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MARCH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March Middle School Community:

It is with great honor and excitement in which I introduce myself as the Principal of March Middle School. I have been part of the Val Verde family since January 2017. Prior to becoming a part of this wonderful district I served 21 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District. I began as a Middle School teacher, then coordinator, Assistant Principal and SLC Principal. I am privileged to have the opportunity to lead March Middle School and serve the staff, students, and community. I look forward to getting to know everyone within the March Middle School family and building strong relationships.



I firmly believe in educating and supporting each and every child to their fullest potential. I am devoted to working collaboratively with parents and all stakeholders. Together, we will persist in the development and refinement the educational program so that it continues to academically challenge and engage each student. As a school, it is important for the content students are learning to be current and relevant, making connections to knowledge and experiences which matter most to them. I have been inspired by the intense commitment and strong collaboration at March Middle School.

This school year is going to be an amazing one. It is my goal to support all students, families, faculty and staff as we implement the mission and vision of the school, building an instructional program which helps our students succeed academically and in their character education. I am filled with enthusiasm as I anticipate all of the positive results we will experience due to our teamwork and dedication. I have an open door policy, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, phone call, or personal appointment. I am eager to hear your thoughts and input about all facets of our school community. Thank you.

Warm Regards,
Brunel Merilus

DISTRICT & SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Val Verde Unified School District is located in the heart of the Inland Empire, approximately 72 miles east of Los Angeles. Neighboring the district and its communities are March Air Force Base and the

Lake Perris recreational area. During the 2018-19 school year, the district's schools served more than 20,200 students residing in the rural and suburban communities of Perris, Moreno Valley, and portions of unincorporated Riverside County. The district currently operates a preschool, 12 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, 3 comprehensive high schools, a student success academy, a virtual academy, and a continuation high school.

During the 2018-19 school year, March Middle School served 775 students in grades 6-8. Student enrollment included 17.4% in special education, 14.2% qualifying for English learner support and 87.9% qualifying for free or reduced-price meals.

Student Enrollment by Subgroup/Grade Level 2018-19			
Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Black or African American	15.0%	Grade 6	240
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.3%	Grade 7	279
Asian	1.4%	Grade 8	256
Filipino	0.6%		
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	77.6%		
White	3.6%		
Two or More Races	1.3%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	87.9%		
English Learners	14.2%		
Students with Disabilities	17.4%		
Homeless	3.7%		
Foster Youth	1.3%		
		Total Enrollment	775

ACADEMIC CLASSES

March Middle School offers a diverse series of classes and programs to meet the unique needs and interests of its student body. In each grade level, every student participates in a robust daily schedule which includes the four core subjects, Math, Science, Social Studies and English Language Arts classes. Literacy is integrated across the curriculum to increase reading and writing proficiency skills. High achieving students, identified through assessment and/or past grading period marks, may be placed in Honors Level or Junior Scholars classes. These courses provide students the opportunity to successfully prepare for Advanced Placement (AP) classes offered when they transition to high school. All students are enrolled in courses which will build their academic skills in order to be successful in

the college preparatory classes they will take in grades nine through twelve.

The instructional program at March Middle School provides a wide range of classes customized to meet the needs of its English learners. Teachers use Specially Designed Academic Instruction (SDAIE) strategies and learning activities that connect to student's prior experiences, which then help them to learn and understand the complexities of the English language and culture. SDAIE strategies have been proven to be highly successful in helping children succeed in both reading and acquiring language skills. Students who are learning English as their second language may have up to three periods of English language development instruction.

All students are scheduled in a daily Advisory Period. Advisory class is devoted to video announcements and Advisory teachers checking in with students each day regarding their grades, academic progress, and behavior. They also ensure students have signed up for their intervention class, Flextime, which is held during the school day, twice per week. The remaining instructional time focuses on character education including self-management, conflict resolution, bullying prevention and academic goals.

Students with disabilities are serviced in the resource specialist program, special day classes, life skills classes, or the autism class. An individualized educational plan for each student directs daily instruction in accordance with their unique needs. All students are exposed to the general education environment and receive a free, appropriate public education. March Middle School offers a rigorous, comprehensive learning experience for each of its students.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Research shows that students who participate in school activities have greater academic success and are less likely to have behavioral issues. March Middle School offers excellent music and arts programs. Students may participate in vocal or instrumental music classes. STEAM, AVID and ASB classes are also available as elective courses. Students with special interests and talents are invited to join school-sponsored clubs and enjoy activities such as band, Associated Student Body, Reading Club, Yearbook, GATE enrichment, Bible Club, school dances, student leadership, music, choir, STEAM, art, digital art, and AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination). Our morning sports program, which is supervised by two teachers, offers students the opportunity to participate in sports related activities with their peers in a healthy and safe environment. Every student is encouraged to get involved and participate!

LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)

As part of the new Local Control Funding Formula, school districts are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The following components of this SARC address some of the priorities identified in the District's LCAP:

Conditions of Learning (Basic Services) – State Priority 1: Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject areas and for the pupils they are teaching; pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials and school facilities are maintained in good repair. Covered in Teacher Assignment, including the Teacher Credentials & Misassignments chart; Instructional Materials, including the Textbooks chart; and School Facilities & Maintenance, including the Campus Description and School Facility Good Repair Status charts.

Conditions of Learning (Implementation of State Standards) – State Priority 2: Implementation of academic content and performance standards adopted by the state board for all pupils. Not covered in the School Accountability Report Card.

Parental Involvement – State Priority 3: Efforts to seek parent input in decision making, promotion of parent participation in programs for unduplicated pupils and special need subgroups. Covered in Parent Involvement.

Pupil Achievement – State Priority 4: Performance on standardized tests, score on Academic Performance Index, share of pupils that are college and career ready, share of English learners that become English proficient, English learner reclassification rate, share of pupils that pass Advanced Placement exams with a 3 or higher, and share of pupils determined prepared for college by the Early Assessment Program. Covered in California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, including the CAASPP charts.

Engagement (Pupil Engagement) – State Priority 5: School attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school dropout rates, high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates. Covered in Dropout Rates, including the Dropout chart; and Graduation Rates, including the Graduation Rate chart for high schools only.

School Climate – State Priority 6: Pupil suspension rates, pupil expulsion rates, other local measures including surveys of pupils, and parents and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness. Covered in Discipline & Climate for Learning, including Suspension & Expulsion chart; and School Site Safety Plan.

Conditions of Learning (Course Access) – State Priority 7: Pupil enrollment in a broad course of study that includes all of the subject areas. Not covered in the School Accountability Report Card.

Other Pupil Outcomes – State Priority 8: Pupil outcomes in the subject areas. Covered in Physical Fitness, including the Physical Fitness Test chart..

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is a vital component to school and student success. March Middle School offers a wide variety of opportunities for parents to support the school and their child's academic efforts. Parents seeking more information or who are interested in participating in any of the activities listed below may contact the school receptionist at (951) 490-0430.

Volunteer to Help:

- In the classroom
- In the library
- Chaperone field trips

Join Leadership Groups:

- English Learner Advisory Council
- Parent Advisory Committee
- School Site Council

Attend Special Events & Workshops:

- Back to School Night
- Parent conferences
- Music/vocal performances
- ASB sponsored events

School-to-home communication is provided in both English and Spanish. Every week the principal issues a Bulletin to staff, students and parents. This weekly bulletin includes special events, announcements, school policy information, and helpful parent tips. Additional flyers and letters are issued as needed. The school marquee features reminders and special event dates. The Parent Portal is accessible through the district web site and provides the resources for parents to manage school lunch payments and check the status of their student's grades, attendance, and assignments. Peach Jar and TeleParent are automated telephone message systems which enable school staff to quickly forward important announcements to each student's home. The school's web site is the primary resource for general information about the school and its programs, teachers, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, curriculum, and library.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DISTRICT BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

Val Verde Unified School District uses a variety of tools to evaluate and analyze student learning. District benchmark assessments supplement multiple measures of assessment to identify students' mastery of content, depth of knowledge, and skills. District benchmark assessments are aligned to the California State Standards and are comprised of both formative and summative assessments given in math, reading, and language arts. During the 2018-19 school year, all students in grades 1-5 were assessed multiple times utilizing a system of short-cycle formative assessments to identify content area mastery and specific gaps in the learning process. Students in grades 7-12 were evaluated quarterly throughout the year to determine course grades and levels of content mastery.

