

Yucca Elementary School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2015-16 School Year

Published During 2016-17

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2016-17)

School Contact Information	
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2016-17)

Palmdale School District Mission Statement

The mission of the Palmdale School District is to provide each child with a rigorous and relevant academic education, a safe learning environment and the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for success in the 21st Century.

Yucca Elementary is a TK-6 Title I school in the Palmdale School District, located on the east side of Palmdale. Yucca Elementary was built in 1955 and is one of the oldest schools of the twenty-six schools in the Palmdale School District. It is located in the center of town in a low socio-economically disadvantaged community. Yucca serves a diverse and transient community of approximately 734 learners in grades Transitional Kindergarten through 6th of which approximately 95% or more are eligible for free and reduced lunch. 82% of the student population is Hispanic/Latino; the African American population comprises 15%; Caucasian is 2% and other comprises 1%. Yucca's English Language Learner population is over 50%.

Yucca has twenty-seven classroom teachers, one Language Support Teacher, an EL Instructional Coach, part time school psychologist, two resource teachers and a speech and language teacher on staff that are fully credentialed. The teachers and support staff have received training in the Common Core Standards as well as the new ELD Standards. We are currently implementing all components of these standards as part of our commitment to preparing students for the 21st Century. Our staff works diligently to ensure that our reading instruction is uninterrupted. Teachers use a variety of teaching modalities and strategies to address the learning styles of all students. A Response To Instruction model has been fully embraced in order to meet the academic and behavioral needs of the students. Targeted instruction is provided daily to all students that require academic interventions. Yucca provides students with a before and after school intervention program, reading and math tutoring, a computer lab, and other community activities that are designed to enhance personal and academic growth.

Yucca is committed to students academical but also to their social emotional needs. The school provides character assemblies, luncheons with the school administration for those students chosen for the character trait award, cafeteria contests, school resource deputy contests, anti- bullying lessons and activities, field trips and science camp which is free for 5th and 6th graders.

Yucca's School Plan offers the on going opportunity for teachers to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate a meaningful standards-based curriculum for all students.

The school's goals, objectives and activities have been identified and written in part, based on needs expressed through teacher, student and parent surveys. Also used to guide instruction is the analysis of District LPM and the CELDT assessment. These goals, objectives and activities are established to improve instruction at Yucca, and to provide students an opportunity to meet grade level, district and state standards.

The Principal, Assistant Principal, Learning Support Teacher, in collaboration with the Leadership Team, School Site Council, and ELAC developed the plan and will continue to work towards the yearly implementation, evaluation and revision of this plan.

The Yucca School community is committed to promoting a positive learning environment that fosters and nurtures a love of life-long learning for all students. Our mission is to help all students:

- develop and maintain oral language proficiency
- master basic skills
- develop critical thinking skills
- demonstrate respect for self and others
- become productive citizens
- maintain cognitive engagement in all academic areas

We are a school that believes that all children will:

- reach their full potential
- develop respect for self and others
- become productive citizens

A successful school experience is the foundation to life-long learning. Recognizing this, we commit to providing a safe, healthy, and caring environment.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2015-16)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	154
Grade 1	121
Grade 2	95
Grade 3	93
Grade 4	114
Grade 5	99
Grade 6	106
Total Enrollment	782

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	14.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.6
Asian	0.3
Filipino	0.1
Hispanic or Latino	82.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	1.3
Two or More Races	1.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	98
English Learners	42.5
Students with Disabilities	7.5
Foster Youth	4

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair.

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17
With Full Credential	28	26	29	810
Without Full Credential	0	0	3	31
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
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.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2015-16)

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	88.8	11.2
High-Poverty Schools in District	89.0	11.0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	61.9	38.1

Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2016-17)

Year and month in which data were collected: September 2015

All students are provided with appropriate textbooks in each curriculum area.

