

Akers School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2019-2020 School Year

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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)

Entity	Contact Information
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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)

The purpose of the School Accountability Report Card is to provide parents with information about Akers School's instructional programs, academic achievement, materials and facilities, and staff.

Parents and community play a very important role in our school. Understanding our educational program, student achievement, and curriculum development can assist both our school and the community in ongoing program improvement.

Akers School has a history of successful academic achievement and we will continue to strive to be the best. We have made a commitment to provide the best educational program possible for our students. The excellent quality of our program is a reflection of our highly committed staff. We are dedicated to ensuring that our school provides a welcoming, challenging environment where students are actively involved in learning academics, as well as, positive values. Our teachers, students, parents, staff, and community members are all an integral part of our school's success and by continuing to work together our students will be challenged to reach their maximum potential.

Mission Statement

The faculty and staff at Akers School believe that education is a cooperative effort among home, school, and community. Our major goal is to prepare students to become responsible citizens and productive members of society. We believe all children are capable of learning. Akers children will be provided with an environment that is safe, caring, friendly, and educationally inspiring. Our school climate will encourage openness, trust, self-esteem, self-motivation, respect for self and respect for others. It will help children achieve social, academic, and physical excellence and allow students to succeed within their limits.

School Profile

Admiral Akers School is nestled within the Lemoore Naval Air Station and was built in 1963 to service the children of military families. The school acknowledges the importance of a student's academic success and appreciates the importance of a student's social and mental well-being. Teachers, administrators, and staff are all dedicated to providing a warm and challenging learning experience for the children. The diversified population enables the school to embrace many different cultures and strive to create an environment that embraces all. Consistent with Central Union School District's philosophies, "while some would define having a highly diverse population as an obstacle, Akers School thrives on this multiplicity and encourages each student's unique abilities."

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	87
Grade 1	83
Grade 3	71
Grade 4	58
Grade 5	53
Grade 6	133
Grade 7	117
Grade 8	92
Total Enrollment	694

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

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	10.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian	1
Filipino	4.3
Hispanic or Latino	29.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.9
White	42.2
Two or More Races	10.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	40.9
English Learners	3.5
Students with Disabilities	8.1
Foster Youth	1
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	37	33	39	99
Without Full Credential	2	1	0	2
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

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	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: September 2020

The state aligns textbooks, frameworks, and instructional materials to meet the California State Standards. Instructional materials for grades K-8 are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. The District follows the State Board of Education's adoption cycle for core content materials. District textbook review and adoption activities occur the year following the state's adoption. The District's Curriculum Selection Committee, comprised of teacher representatives, narrow the potential selections, followed by review and recommendation from all teaching staff. All textbooks are adopted from the most recent state-approved list. All textbooks are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks, adopted by the SBE. Every student has access to their own textbooks and instructional materials.

On September 14, 2020, the Central Union School District Board of Trustees held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students, including English Learners, in the District. The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution #X-09-14-2020 which certifies, as required by Education Code section 60119, that (1) each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, (2) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English Learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Wonders - Macmillan/McGraw Hill (TK-5th) - 2016 Collections - Houghton Mifflin (6th-8th) - 2016	Yes	0
Mathematics	My Math - McGraw Hill (TK-8th) - 2014	Yes	0
Science	Science- MacMillan/McGraw Hill (TK-5th) - 2007 Focus on Earth, Life, and Physical Science - Pearson-Prentice Hall (6th-8th) - 2007	Yes	0
History-Social Science	My World - Pearson (TK-5th) - 2018 Ancient Civilizations - National Geographic (6th) - 2018 Medieval Times - National Geographic (7th) - 2018 US History - National Geographic (8th) - 2018	Yes	0
Health	Embedded in science curriculum		

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Akers School provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Ongoing maintenance ensures school facilities are kept safe and in good working condition and continue to provide adequate space for students and staff.

Campus Maintenance Site custodial staff and the District's maintenance department work together to ensure playgrounds, classrooms, and campus grounds are well-maintained and kept very clean, safe and functioning for students, staff, visitors and community organizations that frequently use the campus facilities. One full-time day custodian and a team of evening custodians are assigned to Akers School and work closely with the principal for routine maintenance, daily custodial duties, and special events. The evening team of custodians is responsible for daily cleaning of both Akers School and Neutra School. The principal and day custodian communicate daily regarding school facilities and maintenance issues.

