Riverside Elementary

California Department of Education School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2016-17 School Year

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 <u>CDE DataQuest Web page</u> 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).

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)

District Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)				
District Name	West Contra Costa Unified			
Phone Number	(510) 231-1101			
Superintendent	Matthew Duffy			
E-mail Address	matthew.duffy@wccusd.net			
Web Site	www.wccusd.net			

School Contact Informati	School Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)					
School Name	Riverside Elementary					
Street	1300 Amador Street					
City, State, Zip	San Pablo, Ca, 94806-4098					
Phone Number	510-231-1409					
Principal	Christine Hatcher, Principal					
E-mail Address	christine.hatcher@wccusd.net					
Web Site https://sites.google.com/a	/wccusd.net/riversideele					
County-District-School (CDS) Code	07617966004931					

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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2017-18)

Our 2017 - 2018 Mission Statement

- 1. Riverside Elementary is a welcoming community of lifelong learners celebrating academic achievements and individual differences. Our standards-based curriculum is comprehensive and is marked by high expectations and the use of culturally relevant materials and pedagogy. We encourage critical thinking and nourish creativity and curiosity.
- 2. The Riverside Elementary school community provides an emotionally and physically safe atmosphere by instilling cooperation and acceptance for all. Riverside staff members make it a priority to teach constructive social skills so that each member of the student body is held personally responsible for his or her actions. Furthermore, staff members understand their responsibility as role models.
- 3. We respect, appreciate, and take responsibility for contributing to the well-being of our diverse community and environment.

Our staff, students, families, and community members collaborate to form a successful educational team. Students learn to take care of their immediate environment as they become life-long stewards of the Earth.

Awards and Recognition:

2016 - 2017 California Gold Ribbon School

2016 - 2017 Title 1 Academic Achievement Award winning school

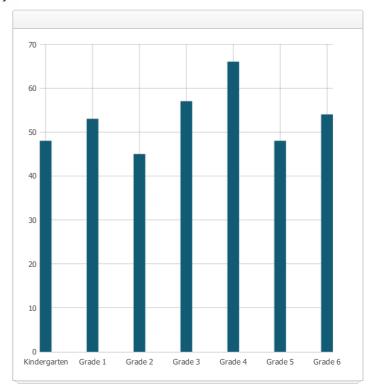
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2006-2007 - Title 1 Academic Achievement Award winning school

2007- Honor Roll from the California Business Association"

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	48
Grade 1	53
Grade 2	45
Grade 3	57
Grade 4	66
Grade 5	48
Grade 6	54
Total Enrollment	371



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Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	17.8 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.1 %
Asian	8.9 %
Filipino	4.3 %
Hispanic or Latino	56.3 %
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.6 %
White	7.5 %
Two or More Races	1.9 %
Other	0.6 %
Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	91.9 %
English Learners	41.2 %
Students with Disabilities	12.1 %
Foster Youth	0.5 %

A. Conditions of Learning

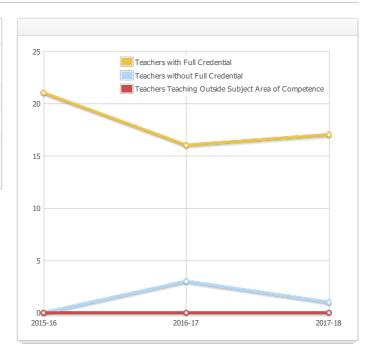
State Priority: Basic

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

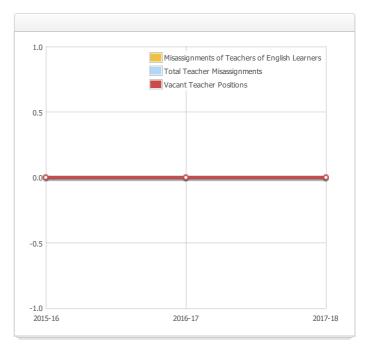
Teachers		School		District
	2015- 16	2016- 17	2017- 18	2017- 18
With Full Credential	21	16	17	1192
Without Full Credential	0	3	1	155
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	14



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Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015- 16	2016- 17	2017- 18
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.