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	K-6 ELA/ELD: Houghton Mifflin Medallions 2010 7-8 ELA: Pearson Literature California 2010 7-8 ELD: Pearson Language Central 2010 4-8 Core Replacement: Cambium Learning Group - Language! 2010	Yes	0

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Mathematics	Math K-5: Eureka/Engage New York Math 2015 Math 6 – 8: Houghton Mifflin Math Big Ideas 2015	Yes	0
Science	K-6: Harcourt California Edition Science 2007 7-8: Holt, Rinehart, & Winston 2007	Yes	0
History-Social Science	K-6: Macmillan McGraw Hill 2007 7-8: McDougal Littell 2006	Yes	0
Foreign Language	7-8: Pearson Learning 2011	Yes	0

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Yucca School takes pride and strives to provide a safe, secure and clean environment for learning. School gates and entrances are locked during school hours. Yucca complies with the district's secure campus policy in order to ensure the safety of our staff and students. Parents, volunteers and community members must sign in at the front lobby before visiting during school hours. Students are supervised at the front gate as they come in and onto the playground by our noon duty supervisors, administrators and teachers. Bathroom facilities are checked every morning and systematically throughout the day for cleanliness, supplies and repairs. Our nighttime custodial staff performs basic cleaning operations throughout the school on a regular basis.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

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Year and month of the most recent FIT report: July 2016				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			

Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: July 2016				
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
			X	

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- **Statewide assessments** (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study

CAASPP Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
English Language Arts/Literacy	14	22	29	31	44	48
Mathematics	11	14	19	19	34	36

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	3	93	90	96.8	23.3
	4	113	113	100.0	20.4
	5	98	96	98.0	22.9
	6	105	100	95.2	21.0
Male	3	43	42	97.7	23.8
	4	58	58	100.0	15.5
	5	48	46	95.8	21.7
	6	55	51	92.7	25.5
Female	3	50	48	96.0	22.9
	4	55	55	100.0	25.4
	5	50	50	100.0	24.0
	6	50	49	98.0	16.3
Black or African American	3	12	12	100.0	50.0
	4	14	14	100.0	7.1
	6	13	13	100.0	
Hispanic or Latino	3	77	74	96.1	18.9
	4	95	95	100.0	22.1

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
	5	87	85	97.7	21.2
	6	86	81	94.2	25.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	91	88	96.7	23.9
	4	112	112	100.0	19.6
	5	93	91	97.8	24.2
	6	104	99	95.2	21.2
English Learners	3	37	35	94.6	2.9
	4	47	47	100.0	2.1
	5	35	33	94.3	
	6	25	22	88.0	
Students with Disabilities	4	15	15	100.0	

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 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.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2015-16)**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	3	93	91	97.8	25.3
	4	113	113	100.0	11.5
	5	98	97	99.0	5.2
	6	106	103	97.2	13.6
Male	3	43	42	97.7	28.6
	4	58	58	100.0	12.1
	5	48	47	97.9	6.4
	6	56	54	96.4	16.7
Female	3	50	49	98.0	22.4
	4	55	55	100.0	10.9
	5	50	50	100.0	4.0
	6	50	49	98.0	10.2
Black or African American	3	12	12	100.0	16.7
	4	14	14	100.0	
	6	13	13	100.0	
Hispanic or Latino	3	77	75	97.4	26.7

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		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
	4	95	95	100.0	12.6
	5	87	86	98.8	3.5
	6	87	84	96.5	16.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	91	89	97.8	24.7
	4	112	112	100.0	10.7
	5	93	92	98.9	5.4
	6	104	101	97.1	13.9
English Learners	3	37	36	97.3	8.3
	4	47	47	100.0	
	5	35	34	97.1	
	6	26	25	96.2	
Students with Disabilities	4	15	15	100.0	

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 on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	28	25	28	48	49	40	60	56	54

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group
Grades Five, Eight, and Ten (School Year 2015-16)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	# of Students with Valid Scores	% of Students with Valid Scores	% of Students Proficient or Advanced
All Students	98	97	99.0	27.8
Male	48	47	97.9	34.0
Female	50	50	100.0	22.0
Hispanic or Latino	87	86	98.9	26.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	93	92	98.9	29.4
English Learners	35	34	97.1	8.8

Note: Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The “Proficient or Advanced” is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores.

