist students in mastering state standards.

Clovis Unified Schools are committed to establishing a true partnership with all facets of the Clovis Learning Community. CUSD values feedback and input. Parents continue to make positive differences in the lives of the children we all support. We know from research that participation in your child’s education will not only bring success to your child but other children in the school. Our parents truly make a difference in the lives of Clovis kids!

CUSD is pleased and proud to offer a variety of parent involvement opportunities that improve our overall program. Depending on the type of categorical funding a site may receive, district or school parent councils and committees are required under certain requirements and guidelines. Such advisory committees in the CUSD include:

School Site Council (SSC)

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

District Advisory Committee (DAC) and School Advisory Committee (SAC)

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

District Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee (IPAC)

School and District level School Assessment Review Team (SART)

Intercultural and Diversity Advisory Council (IDAC)

Local Control Accountability Plan Public Forums (LCAP)

We encourage all parents and guardians to become involved with their child's education at the classroom level, the school-wide level, as well as the district level. Each school's School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) describes the school's basic educational program and the categorical supplementary programs/services that are designed to support student achievement. Parental involvement is a necessary and vital part of developing the SPSA as well as our overall program. At the district level, parent committees provide input into each of the site's SPSA. If you would like additional information on any of the District Parent Councils or Committees, please call your child's school. The Principal, Learning Director, or Guidance Instructional Specialist (GIS) would be happy to assist you.

Listed below are several parent committees that assist with categorical programs and funding.

School Site Council (SSC): All schools that operate a categorical program funded through the consolidated application (ConApp) shall establish a school site council (SSC). The SSC shall develop the content of the SPSA. The SPSA shall be reviewed annually and updated, including proposed expenditure of funds allocated to the school through the ConApp and the local control and accountability plan (LCAP), if any, by the SSC. The SSC is composed of parents, students at the secondary level and school personnel. It is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating the School Plan for Student Achievement programs. Members serve for two years and are elected by their peers.

District Advisory Committee (DAC) & School Advisory Committee (SAC): The entirety of the SSC acts as the SAC. The SAC serves as an advisory committee for the purpose of advising schools regarding supplemental education programs and acting as a liaison for their school community. They serve to share information and comments both at the district and site level. These education programs are supplemental education opportunities that provide services to students who are disadvantaged, English learners, foster youth and/or at-risk. The SSC has approved to designate our SSC pursuant to California Education Code (EC) Section 52852 to function as the School Advisory Committee.

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC): All schools enrolling 21 or more English learners are required to form an ELAC. The ELAC is composed of parents and school personnel. The ELAC advises the principal, staff and SSC regarding services for English learners and assists in the development of the annual survey. Members serve for two years. Each ELAC shall have the opportunity to elect at least one member to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC).

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC): Whenever there are 51 or more EL students in the district, there shall be a functioning District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). It is important that each school site ELAC elect a DELAC representative and arrange to have that representative attend every DELAC meeting. Currently the DELAC bylaws require each DELAC representative to be 1) a parent/guardian of an EL or former EL (i.e., a reclassified fluent English proficient student) currently enrolled at the site he/she represents, and 2) elected to serve as the DELAC representative by the site's ELAC.

District Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee (IPAC): The CUSD Native American Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee meets four times a year to discuss program issues, services provided, and other needs related to the student achievement of our students, community agencies and outreach programs. CUSD Indian Education Program addresses the needs of American Indian and Alaskan Native students in grades K - 12. The program assists eligible students to achieve at the same challenging state performance standards expected of all students in grades pre-K -12.

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Forums: CUSD develops an LCAP annually that works to better align the academic plan with the district expenditure plan that is approved by our CUSD Governing Board each June. Parents and other stakeholder groups are invited to participate in the development of the LCAP through participation of school and district committee meetings and community forums. LCAP School, District Meetings and Community Forums are exciting opportunities for all stakeholders and school committees to engage with the District and share their ideas on how CUSD can provide quality opportunities and support for CUSD youth and schools. Community participation and feedback in the forums will inform the District's LCAP's funding priorities over the next several years.

These forums are designed to provide an opportunity for school communities to hear about CUSD's current efforts to support youth and families and to provide input and feedback on future plans and opportunities. Sites also have an opportunity to work together in teams to share new ideas to support identified groups and to plan for site engagement and implementation.

The following is an overview of the categorical funding and programs in CUSD. These funds are further discussed and outlined in each school's SPSA and at the committee meetings.

Rationale

General District funds provide support for the District's base/core curriculum program. Some children have special characteristics, not reflective of the general school population, that affect their success in the base/core programs. Some come from economically disadvantaged homes; some are educationally disadvantaged or lack English language proficiency because they have a primary language other than English. Children, such as those described above, require supplemental services and materials not generally provided through the base/core curriculum program. The needs of our children are identified, and supplemental services and materials are planned and targeted to meet their special needs. Categorical funds are to be used to provide the financial support to meet these special needs.

