

Palmdale Learning Plaza

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.

DataQuest

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2016-17)

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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 implement our vision with actions and services targeted to students, parents, and staff so our students can live their lives to their full potential.

Palmdale Learning Plaza Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Palmdale Learning Plaza is to challenge students to strive for excellence; to teach students to be resilient, confident, lifelong learners; to create rich, enjoyable, educational experiences for all students; and to facilitate the development of our students modeled upon the tenets of the International Baccalaureate Organization. We recognize the individuality of each child and implement practices in a safe, positive, and caring atmosphere to engage the whole child - physically, emotionally, and intellectually. We offer a rigorous academic program founded upon Common Core State Standards and practices to provide the best preparation for the challenges and complexities of the 21st century. We also teach our students to be globally-minded, ethical, and empathetic individuals to help establish a philosophy of life that will promote a "more just and peaceful world". As an International Baccalaureate School, offering both the Primary Years Program and the Middle Years Program, it is our mission to create an inquiry-based and interdisciplinary program with an emphasis on character development, intellectual growth, compassion, global awareness, community/family partnerships, and a focus on the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile. The staff of the Palmdale Learning Plaza are reflective practitioners, passionate about their craft, and committed to their own personal and professional growth. The Palmdale Learning Plaza facility is clean, safe, aesthetically pleasing, and is a source of pride for students, staff, parents, and the community.

Vision:

Palmdale Learning Plaza is a world-class educational institution, committed to learning, and passionate about educating the whole child. Palmdale Learning Plaza offers a rigorous International Baccalaureate education to prepare all students for personal success and the global challenges of the 21st century.

The Palmdale Learning Plaza (PLP) is a K-8 School of Choice. Attendance area covers the Western and Eastern Region of Palmdale School District and draws about 50 students from outside the Palmdale School District. PLP has 29 general education, K-8, and three Special Day Class (SDC) Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) classes, pre-K to 6th.

PLP is administered by a principal and an assistant principal. Including administration, the front office staff is comprised of a secretary, and a part time bilingual clerk, a full-time health clerk, and a full time parent community liaison. The Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) DHH program is housed on the PLP campus, employing one DHH program specialist who is also an audiologist, one DHH clerk, 4 DHH itinerate teachers, and three DHH classroom teachers. Additionally, PLP has a full-time learning support teacher (LST), a full-time IB Coordinator, a full-time speech and language pathologist (SLP), full time school psychologist, half-time guidance counselor, a half-time library clerk, two resource specialists (RSP), and three custodians.

The Palmdale Learning Plaza functions with a traditional school year calendar. We have 180 instructional school days. With the exception of the DHH pre-K and kindergarten, all students in K-6 attend school all day for a total of 339 minutes and 7-8 attend a school day of 363 minutes.

Palmdale Learning Plaza has 802 students. Our student population reflects the diverse community of Palmdale: 75% are Hispanic, 10% White, 11% African American, 1% Asian, 1% Filipino, 12% American Indian/Alaskan, and rest are of other ethnicities. 20% of our students are EL, 18% RFEP, 12% GATE, 13% Students w/Disabilities, and 78% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged.

PLP operates under a School Based Coordinated Plan with programs that include Special Education (DHH, RSP, Speech, APE), Title I, and ELL.

PLP is in Year 4 of Program Improvement.

Palmdale Learning Plaza is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School Primary Years Program (PYP). The IB PYP authorization covers grades K-6. The PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside, and of the heart as well as the mind. We aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. PLP teachers have created a rich educational environment requiring academic excellence through continuous improvement, self-renewal through reflection, and creativity for students. Through concept-driven inquiry, every student in kindergarten through sixth grade is deeply engaged in the Program of Inquiry, a balanced program of concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes and actions.

Our program encourages students to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners as outlined in the IB Learner Profile and IB Attitudes. We hope to provide them with a global perspective and rigor in their studies, simultaneously challenging them to take socially responsible action as a result of their learning experiences. PLP students demonstrate their learning with tangible, relevant products including models, performances, portfolios, exhibits, and major projects. They gain an understanding of the value of teamwork through the completion of group projects. In the final year of the program, students complete the PYP Exhibition, a significant event in the life of our school and students. This special long term project and exhibit provides an opportunity for our sixth grade students to synthesize and exhibit the essential elements of their PYP journey.