The custodian inspects facilities every day for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. During the school day, all staff members survey grounds as a part of their daily routines to keep facilities safe and secure. The custodian performs routine room-by-room inspections to identify conditions that require correction. Any graffiti or signs of vandalism are removed prior to students

Campus Improvements:

With assistance from the Federal Office of Economic Adjustment and the State Office of Public School Construction, the Akers School campus began major construction and site renovation during the 2019-2020 school year.

The Akers project touches all aspects of the campus. The District will construct and modernize the campus which includes the construction of a new 14 classroom junior high school wing, a new multipurpose event center, enhancing site infrastructure, and modernizing existing facilities such as a new blacktop area, expanded parking lot, and relocation of the school site office. The project began on February 4, 2019, and is nearing completion, with a final completion date scheduled for late January 2021.

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:

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
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)	60	N/A	52	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	46	N/A	45	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)	39	N/A	35	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)

At Akers School, parents are encouraged to become active members of the school’s learning community and assist in its goal to develop independent lifelong learners. COVID-19 guidelines have impacted in-person instruction and parent volunteer activities.

However, parents are encouraged to participate virtually in Leadership opportunities such as School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Council, District Advisory Council, District English Learner Advisory Council, and Parent Club.

The School Site Council for Akers School is a governing body comprised of elected parents and school staff members. Council members are responsible for providing input into the development of the school plan. The School Advisory Council may and has elected to relinquish its duties to the School Site Council.

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	2.1	2.7	2.6	1.9	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	2.0	
Expulsions	0	2	

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)

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Akers School in collaboration with local agencies and the District administration to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, dress code policy, and bully prevention policy. The most current school site safety plan is reviewed annually and any changes or modifications are presented to the School Board by March 1. Annually, the plan is also reviewed, discussed, and shared with school staff during a staff meeting. Components of the School Site Safety Plan were discussed at monthly staff meetings throughout the school year.

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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	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+
K	21		4		23		4		27	1	2	1
1	22		4		23		4		21		3	
2	22		3		20	3	1					
3	20	2	1		22		3		24		3	
4	21	6	6		26		12		16	2	2	
5	41		12	3	46		12	3	24	1	8	
6	36	4	20	3	33	4	20	2	27	14	6	6
Other**									20	1		

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

** "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

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

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	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.

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.5
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1
Psychologist	0.5
Social Worker	
Nurse	1
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

*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	\$6,116,245	\$471,011	\$5,645,234	\$86,491
District	N/A	N/A	\$15,675,441	\$87,956
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-94.1	-1.7
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$80,565
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	199.5	7.1

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2019-2020)

The Central Union School District Student Conduct Code, which is sent home with each student at the beginning of the school year, outlines expected student behavior and the consequences for inappropriate behavior. Akers School's code of conduct and school rules are in alignment with District policies and outlined in the student handbook. During the first week of school, behavior expectations and discipline policies are verbally shared with students at schoolwide assemblies. Teachers review individual classroom rules and expectations with students during the first few days of school. Throughout the year, school rules and policies are communicated as necessary on the school's website, in the school's monthly newsletter, and in personal emails to parents/guardians of students. The Student Conduct Code and student handbook are available on the District's website.

Peer mediators, Ambassadors for New Students, Safe School personnel, the sheriff, and school psychologist work in close collaboration with teaching staff and parents as an early intervention strategy in minimizing poor behavior patterns. A Districtwide Safe School campaign encourages students to notify school or District personnel of any instances of bullying, harassment, discrimination, vandalism, drug abuse, and other destructive behaviors. Students and parents may submit anonymous letters/ notifications through the District's home page at www.central.k12.ca.us.

Extracurricular & Enrichment Activities - Students are encouraged to participate in the school's additional academic and extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities, clubs, and enrichment programs include:

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Band
- California Junior Scholastic Federation
- Chess Team
- College Awareness Night (College professors, professional athletes & guest speakers), 7th graders go to UC Berkley for field trip
- Cross-age Peer Tutoring
- Exhibitions
- Jazz Bands (Gr. 6-8) - 6 Time State Champions
- Peach Blossom Festival (Gr. 1-6)
- Peer Academic Coaches (Gr. 6-8)
- Peer Mediation (student-to-student)
- Poster Contests
- Reading Team
- SAS (Strategies for Academic Success)
- School Dances (Gr. 4-8)
- Spring Fine Arts Festival
- Student Council
- Young Master's Art Contest (Gr. K-8)

The school’s athletic programs promote individual and team-oriented achievement through school-sponsored teams and intramural sports programs where teams compete against other schools in their league/area.