Multiple measures of assessment are used to identify student progress, understanding of state content standards, and mastery of subject area matter/concepts. These measures include: state summative assessments, benchmark assessments, grade level/department common assessments, classroom observations, teacher-created assessments, adaptive diagnostic assessments in reading and math, and early indicators of reading assessments. Collectively, the benchmark assessments and multiple measures aid teachers in 1) identifying areas where instruction may or may not be effective; 2) guiding classroom instruction practices and strategies; and 3) identifying students who need targeted academic assistance or intervention.

**CAASPP Test Results in ELA & Mathematics by Student Group (Grades 3-8)
2018-19**

	English Language Arts/Literacy					Mathematics				
	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students Tested	766	755	98.56%	1.44%	35.36%	766	757	98.83%	1.17%	21.80%
Male	396	389	98.23%	1.77%	29.05%	396	392	98.99%	1.01%	19.39%
Female	370	366	98.92%	1.08%	42.08%	370	365	98.65%	1.35%	24.38%
Black or African American	112	109	97.32%	2.68%	29.36%	112	109	97.32%	2.68%	12.84%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	11	11	100.00%	0.00%	45.45%	11	11	100.00%	0.00%	45.45%
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	594	587	98.82%	1.18%	36.46%	594	590	99.33%	0.67%	23.05%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	24	23	95.83%	4.17%	30.43%	24	22	91.67%	8.33%	18.18%
Two or More Races	13	13	100.00%	0.00%	38.46%	13	13	100.00%	0.00%	15.38%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	703	692	98.44%	1.56%	33.82%	703	694	98.72%	1.28%	20.32%
English Learners	226	221	97.79%	2.21%	20.36%	226	224	99.12%	0.88%	12.50%
Students with Disabilities	98	96	97.96%	2.04%	6.25%	98	95	96.94%	3.06%	3.16%
Foster Youth	14	12	85.71%	14.29%	0.00%	14	11	78.57%	21.43%	0.00%

Note: ELA & Mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced 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.

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.

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.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students in Grades Three Through Eight						
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	March		VVUSD		CA	
	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
English-Language Arts/Literacy	33	35	42	44	50	50
Mathematics	21	22	27	28	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.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in Science All Students						
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	March		VVUSD		CA	
	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
Science (Grades 5, 8, & 10)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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.

Teachers and administrators are able to pinpoint any deficiencies or gaps in the learning process, identifying very specific skill sets and subject area content that needs to be retaught, reinforced, or revised to ensure every student obtains a solid foundation for future success in learning.

CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) for students in the general education population, and the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternative achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). CAASPP results are a measure of how well students are mastering California's standards in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics, and are given to grades three through eight and grade eleven. SBAC tests assess student performance in ELA/Literacy and mathematics utilizing computer-adaptive tests and performance tasks, and CAAs test items are aligned with alternative achievement standards which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

The CAASPP results shown in this report include overall results comparing the school, district and state scores as well as the school's overall score in each applicable subgroup. Results are shown only for subgroups with ten students or more taking the exam. For those categories that are blank in the tables, no students met subgroup criteria. More information on CAASPP can be found on the California Department of Education's website www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

In the spring of every other year, March Middle School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in the seventh grade. The physical fitness test measures each student's ability to complete six fitness tasks in six major areas. Students that either meet or exceed the standards in all six fitness areas are considered to be physically fit or in the "healthy fitness zone." Comparative district and state results can be found at the CDE's website www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/.

California Physical Fitness Test Results 2018-19			
Grade Level	% of Standards Met:		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
Seventh	20.3%	20.3%	14.5%

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 FACILITIES & SAFETY

FACILITIES PROFILE

March Middle School provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Original school buildings were constructed in 2006; ongoing maintenance ensures school facilities are kept safe and in good working condition and continue to provide adequate space for students and staff.

2018-19 Campus Improvements:

- Addition of technology in the STEAM lab
- Addition of asphalt where needed

2019-20 Campus Improvements in Progress:

- Installation of artificial turf, shade trees, and pavers
- Paint touch ups to the logo
- Addition of a speed bump

Campus Description	
Year Built	2006
Acreage	29
Bldg. Square Footage	83301
	Quantity
# of Permanent Classrooms	42
# of Portable Classrooms	0
# of Restrooms (student use)	4 sets
Computer Lab	1
Covered Outdoor Eating Area	1
Library	1
Multipurpose Room/Gym with Stage Area	1
Resource/Specialty Rooms	3
Staff Lounge	1
Teacher Work Room	1

SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

March Middle School and the Val Verde Unified School District's Maintenance and Operations Department (M&O) work together to ensure student safety and uphold high cleaning standards. M&O supervisors and school administration inspect facilities on a continual basis to identify and resolve concerns in a proactive and timely manner. The most recent facilities inspection at March Middle School took place on July 16, 2019. Schools are required by state law to report the condition of their facilities; the School Facility Good Repair Status table illustrated in this report identifies the state-required inspection areas and discloses the operational status in each of those areas. During fiscal year 2019-20, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

SUPERVISION AND SAFETY

Each morning as students arrive on campus and at the end of the day when students are dismissed, school administrators, teachers, and two District Security Officers are strategically stationed throughout the campus to monitor student activities. During the lunch period, school administrators, counselors, supervision aides, and two District Security Officers share supervision of students in the outside eating areas and common gathering areas.

School Facility Good Repair Status			
Item Inspected	Repair Status		
Inspection Date: July 16, 2019	Good	Fair	Poor
	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned		
Systems	✓		
Interior Surfaces	✓		
Cleanliness	✓		
Electrical	✓		
Restrooms/Fountains	✓		
Safety	✓		
Structural	✓		
External	✓		Room 504 - Tint is peeling on windows (needed for lockdown procedures)
Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status			
	Exemplary	Good	Fair
Overall Summary	✓		

Percentage Description Rating:

Exemplary: The school meets most or all standards of good repair. Deficiencies noted, if any, are not significant and/or impact a very small area of the school.

To maintain a safe and secure environment, all individuals that visit the campus as are required to check in at the school office upon arrival and present valid picture identification, obtain and wear a visitor's badge thru the Raptor System, and then return to the school office upon departure.

SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLAN

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for March Middle School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. The Val Verde Unified School District partners with Hour-Zero for school emergency response planning, management, consulting, and training. Hour-Zero specialists support district and school staff with the ongoing development of a comprehensive emergency preparedness program to address critical components of emergency response planning and compliance with federal and state requirements.

Components of March Middle School's safety 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 school's most current safety plan was reviewed, updated, and shared with school staff in November 2019.

MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

School custodial staff and the district's maintenance department work together to ensure playing fields, classrooms, and campus grounds are well-maintained and kept safe and functioning for students, staff, and visitors. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) continues to employ an electronic work order process to facilitate and improve services to March Middle School. Teachers and school staff communicate unscheduled maintenance needs, urgent repairs, or special projects to designated custodial and office support staff who prepare and submit work orders to M&O for resolution. Emergency situations are immediately resolved either by the school custodian or district maintenance staff.

DAILY CLEANING PRACTICES

One day custodian, two evening custodians, and a team of groundskeepers are assigned to March Middle School and work closely with the principal for routine maintenance, daily custodial duties, and special events. The principal and day custodian communicate daily as needed to discuss campus cleaning needs and safety concerns. Every morning before school begins, the day custodian (and in some instances administrators) inspect facilities for safety hazards, graffiti, and other conditions that require immediate attention or removal prior to students and staff entering school grounds. Custodians and the District Security Agent check restrooms after each passing period as a proactive measure to keep restrooms fully stocked, safe, and sanitary.

Custodians are responsible for cleaning campus grounds, classrooms, restrooms, and common areas to ensure facilities remain in good working condition, clean, and safe for students, staff, and visitors. The custodians are required to inspect restrooms a minimum of two times a day and subsequently document restroom inspections in their daily inspection log. All custodians follow approved district standards and procedures for routine custodial functions and campus maintenance. Groundskeepers are on campus once a week and are responsible for general gardening and maintenance work such as trash and debris removal, landscaping care, irrigation system maintenance, and playing field maintenance.

Each custodian is provided one week of intensive training upon employment. Thereafter, training is coordinated by district maintenance supervisors and custodial staff meetings are held twice annually. Training activities in use of equipment and safety procedures are led by district risk management representatives, vendors, and department supervisors. The district's Operations Supervisor visits March Middle School monthly to review custodial performance, discuss campus maintenance needs with the principal, evaluate conditions of the school facility, and follow up on outstanding work order requests.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

All curriculum and instructional improvement activities at Val Verde Unified School District are aligned to the California State Standards. The district's Educational Services Department selects staff development concentrations based on principal feedback, teacher survey results, California State Standards, district benchmark assessment results, and state standardized test results.