Philosophy

All CUSD schools offer students with special needs the same kinds of high-quality learning opportunities and access to the core curriculum in all curricular areas. Categorical funds are designed to support additional assistance to help students succeed in the regular classroom program (base/core curriculum) and address any learning gaps. The focus is on the effective utilization of supplementary materials, personnel, and staff development. Staff development activities are used to improve instructional practices and strategies to increase the ability of teachers and other staff to challenge and assist all students to reach their fullest potential.

Categorical Program Descriptions

1. After School Safety and Education Funds (ASES): This state-administered funded program is a result of the voter approved Proposition 49; provides three-year grant funding for afterschool programs that align with the core instructional day and have the following components: educational and literacy element (tutoring/ homework assistance); educational enrichment element (Additional program/activities that reinforce what is learned in the core instructional day); and provide a nutritious snack or meal that conforms to California State Education Code requirements. The purpose of the ASES Program is to create additional educational and recreational opportunities for students within the learning community while providing a safe environment for students. The goals of this program are to: 1) improve academic achievement, and 2) provide enrichment opportunities that reinforce and complement the academic program.
2. Title I, Part A (Improving Academic Achievement): A federal-funded program to provide high-quality opportunities for students in high-poverty schools to meet district and state content and performance standards.
3. Title I, Part A, Title X, Part C, Education for Homeless Children and Youths: Title I, Part A funds provide comparable services to homeless children that assist them to effectively take advantage of educational opportunities as

provided to children in schools funded under Title I, Part A. These comparable services shall be provided to homeless children in public and private schools, shelters and other locations where children may live, institutions for neglected children and, where appropriate, local institutions such as local community day school programs.

4. Title II, Part A (Preparing, Training and Recruiting High Quality Teachers and Principals): A federal-funded program focused on teacher and principal training and recruitment programs.
5. Title III (Language Instruction for English Learners (ELs) and Immigrants): A federal-funded program focused on assisting school districts in teaching English to limited English proficient students (English learners) and immigrants and helping these students meet the same challenging State standards required of all other students.
6. Title VI (Indian Education Formula Grant): A federal-funded program focused on helping Native American/Alaskan Native students meet the same challenging state standards required of all other students.

The goal of the CUSD staff is to create and maintain the best educational environment possible. This can be accomplished with your support and input. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to become more involved in the educational process at your school, please contact your school principal. Your school can assist you in learning more about categorical programs. You may want to become involved in your school's School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) and/or attend the Annual Title I Parent Meeting. During the fall, each school will send you additional information about these activities. At the district level, we encourage you to become involved with our DELAC. We encourage and look forward to your involvement in the programs we offer our learning community. If you have any questions, please call your child's school.

Additional information may be found @ <http://www.cusd.com/supplementalservices>.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$42,141	\$50,029
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$66,716	\$77,680
Highest Teacher Salary	\$90,631	\$102,143
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$113,110	\$128,526
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$117,001	\$133,574
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$128,462	\$147,006
Superintendent Salary	\$230,000	\$284,736
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	34.0	33.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.0	5.0

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	5 days	5 days	5

School site administration and teachers plan and implement effective staff development and curriculum improvement. We are implementing the California State Standards, and our teaching staff is ensuring all students strive toward high, rigorous learning goals. Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) exists to ensure the proper support and training of our new teachers. We continue to offer advanced training in utilizing data to drive instruction coupled with a Professional Learning Community (PLC) approach to all curriculum areas, as well as technology integration, reading strategies, writing across the curriculum, student support services and strategies to focus instruction on the California State Standards.

Our entire staff continues training in the best practices of a Professional Learning Community, coupled with the new California state standards. Restorative justice continues to play a major role in the school's behavior intervention and positive school culture. Through these programs, standards-aligned formative assessment data are gathered, analyzed and used to support all students academically. Our schoolwide system for academic intervention MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) during the school day continues to help all students succeed academically, socially and emotionally.

Professional Learning Community activities and department meetings occur every Tuesday and Wednesday morning during collaboration times. Additionally, "release time" is provided by the school site and district administration to ensure that on-going, meaningful, professional development takes place on a regular basis.

The district focused all professional development activities around five identified needs: first time best instruction, mastery learning, multi-tiered system of supports, implementation of the California Content Standards and NGSS Standards, and cultural relevant understanding.

In the 2018-19 school year, the district dedicated five professional development days for certificated staff. Teachers were offered professional development opportunities on staff development days, substitute release days, and on early release days. A variety of after-school workshops were also offered throughout the school year.

One hundred mentors and one hundred and thirty-five participating teachers received ongoing professional development and classroom coaching through the CUSD Induction program. In addition, all certificated teachers participated in site-based training and district sponsored training that included: curriculum training, utilization of AVID strategies, Visible Learning, multi-tiered systems of support, and culturally relevant instructional practices.