

Palm Tree 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

To support our vision, we will implement priorities, actions, and services targeted to staff, students, and parents designed to equip Palmdale School District's students to live their lives to their full potential.

School Profile:

Palm Tree Elementary School is one of twenty-six schools in the Palmdale School District and is located in a low socio-economic status area. Palm Tree serves a diverse community of approximately 700 students in grades Transitional Kindergarten through Sixth. This diverse population includes about 78% Hispanic, 16% African American, 10% White, and 1% Asian/Pacific Islander students. Many of our Kindergartners come from the Head Start Preschool located on site. Palm Tree is currently in Year 5 of Program Improvement.

Palm Tree has 26 classroom teachers on staff, all of whom have full credentials and hold CLAD/BCLAD certification. We also have a Learning Support Teacher, 5 Instructional Aides and 3 Bilingual-Instructional Aides who provide additional support to our staff and students.

We have incorporated a variety of intervention programs and extended learning opportunities for our students to help address their academic and individual needs. Selection for intervention is based on results of California, District, and common formative assessments. Referred students in grades K through 6 are assessed and diagnosed, intervention is prescribed, progress is monitored, and changes in program are made when necessary. In addition, our 3rd through 6th grade teachers have undergone Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) training, which has been implemented in our 4th - 6th grade classes.

Palm Tree is committed to the teaching practices and pedagogies that are an integral part of being a Common Core State Standards based curriculum school. We firmly believe in the value of building a professional learning community, and are continuously evaluating, collaborating, and communicating what is essential to achieving this goal.

"Palm Tree: An Oasis of Education"

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	123
Grade 1	91
Grade 2	86
Grade 3	93
Grade 4	104
Grade 5	108
Grade 6	106
Total Enrollment	711

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	15.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.3
Asian	0.1
Filipino	1.3
Hispanic or Latino	74.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	6.2
Two or More Races	0.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	90.6
English Learners	31.6
Students with Disabilities	10.5
Foster Youth	4.9

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	30	27	27	810
Without Full Credential	0	0	1	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	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.

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	88.9	11.1
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
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)

A priority for Palm Tree School is to provide a safe, secure, and clean environment for learning. The school is comprised of 37 classrooms, two computer labs, a library, a speech room, and a Learning Center. The computer labs support IXL, Imagine Learning, educational websites and SBAC technologies. There are three administrative offices, a main reception area, health office and a cafeteria for meals and assemblies. The cafeteria staff serves lunch daily to over 640 students. We are a Breakfast in the Classroom school. Our custodial staff maintains each classroom and other school facilities. In addition, our students help keep the campus clean as part of our Campus Beautification program. Currently, we are in need of new playground equipment.

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	27	35	29	31	44	48
Mathematics	17	21	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	97	96	99.0	25.0
	4	108	105	97.2	32.4
	5	107	105	98.1	43.8
	6	110	108	98.2	38.9
Male	3	42	42	100.0	23.8
	4	55	53	96.4	22.6
	5	47	47	100.0	46.8
	6	58	58	100.0	37.9
Female	3	55	54	98.2	25.9
	4	53	52	98.1	42.3
	5	60	58	96.7	41.4
	6	52	50	96.2	40.0
Black or African American	3	17	17	100.0	17.6
	4	17	17	100.0	17.6
	5	16	14	87.5	21.4
	6	15	15	100.0	13.3
Hispanic or Latino	3	73	72	98.6	25.0
	4	81	78	96.3	33.3
	5	81	81	100.0	46.9
	6	85	83	97.7	42.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	89	88	98.9	23.9
	4	94	91	96.8	30.8
	5	98	96	98.0	41.7
	6	93	91	97.8	37.4
English Learners	3	30	29	96.7	
	4	29	29	100.0	6.9
	5	18	18	100.0	16.7
	6	15	15	100.0	13.3
Students with Disabilities	5	11	11	100.0	27.3
	6	12	12	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	97	97	100.0	23.7
	4	107	104	97.2	20.2
	5	107	105	98.1	16.2
	6	109	108	99.1	23.4
Male	3	42	42	100.0	35.7
	4	54	52	96.3	15.4
	5	47	47	100.0	23.4
	6	58	58	100.0	24.1
Female	3	55	55	100.0	14.6
	4	53	52	98.1	25.0
	5	60	58	96.7	10.3
	6	51	50	98.0	22.4
Black or African American	3	17	17	100.0	17.6
	4	16	16	100.0	6.3
	5	16	14	87.5	7.1
	6	14	14	100.0	7.1
Hispanic or Latino	3	73	73	100.0	21.9
	4	81	78	96.3	21.8
	5	81	81	100.0	14.8
	6	85	84	98.8	24.1
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	89	89	100.0	22.5
	4	93	90	96.8	15.6
	5	98	96	98.0	13.5
	6	92	91	98.9	20.0
English Learners	3	30	30	100.0	10.0
	4	29	29	100.0	3.5
	5	18	18	100.0	
	6	15	15	100.0	
Students with Disabilities	5	11	11	100.0	
	6	12	12	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)	48	35	46	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	107	105	98.1	45.7
Male	47	47	100.0	48.9
Female	60	58	96.7	43.1
Black or African American	16	14	87.5	35.7
Hispanic or Latino	81	81	100.0	48.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	98	96	98.0	44.8
English Learners	18	18	100.0	22.2
Students with Disabilities	11	11	100.0	45.5

