# J.O. Ford Elementary School School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2015-16 School Year Published During 2016-17

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, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at http://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 http://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).

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# **About This School**

# Contact Information (School Year 2016-17)

School Contact Information				
School Name	J.O. Ford Elementary School			
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Phone Number	(510) 231-1100		
Superintendent	Matthew Duffy		
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#### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2016-17)

JO Ford Elementary School, informally named Ford City School, serves preschool through sixth grade students. The dedicated and reflective staff of Ford School has high expectations for the students we serve and work beyond the call of duty to help students achieve success. We strive to provide a rigorous, culturally relevant, California Common Core State Standards-based, and research-based instructional program. Our students will demonstrate 21st Century skills and abilities including critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and effective communication. Students will exhibit productive and responsible citizenship in an emotionally and physically safe learning environment. Our teachers use data-driven and differentiated instruction to ensure maximum development of every student. We believe in the education of the Whole Child, academically, physically, socially, emotionally, and in terms of talent development, and we enthusiastically celebrate the diversity of our community.

Ford School is successful due to many factors; among them is our After School Program, our MicroSociety Program, and the Response-to-Intervention program which provides individualized and small group instruction. The MicroSociety Program provides our students with an opportunity to create and run their own city. Students elect a mayor, vice mayor, and city council members who make recommendations for the operation of the school. Students have an opportunity to apply for a job, create a business, and sell their goods and services on Market Days. Connecting the real world to school learning and making the learning relevant are the common purposes of our Ford City. With the addition of a School Community Outreach Worker, our goal is to greatly increase parental and community participation in our school as well as provide health and human services for families. At Ford Elementary, we strongly believe that it takes a village to raise a child, and we work as a team with all stakeholders in the best interest of our students.

#### Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2015-16)

Grade	Number of
Level	Students
Kindergarten	92
Grade 1	64
Grade 2	80
Grade 3	79
Grade 4	56
Grade 5	60
Grade 6	54
Total Enrollment	485

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	7
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	4.5
Filipino	1.9
Hispanic or Latino	80.6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1
White	3.7
Two or More Races	1
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	90.5
English Learners	68.2
Students with Disabilities	5.6
Foster Youth	0.8

# A. Conditions of Learning

# **State Priority: Basic**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (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**

T		District		
Teachers	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17
With Full Credential	19	22	23	23
Without Full Credential	1	1	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

# **Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions**

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments *	0	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.

<sup>\*</sup> Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

#### Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2015-16)

	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects					
Location of Classes	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers				
This School	100.0	0.0				
All Schools in District	93.7	6.3				
High-Poverty Schools in District	93.5	6.5				
Low-Poverty Schools in District	97.2	2.8				

Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

# Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2016-17)

#### Year and month in which data were collected: November 2016

Several Leap Frog Programs are being implemented at Ford School; both as a supplement to the regular literacy program, in the after-school programs and as parent take-home programs. Additionally, Steck-Vaughn Vocabulary Program is used as a supplement to the English Language Development Program.

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy	
Reading/Language Arts	Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, California Treasures (TK-6) / 2012 Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, Tesoros de lectura (K-3) / 2012	Yes	0%	
Mathematics	McGraw-Hill, My Math (TK-5) / 2016 Macmillan-McGraw Hill, Everyday Math (gr 6) / 2008 or McGraw Hill, Math Course 1 (gr 6) / 2016	Yes	0%	
Science	Scott Foresman, Science (K-6) / 2008 Scott Foresman, Ciencias / 2008 – TBE (K-2)	Yes	0%	
History-Social Science	Macmillan/McGraw Hill, California Vistas (gr K-6) / 2007 Macmillan/McGraw Hill, California Vistas Spanish editions / 2007 – TBE (K-2)	Yes	0%	

# School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

In 2012 the construction of the new J.O. Ford Elementary School campus was completed. The new campus is two stories which houses our classrooms, library, cafeteria, and computer lab. We have a school garden that the children enjoy working in. School facilities are cleaned daily, and all safety work orders are called in for expediency.

# School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)  Year and month of the most recent FIT report: July 2016							
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and			
System mspected	Good	Fair	Poor	Action Taken or Planned			
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			Repair rubber stair tread in main lobby Repair cork board in hall by cafeteria Paint walls in hall by cafeteria, hallway by room 126, 223, 215, and 217 Replace lexan at sneeze guard in cafeteria			
Interior: Interior Surfaces			Х				
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Х						
Electrical: Electrical			Х	Light bulbs out in boys restroom by room 212, boys cafeteria restroom, and kitchen			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains			Х	Sink sensor not working in boys and girls restrooms by room 212, boys restroom by room 128 Light bulbs out in boys restroom by room 212, boys cafeteria restroom			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Х						
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Х						
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	х			Adjust door closers in the cafeteria Wires sticking out of mat on main play structure			

# **Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)**

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: July 2016							
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor			
Overall Rating			Х				

# **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. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with 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 English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students

	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)						
Subject	School		District		State		
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	
English Language Arts/Literacy	24	27	33	35	44	48	
Mathematics	17	15	23	25	34	36	

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.