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Other Pupil Outcomes State Priority (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2015-16)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	16.3	14.1	12

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2016-17)

Yucca Elementary strives to provide a welcoming environment which encourages parent and community involvement. Parents and community members play an important role in the implementation of all educational programs at our school. Parents are also involved in school governance through our School Site Council, School Leadership, and English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC).

The School Site Council (SSC) meets eight times a year and consists of parents, teachers, staff members, and administration. The purpose of this committee is to review and assess the effectiveness of the Yucca School Accountability Plan. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. The English Learner Advisory Committee or ELAC meets monthly to advise the staff and administration on programs and services for all English learner students. are also highly attended by Yucca parents and give Yucca students opportunities to shine in their academic and behavioral efforts. In order to make all parents feel welcome, Yucca provides translators on site for those who are not native English-speakers.

Yucca continues to encourage parents to join the school PTA and volunteer in the classrooms or work in the parent center. There are additional opportunities for parents to become involved through attending Back to School Night, Family Nights, PIQE, Parenting Partners and Semester Award Ceremonies.

State Priority: School Climate

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

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

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions	9.8	4.2	6.9	6.4	5.6	5.3	4.4	3.8	3.7
Expulsions	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2016-17)

Yucca School Safety Plan encompasses all aspects of safety on campus. Included are: a responsibility plan for staff members during an emergency, a dispersal and organizational plan, school personnel responsibilities, various plans for different types of emergencies such as fire and earthquake. The school staff received a copy of the Yucca Safety Plan along with the Site Emergency Preparedness Plan. Under the leadership of the principal, assistant principal, and the site safety committee meet monthly to make decisions regarding strategies to improve the safety of the school, students, staff, and visitors. All teachers have receive yearly in-service training to review safety guidelines and expectations. Yucca executes a monthly fire drill, drop and cover drill, and yearly disaster drill.

D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2016-17)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	1997-1998	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement*	Year 5	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	23
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	88.5

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2013-14			2014-15			2015-16					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	33		2	3	24	2	8		32	0	3	1
1	29		4		26		6		28	0	4	0
2	29		5		27		8		24	0	4	0
3	30		4		27	1	8		31	0	3	0
4	30		4		31		6		28	0	4	0
5	23	1	4		26		8		33	0	1	2
6	26	1	4		26		6		36	0	0	3

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

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2015-16)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	.5	N/A
Psychologist	.5	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1	N/A
Resource Specialist	2	N/A
Other	0	N/A

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

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

Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2014-15)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	\$275.25	\$205.40	\$69.84	\$51,245.86
District	N/A	N/A	\$85.08	\$71,737
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-17.9	-24.0
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,677	\$75,137
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-98.7	-29.8

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Yucca School receives funds from Title 1 and LCAP that provide staff with new materials, equipment and training. These funds also allow Yucca School to provide after school intervention programs, Instructional Aides, RTI(Response to Intervention) and a student behavior interventionist. Funding sources include: Title I and LCAP monies..

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2014-15)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$37,935	\$44,573
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$69,045	\$72,868
Highest Teacher Salary	\$82,275	\$92,972
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$110,473	\$116,229
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$108,565	\$119,596
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$121,883
Superintendent Salary	\$200,850	\$201,784
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	34%	39%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Teachers meet frequently within and across grade levels in professional learning communities and lesson studies to plan and discuss the California Common Core standards, Instructional Units, Engage New York and 21st Century Skills. A teacher survey is taken at the end of the school year that guides site professional development decisions. Student data is also used to determine professional development offerings. Sites design specific professional development based on the Common Core standards, the California Standards for the Teaching Profession, and research-based practices.

Educational Services, Special Education, English Learners, Student Assessment and Accountability, and Teacher Support departments participate in the planning and implementation of District staff development activities. Courses are offered throughout the year on week nights and Saturdays.

Trainings are also offered during the summer months on content specific and professional areas such as SIOP, Teacher Leaders, English Language Arts, mathematics workshops, unpacking standards, and intervention programs. Administration training focuses on the development of Professional Learning Communities Thinking Maps, and teacher supervision of Common Core Standards.

Conference and convention attendance, in-service meetings and staff collaboration offers additional opportunities for professional growth. Teachers observe other professionals, engage in peer coaching and work with mentors and grade level or departmental colleagues.