This school year our seventh and eighth grades (middle school), who are staffed by single-subject teachers, will enter year one of the IB Middle Years Program (MYP) authorization. In addition, our sixth grade staff will also be part of middle school beginning in 2017-2018 so they will be part of the MYP. During this school year, we are in the process to receive IB Middle Years Program (MYP) authorization which requires all of our middle school teaching staff to receive IB training.

School Facilities:

Palmdale Learning Plaza houses 36 classrooms, computer lab, science lab, library, media center, performing arts room, kitchen, cafeteria, and full gymnasium that, when combined with the cafeteria, opens into a theater. 32 of the 36 classrooms are utilized for general education and SDC classrooms. The four remaining classrooms are used by the RSP, LST and PE teachers. PLP has two smaller classrooms, about 1/5 the size of regular classrooms, which are utilized for SLP and DHH services. Additionally, we have a PTA office, a psychologist's office and an office for counseling services.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	87
Grade 1	84
Grade 2	89
Grade 3	89
Grade 4	92
Grade 5	92
Grade 6	96
Grade 7	85
Grade 8	88
Total Enrollment	802

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	11.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.1
Asian	1.2
Filipino	1.1
Hispanic or Latino	73.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4
White	10.8
Two or More Races	0.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	77.6
English Learners	20.4
Students with Disabilities	10
Foster Youth	0.4

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	39	29	40	810
Without Full Credential	0	1	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	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	91.2	8.8
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)

The Learning Plaza is located at Rayburn Road and Division Street in Palmdale. The building is eleven years old and is in excellent condition. We take pride in keeping our school grounds and buildings clean on a regular basis. It is our policy to maintain our classrooms and restrooms in a clean and orderly manner on a daily basis with the support of the day and evening custodial staff. Our staff monitors the grounds and restrooms on a regular basis. The district policy is to make necessary repairs as quickly as possible to keep the facilities in a safe and working condition. A work order process is in place to assist in providing these services.

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	42	46	29	31	44	48
Mathematics	35	35	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	89	89	100.0	32.6
	4	91	91	100.0	33.0
	5	93	93	100.0	46.2
	6	96	96	100.0	51.0
	7	85	85	100.0	49.4
	8	90	90	100.0	61.1
Male	3	51	51	100.0	27.4
	4	43	43	100.0	23.3
	5	45	45	100.0	40.0
	6	38	38	100.0	39.5
	7	42	42	100.0	40.5
	8	39	39	100.0	69.2
Female	3	38	38	100.0	39.5
	4	48	48	100.0	41.7
	5	48	48	100.0	52.1
	6	58	58	100.0	58.6
	7	43	43	100.0	58.1
	8	51	51	100.0	54.9
Black or African American	3	13	13	100.0	23.1
	5	14	14	100.0	57.1
	7	13	13	100.0	38.5
	8	19	19	100.0	68.4
Hispanic or Latino	3	56	56	100.0	28.6
	4	74	74	100.0	33.8
	5	67	67	100.0	38.8
	6	74	74	100.0	47.3
	7	57	57	100.0	47.4
	8	57	57	100.0	54.4
White	3	16	16	100.0	56.3
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	62	62	100.0	29.0
	4	77	77	100.0	32.5
	5	77	77	100.0	39.0
	6	75	75	100.0	46.7
	7	66	66	100.0	45.5
	8	72	72	100.0	58.3
English Learners	4	16	16	100.0	

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
	7	13	13	100.0	
Students with Disabilities	5	11	11	100.0	
	6	13	13	100.0	
	7	13	13	100.0	7.7

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.

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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	89	89	100.0	46.1
	4	91	91	100.0	22.0
	5	93	93	100.0	18.3
	6	96	96	100.0	35.4
	7	85	85	100.0	40.0
	8	85	85	100.0	40.0
Male	3	51	51	100.0	49.0
	4	43	43	100.0	20.9
	5	45	45	100.0	20.0
	6	38	38	100.0	28.9
	7	42	42	100.0	40.5
	8	42	42	100.0	40.5
Female	3	38	38	100.0	42.1
	4	48	48	100.0	22.9
	5	48	48	100.0	16.7
	6	58	58	100.0	39.7
	7	43	43	100.0	39.5
	8	43	43	100.0	39.5
Black or African American	3	13	13	100.0	46.1
	5	14	14	100.0	21.4
	7	13	13	100.0	38.5
	8	13	13	100.0	38.5
Hispanic or Latino	3	56	56	100.0	42.9