- Basketball (Gr. 4-8)
- Cheerleading (Gr. 6-8)
- Cross Country (Gr. 3-8)
- Flag Football (Gr. 4-8)
- Girls’ Volleyball (Gr. 4-8)
- Golf (Gr. 6-8)
- Track (Gr. 3-8)

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$52,634	\$50,574
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$82,458	\$76,649
Highest Teacher Salary	\$103,755	\$98,993
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$122,378	\$125,150
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		\$129,394
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$122,053
Superintendent Salary	\$180,000	\$193,925
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	22.0	34.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.0	6.0

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	2	2	3

Central Union School District and its four school sites combine efforts to provide training and curriculum development based on the California Standards and are aligned with the content of the curriculum frameworks for grades kindergarten through eight. Teachers within the District align classroom curriculum to ensure that all students either meet or exceed state proficiency levels.

The CUSD Vision focuses on “empowering every student to excel to their highest potential.” We seek “to be an exemplary learning community,” as stated in our mission. With this in mind, the District’s Professional Development Plan continues to focus on the Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Grade Level Teams have work to identify Essential Standards Districtwide to ensure that all students are achieving. The District continues to partner with Solution Tree to support our learning community process through training and coaching for our educators.

A Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Leadership Team was developed in 2017-18. This team did extensive research and received training through participation in a successful grant application. This group began with a focus on the Social-Emotional and Behavioral needs of students. Based on their findings, they provided training on Connectedness to administrators and staff. An ongoing needs assessment was conducted at each site to provide information for next steps. Over time, we can expect to see continued improvement in school culture as well as student achievement as a result of this research-based practice.

Central partners with local County Offices of Education and content experts to provide staff training and coaching to support the full implementation and sustainability of State Standards. This year, the included:

- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- 21st Century Teaching & Learning Capacity Building
- English Language Development

Just as teachers differentiate for their students, the District strives to differentiate learning for staff. To that end, it hosts several optional trainings each year as well as providing opportunities for staff to attend trainings outside the District. Teachers chose to attend those that best meet their needs for personal professional growth. Optional Trainings for 2017-18 focused on Student Engagement through the use of Collaboration and Cooperative Strategies in the classroom.

Instructional aides receive training in instructional strategies to assist students with reading skills improvement, First Aid/CPR, English Learners, Technology and Reading Mastery. Classified staff acquire job-related training through in-house sponsored workshops provided by department supervisors or product vendors.

Newly credentialed and/or beginning teachers receive training on assessment, individualized support and advanced content from the California Teacher Induction Program which is the preferred pathway to a California Professional (Clear) Teaching Credential. The Teacher Induction Program is co-administered by the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). The Teacher Induction Task Force and State Leadership Team provide support and technical assistance to local Teacher Induction Program leaders. The Teacher Induction program provides standards-based, individualized advice and assistance that combines the application of theory learned in the preliminary teacher preparation program with mentor-based support and formative assessment feedback.

Sites also differentiate for staff based on the needs of their site, providing training through Staff Meetings, Instructional Aides Meetings and additional site professional development including such topics as:

- Math Model & Coaching
- English Language Development
- Collaboration

As we plan for the future of our District, continuing to build our capacity in the PLC Process so we can ensure all students “excel to their highest potential” and a comprehensive MTSS for academics, social-emotional and behavioral will continue to be a primary focus.

Site-based professional development activities are identified by the school leadership team based upon analysis of student performance data and parent survey results. Akers School’s certificated staff attend workshops and training events provided by the District, other school districts, county offices of education, and professional organizations. Subsequently, during weekly grade level collaboration time and common prep periods, teachers share knowledge and strategies acquired from district-sponsored workshops and external resources. Teaching staff emphasized training and collaboration on the following:

- Amplify Training (Science Curriculum)
- Classroom Discipline Training
- ExCEL (Explicit Direct Instruction)
- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- Professional Learning Communities
- Technology Training (new teachers)
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)