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

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Year and month in which the data were collected: October 2017

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	McGraw Hill Treasures and Triumphs, c2010 - adopted 2012	No	0.0 %
Mathematics	McGraw Hill My Math, grades K-5, c2013 - adopted 2016 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Big Ideas Math, grade 6, c2015 - adopted 2017	Yes	0.0 %
Science	Scott Foresman Science K-6, c2008 - adopted 2008	Yes	0.0 %
History-Social Science	McGraw Hill California Vistas grades K-6, c2007 - adopted 2007	Yes	0.0 %
Foreign Language	N/A		0.0 %
Health	N/A		0.0 %
Visual and Performing Arts	N/A		0.0 %
Science Lab Eqpmt (Grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	0.0 %

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School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

WCCUSD takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the school uses the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) developed by the State of California OPSC. Maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. The school personnel also works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

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School Facility Good Repair Status

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2018

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	Actions were/will be taken to ensure:
		There is no odor that would indicate a gas leak. Gas pipes are not broken and appear to be in good working order.
		The HVAC system is operable. There are no obvious signs of flooding caused by sewer line back-up in the facilities or on the school grounds.
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Fair	Interior surfaces appear to be clean safe, and functional.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Good	School grounds, buildings, common areas, and individual rooms appear to have been cleaned regularly. Actions were/will be taker to ensure:
		There is no evidence of a major pest or vermin infestation.
Electrical: Electrical	Good	Actions were/will be taken to ensure:
		There is no evidence that any portion of the school has a power failure.
		There are no exposed electrical wires. Electrical equipment is properly covered and secured from pupil access.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	Fair	Restrooms in the vicinity of the area being evaluated appear to be accessible during school hours, clean, functional and in compliance with SB 892 (EC Section 35292.5). Drinking fountains appear to be accessible and functioning as intended.
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	Actions were/will be taken to ensure:
		The fire sprinklers appear to be in working order (e.g., there are no

missing or damaged sprinkler heads).

Emergency alarms appear to be functional.

Emergency exit signs function as designed, exits are unobstructed.

Hazardous chemicals, chemical waste, and flammable materials are stored properly (e.g. locked and labeled properly).

Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs

Good

Actions were/will be taken to

Severe cracks are not evident. Ceilings & floors are not sloping or sagging beyond their intended design.

Posts, beams, supports for portable classrooms, ramps, and other structural building members appear to be intact, secure and functional as designed.

There is no visible evidence of severe cracks, dry rot, mold, or damage that undermines the structural components.

External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences Fair

The playground equipment and school grounds in the vicinity of the area being evaluated appear to be clean, safe, and functional. Actions were/will be taken to ensure:

There is no exposed broken glass accessible to pupils and staff.

Exterior doors and gates are functioning and do not pose a security risk.

Overall Facility Rate

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2018

Overall Rating Good Last updated: 1/24/2018

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 (School Year 2016-17)

	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	School		District		State		
Subject	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	32%	30%	35%	35%	48%	48%	
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	26%	30%	25%	25%	36%	37%	

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 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	233	225	96.57%	30.49%
Male	122	118	96.72%	22.03%
Female	111	107	96.40%	40.00%
Black or African American	41	40	97.56%	
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	20	17	85.00%	47.06%
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	135	131	97.04%	33.85%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	17	17	100.00%	23.53%
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	221	217	98.19%	29.77%
English Learners	139	132	94.96%	34.35%
Students with Disabilities	34	34	100.00%	18.18%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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 (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Note: 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 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	233	230	98.71%	30.43%
Male	122	121	99.18%	24.79%
Female	111	109	98.20%	36.70%
Black or African American	41	39	95.12%	23.08%
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	20	20	100.00%	40.00%
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	135	134	99.26%	29.10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	17	17	100.00%	35.29%
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	221	219	99.10%	30.59%
English Learners	139	138	99.28%	29.71%
Students with Disabilities	34	34	100.00%	11.76%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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 (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight and Ten

		Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced				
	Sch	iool	Dist	trict	St	ate
Subject	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	29.0%	43.0%	46.0%	40.0%	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.