During the 2018-19 school year, March Middle School held staff development focused on:

- AVID Strategies
- Bullying Prevention
- CAASPP Training
- CGGI Training
- Close Reading Strategies
- Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Cross Curricular Planning
- Data Analysis
- Depth of Knowledge Training
- Educational Apps
- ELD Instructional Strategies
- Instructional Articulation
- Instructional Technology
- Intervention and Enrichment
- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- Positive Behavior Intervention & Support
- Project Based Learning (PBL)
- Social Skills Lessons
- Student Collaboration Strategies
- Student Engagement Strategies
- The 4 C's
- Thoughtful Classroom Tools
- Unit Plans

During the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 school years, Val Verde Unified School District provided professional development on the following topics:

Suspensions and Expulsions

	March			VVUSD			CA		
	16-17	17-18	18-19	16-17	17-18	18-19	16-17	17-18	18-19
Suspensions	11.80%	11.30%	4.70%	4.90%	5.10%	4.80%	3.60%	3.50%	3.50%
Expulsions	0.36%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.02%	0.00%	0.09%	0.08%	0.10%

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

DISCIPLINE & CLIMATE FOR LEARNING

March Middle School has adopted a schoolwide behavior management plan in alignment with the district policies and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support). The PBIS plan was designed based on input from staff, parents, and students. School staff teach students, through the daily curriculum, the skills to resolve conflicts and take responsibility for their actions. The schoolwide behavior management plan focuses on positive reinforcement strategies to prevent and manage inappropriate or disruptive behavior. Students are given the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and take an active role in correcting misbehavior. Our Running with the PAAC program rewards students for phenomenal academics, achievement, and citizenship. In the fall of 2019 March Middle School was the recipient of the California PBIS Coalition's System of Recognition Silver Award, reflecting excellence in the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

Schoolwide behavioral expectations and class norms are posted in each classroom. As part of the registration process, students and parents are advised of the California Education Code, district policy, and school rules. At the beginning of the school year and at the start of second semester, "Expectation Assemblies" are held, school rules, district policies, and academic expectations are presented to all students. They are also outlined in each student's Academic Organizer. The following March Middle School behavioral expectation are displayed in every classroom:

Mavericks are... Motivated Academic Respectful Caring Honest

Administrators, teachers, and school staff take appropriate opportunities to remind students of their responsibilities to conduct themselves in a safe, responsible, and courteous manner. The Academic Organizer may be used as a vehicle for behavioral skills instruction and written communication between parents and teachers as well as to record class assignment information, homework assignments, grade checks and project due dates. During Advisory Period, video announcements address inappropriate behavior trends and speak to the current climate and culture of the student body.

Progressive disciplinary measures begin in the classroom when students are disruptive or demonstrating poor citizenship. If students continue having difficulty following school rules, teachers may refer the student to the assistant principal or counselor for further intervention. Consequences and disciplinary action are based upon the student's past behavioral trend and severity of infraction. Discipline measures are consistently applied in a fair and firm manner.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

School staff take the opportunity to recognize students for their positive efforts in academics and behavior. Two students are chosen each month for the Superintendent's Award in honor of their excellent efforts in academics and citizenship. At the end of each grading period, awards assemblies are held to recognize students for their individual achievements in academics and attendance. Individuals receiving semester awards are given a certificate of recognition. Students who have shown measurable improvement in either academics or behavior are personally recognized by the principal, assistant principal, or counselor on an informal basis as referred by department teams. Students are recognized at assemblies monthly for Maverick of the Month. Each grading period students are recognized for meeting at least two out of the three PAAC (Phenomenal Attendance, Academics & Citizenship) requirements and can earn special PAAC field trips.