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	30.5	20	28.6

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)

At Palm Tree Elementary parents and community members play an important role in the implementation of all educational programs at our school. Our Program Liaison works and assists in establishing parent school relationships; maintaining direct communication channels between our families and the school; specific programs on campus; Parents are also involved in school governance through our School Site Council (SSC), African American Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC), and English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC). We have a growing body of PTO members who are active in improving our school environment and aiding in special projects. We have also created a Family Center on campus where volunteer parents/guardians can come on campus and assist the school in varied areas throughout the school day. Parent education classes (such as Parenting Partners) and family nights have helped to create an atmosphere of cooperation and support among family and staff; Monthly parent information meetings (Coffee with the Principal) are held with the administration and have addressed the special needs of our diverse student population.

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	4.4	5.0	3.6	6.4	5.6	5.3	4.4	3.8	3.7
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2016-17)

The 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 emergencies such as fire, earthquake and stranger on campus, before, after and during school supervision plans, and a problem and resolution checklist. All staff members have possession of the current School Safety Plan and drills are held on a monthly basis to familiarize the staff and students with proper procedures and expected behavior during emergencies. The school adheres to the policies and procedures designated by the District, and participates in the monthly District Safety Committee meetings.

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	2009-2010	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	23	2	4		18	6	8		22	1	2	0
1	27	1	3		26	2	6		26	0	3	0
2	25	1	4		23		6		29	0	3	0
3	24	1	4		30		9		32	0	3	0
4	31		4		27		8		26	1	3	0
5	28		4		29		8		27	1	3	0
6	32		2	1	40		2	4	27	0	4	0
Other									10	3	0	0

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		
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)		N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	.5	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist	.8	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0	N/A
Resource Specialist	.5	N/A
Other		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	\$377.44	\$294.78	\$82.66	\$59,948.36
District	N/A	N/A	\$85.08	\$71,737
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-2.8	-11.1
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,677	\$75,137
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-98.5	-17.9

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

1. Staff Development
2. Intervention cycle by teachers and instructional assistants
3. Extended Learning Opportunities –
 - A. After School Program

4. Parental Involvement and Education - Parenting Partners, Parent Nights, Coffee with the Principal, and Latino Family Literacy program
5. After School arts program - LAITY Arts provides computer animation, visual art, and dance classes (this is a parent fee for service but it is an option for all students).
6. Boys and Girls Club after-school program

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 collaborative team meetings and lesson studies to plan and discuss how they will coordinate instruction. A teacher survey is taken at the end of the school year that guides site professional development and in-service selection decisions. Student data is also used to determine professional development offerings as well as student clinic (intervention and enrichment) needs. Sites design specific professional development based on Common Core State 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.

Our LST attended Training of Trainers to become a trainer in Thinking Maps. Most of our teachers received Thinking Maps training in the 14/15 school year. Our LST will train any teacher who did not receive the training. She will also follow up with training updates on Thinking Maps.

Teachers will receive professional development on Traumatic Sensitive Training and Race and Culture Training through The Howard Group along with EL Coaching with Elizabeth Salinas.

Trainings are also offered during the summer months on content specific and professional areas such as SIOP, Teacher Leaders, English Language Arts, mathematics workshops, and intervention programs. Administration training focuses on the development of learning communities and school culture development.

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.