Note: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

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 area of physical education

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2016-17)

	Perc	entage of Students Meeting Fitness Standar	Meeting Fitness Standards			
Grade Level	Four of Six Fitness Standards	Five of Six Fitness Standards	Six of Six Fitness Standards			
5	21.2%	17.3%	5.8%			

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 State priority: Parental Involvement (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 2017-18)

- Preschool and kindergarten orientation
- Safety Committee
- · Quarterly Thematic Family Nights (Writing, Math, Science, Art)
- Monthly school calendar in both Spanish and English.
- Translators for non-English speaking families.
- Participation in classroom activities such as study trips, celebrations, and as tutors.
- Progress Reports and Report Cards each trimester.
- Parent workshops and conferences including Parent University, Loving Solutions, CABE Conference (California Association for Bilingual Education)
- On-going classes and workshops with WCCUSD Adult School.
- · Fund-raising activities.
- Parent Center
- Bilingual School Community Worker

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA): Parents volunteer time, contribute resources, and fundraiser for the teachers and students of the school.

School Site Council (SSC): The role of the SSC is to give parents, faculty and staff more on-site decision making ability by giving individuals the opportunity to work together in planning school program improvements. Every elementary school must have a School Site Council composed of five parents or community members, the principal, three classroom teachers, and one other staff member (Education Code Section 52852).

English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC): The role of the ELAC is to advise the principal and staff on programs and services for English learners as well as work with SSC on the development of the site's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). The ELAC also assists in the development of the school site's needs assessment; annual language survey; and ways to inform parents of the importance of school attendance.

African American Site Advisory Team: The Riverside African-American Site Advisory Team (AASAT) is an advisory group made up of Parent and District Leaders dedicated to promoting quality education for African-American students. The purpose of AASAT is to advise Riverside Elementary school and site staff on strategies that will improve academic outcomes for African-American students and increase the engagement of our African-American families.

Contact Information for Parental Involvement: Staff Community Engagement Office - 510-307-4526

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

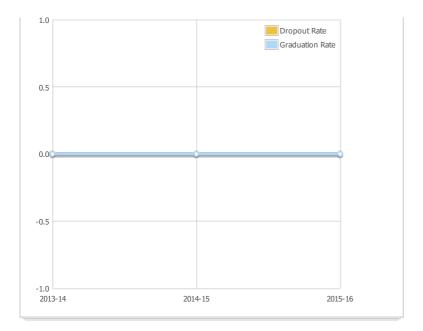
The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

	School				District		State		
Indicator	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Dropout Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.5%	10.7%	9.7%
Graduation Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	77.7%	84.7%	83.1%	81.0%	82.3%	83.8%

Dropout/Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate) Chart



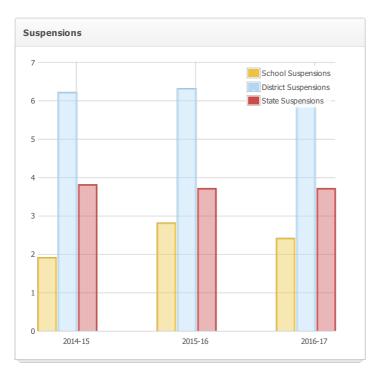
State Priority: School Climate Last updated: 1/25/2018

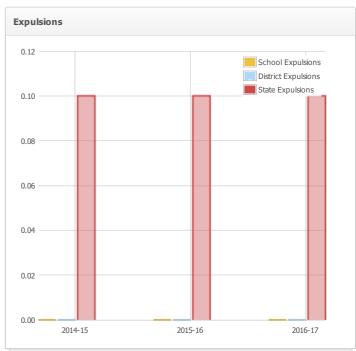
The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6):

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

Suspensions and Expulsions

	School				District			State		
Rate	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Suspensions	1.9%	2.8%	2.4%	6.2%	6.3%	5.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	





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School Safety Plan (School Year 2017-18)

Last revised 2/2/2016 by Elizabeth Montes-Nation, Coordinator-Disaster Preparedness and Safety

Safety Plan Overview: The emergency organizational structure identified in the school site's plan is consistent with the federally mandated National Incident Management System (SIMS), and the State of California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), and it effectively structures emergency response at all levels in compliance with the Incident Command System.