# **CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group**

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2015-16)

		Number o	f Students	Percent of Students		
Student Group	Grade	Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded	
All Students	3	79	77	97.5	13.0	
	4	56	53	94.6	24.5	
	5	64	61	95.3	44.1	
	6	57	55	96.5	30.9	
Male	3	43	42	97.7	14.3	
	4	32	30	93.8	26.7	
	5	36	35	97.2	28.6	
	6	26	26	100.0	7.7	
Female	3	36	35	97.2	11.4	
	4	24	23	95.8	21.7	
	5	28	26	92.9	66.7	
	6	31	29	93.5	51.7	
Black or African American	3					
	4					
	5					
	6					
Asian	3					
	4					

		Number o	of Students	Percent	of Students
Student Group	Grade	Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
	5				
	6				
Filipino	3				-
	4				
	5				
	6				
Hispanic or Latino	3	64	62	96.9	12.9
	4	46	44	95.7	22.7
	5	52	51	98.1	46.0
	6	46	44	95.7	31.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3				
White	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
Two or More Races	3				-
	4				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	76	74	97.4	12.2
	4	55	52	94.5	23.1
	5	58	57	98.3	43.6
	6	55	53	96.4	30.2
English Learners	3	55	54	98.2	3.7
	4	28	25	89.3	4.0
	5	27	25	92.6	20.0
	6	30	28	93.3	17.9
Students with Disabilities	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
Foster Youth	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				

Note: ELA 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 on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students 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: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

# **CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group**

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2015-16)

		Number o	of Students	Percent	of Students
Student Group	Grade	Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	3	79	78	98.7	22.1
	4	56	53	94.6	9.4
	5	64	61	95.3	15.3
	6	57	55	96.5	9.1
Male	3	43	43	100.0	25.6
	4	32	30	93.8	10.0
	5	36	35	97.2	17.1
	6	26	26	100.0	7.7
Female	3	36	35	97.2	17.6
	4	24	23	95.8	8.7
	5	28	26	92.9	12.5
	6	31	29	93.5	10.3
Black or African American	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
Asian	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
Filipino	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
Hispanic or Latino	3	64	63	98.4	25.8
	4	46	44	95.7	9.1
	5	52	51	98.1	18.0
	6	46	44	95.7	6.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3				
White	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				

		Number	of Students	Percent	of Students
Student Group	Grade	Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	3				
	4				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	76	75	98.7	21.6
	4	55	52	94.5	9.6
	5	58	57	98.3	16.4
	6	55	53	96.4	9.4
English Learners	3	55	55	100.0	20.4
	4	28	25	89.3	
	5	27	25	92.6	8.0
	6	30	28	93.3	
Students with Disabilities	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
Foster Youth	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				

Note: 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 on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students 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: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

#### **CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students**

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Subject		School		District			State		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	42	20	38	48	46	40	60	56	54

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: Scores are not shown 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.

# CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group Grades Five, Eight, and Ten (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	# of Students with Valid Scores	% of Students with Valid Scores	% of Students Proficient or Advanced
All Students	64	63	98.4	38.1
Male	36	35	97.2	42.9
Female	28	28	100.0	32.1
Hispanic or Latino	52	52	100.0	38.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	58	58	100.0	39.7
English Learners	27	26	96.3	19.2

Note: Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The "Proficient or Advanced" is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores.

Note: Scores are not shown 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.

# **State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes**

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

Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

# California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2015-16)

Grade	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards						
Level	Four of Six Standards	Four of Six Standards Five of Six Standards Six of Six Standards					
5	26.7	10	16.7				

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.

# C. Engagement

#### State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

• Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each schoolsite.

#### Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2016-17)

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS

- Adult ESL Class every Monday and Friday morning through the Adult School
- Family Math Night
- Family Play Night designed by Playworks
- Family Literacy Workshops provided by Literacy Lab
- Workshops provided for parents (topics include California Common Core Standards, SBAC assessments, report cards, parenting strategies, etc.)
- Coffee hours 2-3 times a month
- Parents Sharing with Parents Workshops
- Parental Volunteerism

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: Every elementary school must have a decision making School Site Council composed of five parents or community members, the principal, three classroom teachers, and one other staff member (Education Code Section 52852). ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee): Advises parents and staff on strategies, books, and materials for English Learners

Our involved and enthusiastic parent organizations help to build a strong and successful school.

