

Murray Middle School

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2018-19 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2019-20 School Year

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Principal's Message

Murray Middle School is focused on student learning, a positive learning environment, and helping students transition successfully from elementary to middle to high school. The Murray teachers and staff are committed to enriching student knowledge and experiences through relevant curriculum and engaging strategies. They demonstrate this with their dedication to project based learning, clubs, competitions, athletics and collaboration to bring students the best instruction possible for their success in learning.

This year our goal is to create a positive learning environment where every person on campus demonstrates the Mustang Way of Being Respectful, Being Safe, and Being Responsible. Engaging students in their education and making their education relevant is also a priority. We are concentrating on creating a kind atmosphere using Rachel's Challenge Club and its curriculum throughout the school. We have a new 35 minute advisory class, four days a week, in our school schedule, which allows students a Social Emotional component to their education as well as tutorial, organization, class pride and school spirit. Our goal is to engage students in relevant curriculum to allow the best opportunities for success.

The tenth year of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program enabled students to understand what it takes to prepare for college and careers. It is our goal that as we work to create a campus-wide AVID program, every child who leaves Murray will move on to high school with skills that allow them to be college/career ready.

Our teachers provide a rigorous level of instruction required for successful mastery of the Common Core Standards, which includes offering college preparatory Honors Algebra, Honors English, laboratory science, and History Alive. We provide our students with a safe place to learn as supported by the Rachel's Challenge Club and Safe School Ambassadors. We use a mass phone, text and email message system weekly to inform our families of the upcoming events and any important news students and families need, to help students be academically and socially successful.

Teachers use benchmark assessments program for many subject areas. The curriculum office continues to facilitate collaboration, allowing teachers to meet and analyze the data collected from the assessments. Our ongoing Safe School Ambassadors program helps students identify bullying behaviors and determine how to avoid or get out of difficult situations. A weekly student bulletin, Parent Square and the school web site are important modes of communication for our school community.

Thanks to many for contributing to the excellence of Murray Middle School.

Cody Pearce, Principal

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 <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF web page 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.

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	219
Grade 7	216
Grade 8	222
Total Enrollment	657

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.1
Asian	3.2
Filipino	0.8
Hispanic or Latino	26.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	60
Two or More Races	2.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	64.8
English Learners	4.9
Students with Disabilities	12.2
Foster Youth	0.3

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 for Murray Middle School	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	26	25	27
Without Full Credential	5	5	9
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	7	7	7

Teacher Credentials for Sierra Sands Unified	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	♦	♦	216
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	47
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	20

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Murray Middle School

Indicator	17-18	18-19	19-20
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	1	2

* 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 Instructional Materials (School Year 2019-20)

The district chooses textbooks from lists that have been approved by the State Board of Education for Grades K-8. Sierra Sands Unified School District holds an annual public hearing prior to the eighth week of school to determine textbook and instructional materials sufficiency.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: September 2019

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	My Perspectives, Pearson Adopted in 2017 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	Go Math! Houghton Mifflin (2015) The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	Concepts and Challenges/Science (2003) Adopted in 2007 Holt California Science (2007) Adopted in 2007 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	History Alive! The Ancient World (2018) Adopted in 2019 History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond (2018) Adopted in 2019 History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism (2018) Adopted in 2019 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Foreign Language	Ven conmigo! Level 1 Adopted in 2004 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

As of 8-2017 we have moved into a brand new facility. The campus is completely hard-scape on the interior which has created a mostly dust free quad area. The construction, including windows is "blast force" quality and is therefore very insulated and energy efficient as well as safe. The completion of the construction has afforded us a completely closed and locked campus. The office remains the single point of entry for guests who must enter, sign in retain a visitor badge and then enter campus.

More facts about the condition of our school buildings are available in an online supplement to this report called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. What you will find is an assessment of more than a dozen aspects of our buildings: their structural integrity, electrical systems, heating and ventilation systems, and more. The important purpose of this assessment is to determine if our buildings and grounds are safe and in good repair. If anything needs to be repaired, this assessment identifies it and targets a date by which we commit to make those repairs. The guidelines for this assessment were written by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and were brought about by the Williams legislation. You can look at the six-page Facilities Inspection Tool used for the assessment on the Web site of the OPSC.

Library

During 2016-2017, we added 198 new books to our library and over 120 gently used books. Our circulation rate was over 20,870 books for the year, and we had one full-time media clerk. Our library remains open during lunch, before and after school, and on special evenings. Students visit with their English classes biweekly to receive library education, and other classes visit as needed to conduct academic research. The library holds activities such as Teen Read Week, book fairs, and the Reading Challenge. These programs are all part of an effort to get students to read books.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: 10/2019

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	Classroom 14: Side of cabinet is coming apart.
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	No apparent problems.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	No apparent problems.
Electrical: Electrical	Good	No apparent problems.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	No apparent problems.
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	No apparent problems.
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	No apparent problems.
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	Classroom 33: Door strip is coming off.
Overall Rating	Exemplary	

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 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
ELA	47	51	48	51	50	50
Math	36	36	32	36	38	39

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 Science for All Students
 Grades Five, Eight, and Ten**

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: This is a placeholder for the California Science Test (CAST) which was administered operationally during the 2018-19 school year. However, these data are not available for inclusion in the 2018-19 SARC posting due February 1, 2020. These data will be included in the 2019-20 SARC posting due February 1, 2021.