Preparedness efforts include the assignment of Disaster Service Workers and their responsibilities, routine earthquake and fire drills, review of Emergency Response roles/actions, evacuation procedures, as well as bomb threat procedures, reunification procedures, provision of emergency supplies, exercise drills such as lockdowns and shelter-in-place, and WCCUSD's Guidelines for Threat Assessment and Management Process.

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 2017-18)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2011-2012	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement	Year 3	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	20
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	60.6%

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Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

2014-15				2015-16				2016-17				
		Numb	er of Clas	sses *		Numb	er of Clas	sses *		Numb	er of Clas	sses *
Grade Level	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+
К	23.0	0	2	0	27.0	0	2	0	24.0	0	2	0
1	20.0	3	0	0	24.0	0	2	0	27.0	0	2	0
2	22.0	0	3	0	20.0	2	1	0	23.0	0	2	0
3	22.0	0	3	0	21.0	0	3	0	19.0	3	0	0
4	30.0	0	2	0	27.0	0	1	0	32.0	0	1	1
5	29.0	0	2	0	28.0	0	2	0	23.0	0	2	0
6	20.0	1	2	0	28.0	0	2	0	20.0	1	2	0
Other	0.0	0	0	0	20.0	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0

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

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Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-17)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0.0	0.0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.2	N/A
Psychologist	0.1	N/A
Social Worker	0.0	N/A
Nurse	0.0	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.5	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0	N/A
Other	0.0	N/A

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

*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.

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Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$15496.4	\$5097.1	\$10399.3	\$61297.3
District	N/A	N/A	\$10107.3	\$61169.5
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	2.9%	0.2%
State	N/A	N/A	\$6574.0	\$79228.0
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	45.1%	-25.5%

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Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

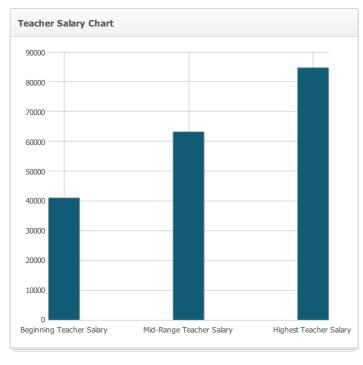
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS WHOLE CHILD
- LEARNING CENTERS RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION
- PARENT ENGAGEMENT
- SCHOOL SUPPORT-DATA & ACCOUNTABILTY
- TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT
- TITLE I PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS WHOLE CHILD

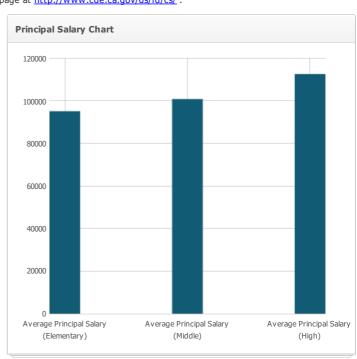
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Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$41,021	\$47,808
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$63,219	\$73,555
Highest Teacher Salary	\$84,748	\$95,850
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$95,040	\$120,448
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$100,743	\$125,592
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$112,510	\$138,175
Superintendent Salary	\$231,795	\$264,457
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	30.0%	35.0%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.0%	5.0%

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





Professional Development

At Riverside Elementary, the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) will facilitate professional development to build capacity for all teachers for effective implementation of the Common Core standards in English Language Arts, English Language Development, Mathematics, and Writing. Evidence of effective implementation is in student assessment data, including the Smarter Balanced Assessment System developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), CELDT, and CST. In addition, we focus on whole child development which includes socio-emotional development and growth towards the goal of character building. The teachers at Riverside meet three times a month in their grade level and cross grade level teams, building professional learning communities to identify a problem of practice, review/dis-aggregate student data, modify/differentiated instruction as part of meeting student needs. Riverside also participates in all the districts professional development opportunities. Teachers are also given Quality instruction and instructional leadership are at the heart of the district's achievement efforts. To ensure this, the Academic

Support Division 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, opportunities for collaborative study and planning, and individual coaching based on ongoing classroom observations. Teachers and other staff are provided with both on and off-site professional development in all standards based curriculum content areas. Beyond the content areas, professional development is provided in English Language Development, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), differentiated instruction and educational technology. In addition, training is made available in classroom management and the effective use of assessment data and teacher data teams in meeting the needs of all students. 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.