# **State Priority: School Climate**

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

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

## **Suspensions and Expulsions**

Do.A.	School			School District			State		
Rate	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions	0.2	0.0	2.1	6.6	6.2	6.3	4.4	3.8	3.7
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

#### School Safety Plan (School Year 2016-17)

Approved January 2015 by Elizabeth MontesNation - Coordinator, Disaster Preparedness and Safety

At the beginning of each school year, the Safety Plan is reviewed and updated. Each staff member is assigned a specific job in the event of an emergency. Monthly fire drills and semi-annual earthquake drills are conducted. The plan was most recently reviewed in October 2016. The plan includes a description of how to prepare for and execute procedures for a variety of emergencies, including earthquake, fire, active shooter, and bomb threats. District nurse staff will be working with school staff to develop additional protocols to promote student safety.

# D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

# Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2016-17)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2010-2011	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement*	Year 4	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	20
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	71.4

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

# Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

J		2013-14			2014-15				2015-16			
Grade	Avg.	Nun	nber of Cla	sses	Avg.	Nun	ber of Cla	sses	Avg.	Nun	nber of Cla	sses
Level	Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+
К	25	1	3		22	1	3		23		4	
1	26		3		25		3		22	1	2	
2	25		2		23		3		23		4	
3	25		3		23	1	2		21	1	2	
4	32		2		33			2	28		2	
5	27		1		28		2		31		2	
6	33		1	2	27		2		29		2	

Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2015-16)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	.20	N/A
Psychologist	.10	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.40	N/A
Resource Specialist	1.00	N/A
Other	0	N/A

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

Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2014-15)

		Expenditures Per Pupil				
Level	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	Teacher Salary		
School Site	5579.39	1371.08	4208.32	60317.00		
District	N/A	N/A	6412.40	65071.41		
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-34.4	-7.3		
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,677	\$75,837		
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-25.9	-20.5		

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

# Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Programs and services available at Ford School include:

CENTRAL SUPPLEMNTL/CONCENTRATION
IASA-TITLE I BASIC
21ST CENTURY CCLC
HEALTHY START-ASLSNPP
SPECIAL ED - E
MISC DONATIONS
SITE SUPPLEMNTL/CONCENTRATION

<sup>\*</sup>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.

#### Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2014-15)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$38,699	\$45,092
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$59,640	\$71,627
Highest Teacher Salary	\$79,951	\$93,288
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$91,385	\$115,631
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$96,869	\$120,915
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$108,183	\$132,029
Superintendent Salary	\$231,795	\$249,537
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	31%	37%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

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

# **Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)**

The instructional staff and administration are participating in Professional Development in a number of areas. Among them are: Unpacking and using the Common Core Standards, Use of Informational Text, Engagement Strategies, Lesson Study, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy and Frontloading Strategies (GLAD). Teachers can select specific local, state and sometimes national workshops to attend. The focus of our Professional Development plan is aligned with our district plan which includes workshops in Accelerated Reader, California Treasures Reading Language Arts, Step Up to Writing, English Language Development (ELD), and MicroSociety. Additionally the instructional staff and administration are learning how to effectively differentiate instruction and implement Response to Intervention (RTI). Instructional Assistants and Tutors are trained by our District Reading/Language Arts/Specialist to assist with effective literacy and "Tier 1" intervention strategies in the classrooms. Teachers also meet in grade level groups to use data and collaboratively design standards based lessons for each six to eight week unit of study across the curriculum. Creating grade level formative assessments for foundational skills are constantly being developed by teachers based on the skills being taught. Rubrics are created to review writing and project based learning. In addition to academics, Ford's staff is also learning about trauma-informed practices, PBIS, and social-emotional strategies for elementary students.

Quality instruction and instructional leadership are at the heart of the district's achievement efforts. To ensure this, the Educational Services Department engages teachers, administrators and other personnel in ongoing professional development focused on improving teaching and learning. Training is provided to principals and other administrators to improve their ability to provide strong instructional leadership and guide teaching and learning at school sites. The principals, in turn, provide support to teachers through staff conferences, regularly scheduled grade-level opportunities for collaborative study and planning, and individual coaching based on ongoing classroom observations and teacher request for support. Teachers and other staff are provided with both on and off-site professional development in all standards based curriculum content areas. Professional development is provided in English Language Development, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), differentiated instruction and educational technology. Training is also available in classroom management and the effective use of assessment data. A primary goal of the professional development program is ensuring that all students are served by skilled, highly qualified teachers and that teachers are supported by strong, knowledgeable instructional leaders.