

Highlands Elementary School

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School Description

The staff at Highlands Elementary School strives to insure academic, social and emotional success for every student. At Highlands, our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports mission is for every student, family and staff member to: Have Respect, Act Responsibly, Work Together, and Keep Safe so that we can Soar to Success!

Highlands Elementary School serves approximately 400 students in grades Kindergarten through Sixth grade, including students in three mild to moderate special day classes. The community is very supportive and invests time, effort and energy to insure the school experience is positive for all children. Academic progress and social growth are promoted through a rich, nurturing learning environment. Dedicated teachers and staff continue to set high academic standards for the school. Professionalism is exemplified in the collegial manner that staff treat one another; they are positive, open to new ideas, embrace technology and strive to find new ideas to meet the needs of our changing and diverse population.

About the SARC

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.

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	47
Grade 1	54
Grade 2	44
Grade 3	51
Grade 4	55
Grade 5	63
Grade 6	66
Total Enrollment	380

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5
Asian	1.8
Filipino	3.9
Hispanic or Latino	43.2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	45.8
Two or More Races	2.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	34.7
English Learners	11.8
Students with Disabilities	20.3
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			
Highlands Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	22	20	17
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Saugus Union Elementary School District	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	◆	◆	398
Without Full Credential	◆	◆	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	◆	◆	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Highlands Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* "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 Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: 9/29/2017	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Scott Foresman K-6 Certified 2010 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	McGraw-Hill K-6 Certified 2015 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	MacMillan McGraw-Hill K-5, Harcourt 6 Certified 2008 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	Scott Foresman K-5, Harcourt 6 Certified 2007 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Visual and Performing Arts	2008 adoption of "Arts Attack" program The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science Laboratory Equipment	N/A The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: N/A

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Highlands School underwent a complete remodel and update of its grounds, utilities, HVAC systems, building configuration, interior and exterior surfaces and technology infrastructure during the 2005-2006 school year.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 6/19/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces		X		
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical		X		
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: 6/19/2017

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor		
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X				
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences		X			
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
		X			

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

2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
ELA	48	47	64	62	48	48
Math	38	35	52	51	36	37

* 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 Science for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
Science	60	51	82	79	60	56

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.

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	8.1	25.8	62.9

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**2015-16 CAASPP Results by Student Group
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)**

Group	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced
All Students	68	63	92.7	50.8
Male	37	34	91.9	52.9
Female	31	29	93.6	48.3
Hispanic or Latino	26	26	100.0	46.2
White	30	25	83.3	52.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	17	15	88.2	40.0
Students with Disabilities	17	14	82.4	42.9

* 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. 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.

**School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	237	234	98.73	47.44
Male	127	126	99.21	46.03
Female	110	108	98.18	49.07
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	103	101	98.06	42.57
White	107	107	100	53.27
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	79	79	100	39.24
English Learners	37	37	100	45.95
Students with Disabilities	58	56	96.55	10.71
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.

School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	237	234	98.73	34.62
Male	127	126	99.21	38.1
Female	110	108	98.18	30.56
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	103	101	98.06	27.72
White	107	107	100	42.06
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	79	79	100	22.78
English Learners	37	37	100	35.14
Students with Disabilities	58	56	96.55	10.71
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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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)

Our school prides itself in having parent and community involvement through our School Site Council and our Parent Faculty Organization (PFO). Our PFO helps to fund school fine arts and other school activities. The PFO funds field trips for every grade level and also supports the school by funding an extensive assembly program each year.

Parents are welcome to volunteer in the classrooms and at our school. English Language Advisory Committee meetings are held four times per year, and parents of English Language Learners are welcome to attend to discuss topics that relate to language learning as well as to learn how to support their child's education. Our school is working to provide more opportunities to support our families and how they can help their children at home.

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.

School Safety Plan

Highlands Elementary School provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Highlands Parent/Student Handbook outlines district and school policies and procedures concerning emergency situations, playground behavior, and special services. Fire Drills are conducted monthly. Disaster preparedness drills are conducted quarterly and include earthquake and lock down.

Highlands Elementary School is a closed campus. During school hours, the entrance is secured to ensure visitors check in with the front office. All visitors are required to sign in and wear a visitor's badge during their stay, and check out at the front office upon departure.

A comprehensive School Safety Plan developed under SB18 guidelines addresses each of the following four goals:

- All students and staff members are provided a safe teaching and learning environment.
- All students are safe and secure while at school and when traveling to and from school.
- District programs and approved community resources are made available to students and parents.

- Schools provide the educational environment where students, parents, staff, and community members shall effectively communicate in a manner that is respectful to all cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	0.0	0.2	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	0.3	0.3	0.2
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

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.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2011-2012
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		33.3

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.4
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5
Psychologist	0.6
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0.2
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1
Resource Specialist	1
Other	0
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	0

* 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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)												
Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
K	26	20	21		1	1	4	3	4			
1	25	20	23		1		1	1	1			
2	27	23	23				2	2	2			
3	27	27	27				3	2	2			
4	25	32	25	1		1	2	1	1		1	1
5	28	30	30				2	2	2			
6	27	29	29	1			1	2	2	1		
Other		10	11		3	1						

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

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Since 1988, California has sought to provide intensive learning experiences for beginning teachers. To provide an effective transition into the teaching career for first-year and second-year teachers, several programs have been developed statewide and are in use in our district. The Beginning Teacher

Support and Assessment (BTSA) and Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) programs extend individual support and training and support success in the practice of teaching.

Professional growth activities are planned annually based on current needs and input received from staff. For each of the last three years the teachers' work calendar has included three professional development days. Workshops on professional effectiveness and classroom skills focus on Next Generation Science Standards and alignment with classroom curriculum.

Committees comprised of teachers and administrators reviewed the state standards and adapted them for our curriculum for mathematics, language arts, history-social science and science. These standards-based documents are the foundation for what is taught and assessed in our district.

All teachers have gone through Systematic ELD Training and are implementing the strategies in their rooms.

For the current school year at Highlands, staff meeting time and collaborative instructional planning time is focused on the implementation of direct instruction strategies, raising rigor in the classroom, and data-driven decision making in order to increase student achievement.

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$42,461	\$48,678
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$76,924	\$78,254
Highest Teacher Salary	\$90,931	\$96,372
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$125,330	\$122,364
Average Principal Salary (MS)		\$125,958
Average Principal Salary (HS)		\$126,758
Superintendent Salary	\$184,497	\$212,818
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	40%	38%
Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

Types of Services Funded

State and federal specially-funded programs at our school include: Standards-based Textbooks and Materials purchases, Gifted and Talented student instruction, English Language Learner services, and School Improvement activities.

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).

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.

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$9,077	\$2,445	\$6,632	\$77,872
District	◆	◆	\$6,076	\$78,879
State	◆	◆	\$6,574	\$78,363
Percent Difference: School Site/District			9.2	-1.3
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			0.9	-0.6

* Cells with ◆ do not require data.