CLASS SIZE

The Average Class Size and Distribution table in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes in each core subject area, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-22 students, 23-32 students, and 33 or more students.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes*		
		1-22	23-32	33+
2016-17				
English	26.0	6	5	9
Mathematics	27.0	4	5	8
Science	29.0	3	4	9
Social Science	29.0	2	5	9
2017-18				
English	24.0	7	10	6
Mathematics	29.0	3	7	7
Science	30.0	2	4	10
Social Science	30.0	2	6	8
2018-19				
English	23.0	10	7	9
Mathematics	27.0	4	8	7
Science	30.0	2	4	11
Social Science	28.0	4	4	10

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

Number of School Days/Topics Dedicated to Staff Development & Continuous Improvement

2017-18	3 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future iReady • Planning for Supports within the PLC • Building Classroom Communities • ELA/ELD Reading & Writing Across Content Areas • Deep Dive Electives 	
2018-19	4 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELD Designated & Integrated • Department Professional Learning Networks (PLNs) • Department Based PLCs Focused on Secondary Assessment Cycle • Breaking Down Barriers: Return of the Equity & Access Superheroes • Deep Dive Electives • MTSS: Tiered Supports to Breaking Down Barriers 	
2019-20	4 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated & Designated ELD Instructional Practices • Early Literacy Strategies • Restorative Practices • Common Collaborative Assessment Process • Math Performance Tasks and Instructional Strategies • Instructional Technology • Equity & Access for All Students • Universal Design for Learning • Professional Learning Communities 	

During the 2019-20 school year, teachers also had the opportunity to participate in the following professional development trainings:

- Restorative Practices & Restorative Circles
- Classroom Management Techniques
- Inclusive Practices
- Redefining "Giftedness"
- Summer EL Institute
- Lego Education for STEAM Learning
- Math Instructional Routines "Capturing Quantities"

Val Verde Unified School District welcomes new teachers and provides intensive training to help them experience success in their new classrooms. For ongoing professional guidance, the district supports new and veteran teachers in developing their teaching skills. California Teachers Induction (CTID) program, a state-sponsored program, is designed for first- and second-year credentialed teachers and provides skills assistance over a two-year period. The Peer Assistance and Review program is designed to improve the education of students and increase the classroom performance of teachers, targeting both new and veteran teachers.

Staff members are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. New teachers, experienced teachers, mentor/teacher leaders, administrators, and support staff are encouraged to participate in workshops sponsored by the district and Riverside County Office of Education. Professional and subject-specific offerings are consistent with the California State Standards.

Special education staff, resource specialist staff, bilingual aides, and instructional aides receive customized training to support the district's educational programs and develop strategies to increase effectiveness in teaching practices. Classified support staff receive job-related training from department supervisors and district representatives; training activities and workshops are designed to enhance and extend job performance. Long-term substitute teachers may be encouraged to participate in site-sponsored activities to enhance their understanding of Val Verde Unified School District's curriculum and classroom management practices.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Leadership at March Middle School is a responsibility shared among school administration, teachers, and parents. The principal and assistant principal work collaboratively as a team to fulfill the many responsibilities associated with overseeing an effective middle school program.

The school leadership team, department teams, program facilitators, English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC), and School Site Council share in the decision-making and administrative processes to create an effective, safe, and nurturing learning environment. The school leadership team, comprised of the principal, principal's secretary, assistant principal, assistant principal's secretary, counselors, instructional coach, and department chairs meet monthly to collectively identify needs of students/staff and communicate current overall social climate on campus (operational, curriculum, and discipline). Department Chair teams meet monthly to address and improve student achievement in all subject areas.

The School Site Council (SSC), consisting of teachers, school administrators, classified staff, and parents, is a major governing body that meets monthly to address school programs, discuss progress in meeting school goals, and serve as a liaison between the community and school administration. On an annual basis, the SSC is responsible for reviewing and approving the school site plan, safety plan, and categorical budgets.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

All textbooks used in the core curriculum throughout Val Verde Unified School District are aligned to 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. Instructional materials for grades 9-12 are standards-based and approved by the district's Board of Education.

On September 3, 2019, the Val Verde Unified School District's Board of Education held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Education adopted Resolution No.19-20-10 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 that 1) textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the district to the extent that each pupil has a standards-aligned 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 are consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in math, science, history-social science, and English/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program, 3) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and 4) sufficient laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12 inclusive. Within a six-week period prior to adoption, parents may preview recommended instructional materials at the district office or the school's office.