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
	4	74	74	100.0	24.3
	5	67	67	100.0	14.9
	6	74	74	100.0	31.1
	7	57	57	100.0	33.3
	8	57	57	100.0	33.3
White	3	16	16	100.0	56.3
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	62	62	100.0	45.2
	4	77	77	100.0	20.8
	5	77	77	100.0	15.6
	6	75	75	100.0	29.3
	7	66	66	100.0	34.9
	8	66	66	100.0	34.9
English Learners	4	16	16	100.0	
	7	13	13	100.0	
	8	13	13	100.0	
Students with Disabilities	5	11	11	100.0	
	6	13	13	100.0	7.7
	7	13	13	100.0	
	8	13	13	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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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 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)	68	74	54	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	183	183	100.0	54.1
Male	84	84	100.0	59.5
Female	99	99	100.0	49.5
Black or African American	33	33	100.0	63.6
Hispanic or Latino	124	124	100.0	46.8
White	17	17	100.0	82.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	149	149	100.0	47.7
Students with Disabilities	18	18	100.0	16.7

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	24.7	25.8	23.7
7	4.8	28.6	60.7

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)

Palmdale Learning Plaza encourages parent involvement. The parents can be involved in a variety of school activities: classrooms volunteers, School Site Council (SSC), Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), English Language Advisory Council (ELAC), African-American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC), Superintendent’s Advisory Council (SAC), Parent Academy, and Parenting Partners workshops.

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	2.8	2.9	2.8	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 Palmdale Learning Plaza has developed a comprehensive School Safety Plan and Emergency Preparedness Plan. The plans were reviewed and updated in September, 2016. All staff members are trained and required to become knowledgeable with the plans and adhere to their provisions set forth in case of an emergency. The plans include information regarding earthquakes, floods, fire, smog, school riots, severe weather, community riots, external violent threats, bomb threats, chemical spills, fallen aircraft, nuclear explosion, and power outages.

Evacuation plans have been updated and staff responsibility flowcharts have been distributed to all staff members. Fire drills are held monthly. The California Great Shakeout was held on October 20, 2016. A lock-down drill is scheduled for March 2017 and ALICE training will be provided to the staff before May 2017.

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	2011-2012	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement*	Year 3	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	22	1	3		26		6		28	0	3	0
1	30		3		29		6		28	0	3	0
2	30		3		30		6		29	0	3	0
3	30		3		29		6		28	0	3	0
4	19	3	4		30		6		30	0	3	0
5	23	2	3		30		6		30	0	3	0
6	16	5	3		22	3	5	1	30	0	3	0
Other					7	4			2	7	0	0

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2013-14				2014-15				2015-16			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	21	6	8		25	2	12		19	9	8	0
Mathematics	23	3	10		26	2	12		17	12	8	0
Science	25	1	6		23	2	6		29	0	6	0
Social Science	25	1	6		26	1	6		29	0	6	0

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

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)	.5	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	.5	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist	1	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1	N/A
Resource Specialist		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	\$414.68	\$331.59	\$83.10	\$63,715.57
District	N/A	N/A	\$85.08	\$71,737
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-2.3	-5.5
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,677	\$75,137
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-98.4	-12.7

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

In conjunction with our rigorous academic programs, numerous support programs are offered at Palmdale Learning Plaza. Programs include: Title I, Resource Specialist (RSP), Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), English Language Development (ELD), Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH), Speech, Psychological and Academic Testing, International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP), and candidate school for Middle Years Program (MYP), Physical Education, and Adaptive Physical Education.

Additionally, we offer a variety of clubs and activities: Arabic club, IB Service Learning, ASB, Yearbook, Speech and Debate, Robotics, Science Olympiad, Cyberquest, Intramural Sports, and Accelerated Reader. Tutoring classes are offered before and after school.

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 lesson studies and grade specific institutes to plan and discuss what they are doing and how to 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. 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.

Conference and convention attendance (IB/CABE), 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.

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. Training is also offered during the summer months on content specific and professional areas such as International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, Primary Years Program (PYP) and Middle Years Program (PYP), Teacher Leaders, English Language Arts, mathematics workshops, unpacking standards, intervention programs, and meeting the needs of GATE students. Administration training focuses on the development of Professional Learning Communities and data analysis.