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

2018-19 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
7	24.1	29.5	23.6

Note: Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) appear in the table 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 2018-19 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	652	643	98.62	51.48
Male	338	332	98.22	48.49
Female	314	311	99.04	54.66
Black or African American	21	19	90.48	36.84
American Indian or Alaska Native	15	15	100.00	46.67
Asian	20	20	100.00	90.00
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	173	172	99.42	38.95
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	398	392	98.49	55.61
Two or More Races	16	16	100.00	56.25
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	418	410	98.09	40.98
English Learners	70	70	100.00	27.14
Students with Disabilities	77	76	98.70	10.53
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 2018-19 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	652	643	98.62	35.77
Male	338	333	98.52	36.34
Female	314	310	98.73	35.16
Black or African American	21	19	90.48	21.05
American Indian or Alaska Native	15	15	100.00	33.33
Asian	20	20	100.00	90.00
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	173	172	99.42	23.84
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	398	392	98.49	38.52
Two or More Races	16	16	100.00	43.75
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	418	411	98.33	25.79
English Learners	70	70	100.00	14.29
Students with Disabilities	77	76	98.70	6.58
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 school site

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019-20)

We have an active, energetic PTO that works diligently to recruit volunteers. We had over 250 volunteers in 2018-2019. The parents and the community help at Murray on a regular basis. Our PTO has helped us plant trees, build and paint benches, and are currently working on more campus beautification projects. In addition, the PTO perpetuates our Cross Country program and chess program and raise funds for our student planners, assemblies, student rewards, and individual programs such as the music program. Parents are a major factor in all field trips as coordinators and chaperons.

The engineers on the Navy base provide demonstrations, lectures, and science fair assistance to the students throughout the school year. Our SSC includes parents, students, and staff and is a very important decision making body. The parents on the English Learner Advisory Committee are instrumental in providing input, consultation, and suggestions on how to improve site support of English Learners. We work with parents of GATE students to create enrichment activities for the students.

The contact person for parent involvement is our principal, Cody Pearce, and he can be reached in the school office at 760-499-1820.

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

The Safe School Ambassador program is an “inside out” program that allows the adults on campus to understand the workings of the students in their social groups. This program has given the school advance notice on issues that might otherwise have resulted in violence. With the start of the Student Support Center (SSC), our increased focus on Positive Behavior Intervention Systems is helping to recognize students for their excellent behavior and contributions to Murray. The SSC is also shifting our focus of discipline to restorative practices that can help reintegrate students and improve behaviors. The Rachel's Challenge program brings kindness and respect to the campus as well. We continue to have a 40-to-1 student-to-adult ratio for student supervision on the grounds. Our facilities are equipped with phones and intercoms, and staff who are in remote locations have radios for immediate contact. We have a closed campus and require all guests to register with the office and wear a badge. Last year there were no crimes against property.

We revised our safety plan in the fall of 2019-2020 school year and hold regular fire, lock-down, and earthquake drills. After each of the drills we have a meeting with the safety team to debrief and to revise any areas that need to be changed. The front office personnel are instrumental in creating a very organized and functional plan for evacuation to an off-campus site as needed.

Suspensions and Expulsions for the School	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	6.4	12.4	9.8
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.4	0.3

Suspensions and Expulsions for the District	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	5.8	6.6	7.1
Expulsions Rate	0.2	0.2	0.2

Suspensions and Expulsions for the State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	3.6	3.5	3.5
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.

Ratio of Academic Counselors to Pupils (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	657.0

* 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 2018-19)

Title	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	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+
6	28	2	31	4	29	6	16	15	25	8	27	4
Other**												

*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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
English	25	4	14		23	5	12	2	24	4	14	
Mathematics	6	4			23	5	12	2	24	4	10	4
Science	26	3	13	1	25	4	11	3	26	3	11	3
Social Science	26	3	9	5	26	4	8	5	24	4	11	3

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

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	3	3	3

Sierra Sands Unified School District provided a minimum average of 3 days (or eighteen hours based on 6 hours/day) of professional development throughout the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 school years. The primary/major areas of focus for professional development include but are not limited to: full implementation of adopted programs, alignment to Common Core State Standards, identification and implementation of best instructional practices, technology proficiency, and data analysis of student performance. Additionally, sites provide professional development throughout the year as outlined in the School Plan for Student Achievement. Areas of focus were selected based up on department needs, CAASPP results, Interim Assessment Block (IAB) results, and Dashboard results. Professional development is delivered a variety of ways including but not limited to conference attendance, contracted professional development/SSUSD Instructional Coaching delivered within the contractual work day, individual instructional coaching, and after school workshops.

FY 2017-18 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$39,301	\$46,208
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$64,078	\$72,218
Highest Teacher Salary	\$89,299	\$92,742
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$98,718	\$134,864
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$106,825	\$118,220
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$117,016	\$127,356
Superintendent Salary	\$160,000	\$186,823

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	31%	33%
Administrative Salaries	5%	6%

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

FY 2017-18 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	6412.65	981.49	5431.16	62877.91
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,478.68	\$63,270.00
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$72,949.00

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	-0.9	-0.6
School Site/ State	-32.1	-14.8

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

The California Department of Education issued guidance to LEAs on August 1, 2018, regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures that will be reported on 2018-19 report cards.

Types of Services Funded

Our PTO fundraisers earned over \$4,000 for assemblies, field trips, and supplies. We also used the funds raised to purchase a daily planner for each student and to finance special functions such as the Halloween Dance. Donations from parents and the community helped the music program and after school sports programs. The district's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) funds one full time counselor who provides Tier I (classroom) and Tier II supports (small groups) to assist students academically, socially, and emotionally. The district's DoDEA Secondary Counseling grant provides another full time counselor to further implement the site's PBIS initiatives and provide additional Tier II (small groups) and Tier III (individual) supports especially for the military-connected students and families. In addition, the DoDEA counselor provided Parent Project parenting classes in the 2018-19 school year. Lastly, the district's LCAP funds \$5,000 towards supplemental academic intervention and support.

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).

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.