In addition to the core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARCs the sufficiency of instructional materials used for its visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2019-20 school year, Val Verde Unified School District certifies that each student, including English learners, enrolled in a visual/performing arts class has been provided with a textbook

Textbooks			
Year Adopted	From Most Recent Adoption?	Publisher and Series	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials
English Language Arts			
2016	Yes	Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt: <i>Collections</i>	0%
2016	Yes	McGraw-Hill: <i>FLEX Literacy</i>	0%
Mathematics			
2014	Yes	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <i>Go! Math</i>	0%
Science			
2019	Yes	McGraw Hill: <i>Inspire Science</i>	0%
Social Science			
2018	Yes	Cengage / National Geographic: <i>World History - Ancient Civilizations</i>	0%
2018	Yes	Cengage / National Geographic: <i>World History - Medieval and Early Modern</i>	0%
2018	Yes	Cengage / National Geographic: <i>American Stories - Beginnings to WWI</i>	0%

or supplemental materials to use in class and to take home. These materials comply with the California State Standards.

SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION

All curriculum and instruction is aligned to the California State Standards and approved by the State Board of Education. Every child receives a rigorous, well-balanced standards-aligned core program. March Middle School structures its educational program so that all students receive instruction appropriate to their learning level. To ensure the success of every student, teachers use a variety of instructional techniques using research-based instructional materials and strategies.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education students are mainstreamed into the general education classroom based upon their IEP (Individual Education Plan) and provided instruction in the least restrictive environment. March Middle School's special education program is staffed by a team of special education teachers and special education aides who provide both full period and full day instruction in special day classes. Resource specialist teachers and resource specialist aides provide individual and small group support inside the general education environment under the direction of classroom teachers (collaborative model and co-teaching model). The three Life Skills and the Applied Behavioral Analysis Autism classes are supported by certificated teachers and instructional aides specially trained to effectively deliver a core curriculum following an applied behavior analysis method.

Each student is provided instruction based upon their IEP, which is reviewed and updated annually by the school's IEP teams. The IEP ensures that students with disabilities have equal access to core curriculum and educational opportunities and is used to coordinate specially-designed instruction based upon individual academic, social, and behavioral needs. March Middle School hosts the Riverside COE Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHH) program on campus.

ENGLISH LEARNER INSTRUCTION

All of March Middle School's teachers are certified and trained to provide instruction for students identified as English Learners (EL). Beginning level EL students receive a double block (two class periods) of English Language Development (ELD) instruction either as a component of or a supplement to their regular Language Arts curriculum. Using McGraw-Hill's *Wonders* curriculum, ELD instruction focuses on reading development, verbal language development, and vocabulary building. One bilingual aide collaborates with classroom teachers to provide in-class small group and individual support based upon student needs.

March Middle School continues to monitor student performance through ELPAC results, benchmark assessments, and classroom observation to adjust instruction as needed to ensure continued success in acquiring the English language and proficiency in reading/language arts.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)

March Middle School offers a Gifted and Talented Education program for students who have been recognized as high achievers by their teachers and through district testing. GATE and high-achieving students are enrolled in college-prep coursework. GATE students are invited to participate in after-school activities/special events, visits to nearby colleges, and college/career path exploration.

AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION)

March Middle School offers the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) program as an elective to interested students. The program targets students with a grade point average ranging from 2.0 to 3.5, and who may be the first of their family members to attend college. AVID equips students with the skills required to be successful in post-secondary education. Communication skills, writing in particular, are strongly emphasized. Organizational, study, and note-taking skills are key elements of the college preparation process.

JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Maverick Scholars is a rigorous pre-AP program for students who are willing to commit to their academics and their community. Each scholar holds a GPA of 3.5 or higher without C's in challenging courses designed to prepare them for high school Advance Placement courses. In addition, each Scholar volunteers 15 hours in their community. They are required to compete in History Day, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, and writing competitions.

INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

March Middle School supports intervention programs to meet the needs of those students not meeting state proficiency standards in reading, language arts, and math. Response to Intervention teams comprised of school administrators, teachers, and parents work together to identify individualized intervention strategies for students, having difficulty with academic or social development, and monitor their progress. Formal intervention programs include:

- Sixth thru Eighth Grade Counseling: students who are failing in academics or in behavior meet with the counselor, student's parent(s), and educational monitoring team to discuss individual needs or strategies to increase performance. Response to Intervention (RTI) is monitored throughout the year.
- Students with a 2.0 GPA: at the end of each semester, the counselor meets as a group with all students who have earned less than a 2.0 GPA (grade point average). The counselor explains the importance of the GPA, good organizational skills, using the Academic Organizer, study strategies, and personal goals.
- Career Exploration: All students participate in the California College Going Initiative (CCGI) through an online program which allows them to explore colleges and careers and develop individual portfolios.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

During the 2018-19 school year, March Middle School had 37 teachers who met all credential requirements in accordance with state guidelines. The chart below identifies the number of teachers at both the school and district who are 1) fully credentialed; 2) without full credentials; 3) teaching outside subject area of competence; 4) misassignments for English learners; 5) total teacher misassignments; and 6) vacant teacher positions. The term "misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

	March			VVUSD		
	17-18	18-19	19-20	17-18	18-19	19-20
Total Teachers	36	37	37	833	841	850
Teachers with Full Credential	35	37	36	805	817	820
Teachers without Full Credential Teaching Outside Subject Area (with full credential)	1	0	1	28	24	30
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teacher Vacancies	0	0	0	0	8	6

*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.*

SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF

Support services staff consist of counselors, psychologists, nurses, health technicians, and special education service providers. Through close collaboration, this expert team is instrumental in improving student attendance and achievement through the identification, referral, and remediation of health and/or emotional concerns.

Counselors are responsible for monitoring student progress, social skills presentations, and working with students and their parents to identify the barriers interfering with the learning process. The psychologist assists with academic, social, and emotional issues, provides assessments to determine eligibility for Special Education services, and facilitates coordination of Individual Education Plans (IEP). The school nurse conducts health screening programs. Health technicians provide basic aid. As a participating member of the Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Val Verde Unified School District and March Middle School have access to a full complement of professional resources and services to meet the individual needs of its students with disabilities.

**Academic Counselors and
Other Support Staff
2018-19**

	No. of Staff	FTE*
Academic Counselor	2	2.0
Adaptive PE Aide	1	0.5
Adaptive PE Teacher	1	0.5
District Security Officers	2	2.0
LVN	1	1.0
Nurse	1	0.2
Psychologist	1	0.6
Speech Pathologist	2	1.0
Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor		387.5

*One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50% of full time.

SARC DATA & INTERNET ACCESS

DATAQUEST

DataQuest is an online data tool located at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about March Middle School and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. DataQuest provides reports for school accountability, including but not limited to, CAASPP results, Physical Fitness results, Suspensions and Expulsions, Dropout & Graduation Rates, enrollment, and staffing statistics.

PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS LOCATION

Parents may access March Middle School's SARC and access the internet at any of the county's public libraries. The closest library to March Middle School is Moreno Valley Public Library located at 25480 Alessandro Blvd., Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

Moreno Valley Public Library
(951) 413-3880
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-8
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 12-5

Number of computers available: 15 adult computers and 10 children's computers
Number of printers available: 1

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

SALARY & BUDGET COMPARISON

State law requires comparative salary and budget information to be reported to the general public. For comparison purposes, the State Department of Education has provided average salary data from school districts having similar average daily attendance throughout the state.

EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT

For the 2017-18 school year, Val Verde Unified School District spent an average of \$11,189 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2017-18 audited financial statements and in accordance with calculations defined in Education Code §41372). The table in this report 1) compares the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) and restricted (supplemental) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and 2) compares the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding expenditures and salaries can be found at the CDE web site at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/ and www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/. (The figures shown in the table below reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.)

Teacher and Administrative Salaries 2017-18

	VVUSD	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	52,045	51,374
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	84,387	80,151
Highest Teacher Salary	112,391	100,143
Average Principal Salaries:		
Elementary School	136,895	126,896
Middle School	144,176	133,668
High School	146,638	143,746
Superintendent Salary	244,394	245,810
Percentage of Budget For:		
Teacher Salaries	31.0	35.0
Administrative Salaries	5.0	5.0

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

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teachers Salaries 2017-18

Expenditures Per Pupil	Dollars Spent Per Student				
	March	VVUSD	% Difference - School and District	State Average for Districts of Same Size and Type	% Difference - School and State
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	12,224	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted (Supplemental)	3,142	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted (Basic)	9,082	5,473	165.9%	7,507	72.9%
Average Teacher Salary	114,458	83,822	136.5%	82,031	139.5%

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

In addition to general fund state funding, Val Verde Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2017-18 school year, the district received federal, state, and local aid for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive
- California Clean Energy Jobs Act
- Career & Technical Education Program
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
- College Readiness Block Grant
- Education Protection Account
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Medi-Cal Billing Option
- Ongoing & Major Maintenance Account
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Special Education
- State Lottery
- STRS On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Title I, II, III, IX
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education