

Palo Verde Elementary School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2018-19 School Year

Published During 2019-20

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

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

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

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About This School

School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Palo Verde Elementary School
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County-District-School (CDS) Code	43696410000000

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Palo Alto Unified School District
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Superintendent	Dr. Don Austin
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2019-20)

Palo Verde Elementary School is a K-5 campus with approximately 400 students. The school neighborhood is bounded by Highway 101 on the east, Middlefield Road on the west, Oregon Expressway on the north, and Charleston Road on the south.

Class size for kindergarten is 19. First, second and third grades average 22 students per room. Fourth and fifth grades average 21 students per classroom. Average daily attendance exceeds 97%.

We are a community that celebrates social, economic, cultural, linguistic, and ethnic diversity. Based on survey data, we know our school serves a student population that speak 24 different languages at home. We also know from our data collection that the majority of Palo Verde parents work in professional, technical or managerial employment, and less than half work in sectors of trade and service. Though the majority of families own their homes, a sizable number of students live in rental properties.

Palo Verde teachers and staff work hard to provide a consistent, positive and supportive learning environment for all students. There are clear and standards for behavior that our classrooms try to promote through cooperative learning, community building, and leadership opportunities. Throughout campus, teachers open the day with morning meetings, invite parent volunteers for programs such as Project Cornerstone, and collaborate closely with fellow professionals. The adults on campus model what cooperative learning, problem-solving, and self-advocacy look like. They encourage students to do the same with intentional practice and guided support.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to develop responsible and engaged learners through a curriculum that allows all students to succeed and grow academically. Students are supported in a nurturing environment that fosters resilience and tolerance of others. Our community of caring adults work together to prepare our students for today and the future.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	58
Grade 1	67
Grade 2	67
Grade 3	62
Grade 4	68
Grade 5	71
Total Enrollment	393

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.8
Asian	41.7
Filipino	0.5
Hispanic or Latino	7.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3
White	37.9
Two or More Races	10.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	6.4
English Learners	16.5
Students with Disabilities	8.1
Homeless	

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

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

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

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2019-20
With Full Credential	22	17	20	764
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	8
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	4

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
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.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2019-20)

Year and month in which data were collected: November 2019

Description of school's program towards meeting William's Settlement Requirements

The Board of Education has made a determination that each pupil in each school in the District has, or will have prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject, and these materials, in each subject, are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Palo Alto Unified School District this 24th day of September, 2019.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<p>Reading/Language Arts</p>	<p>Units of Study for Teaching Reading (Heinemann, 2015) Units of Study for Teaching Writing (Heinemann, 2014) Units of Study in Phonics, Grade K (Heinemann) Units of Study in Phonics, Grade 1 (Heinemann) Units of Study in Phonics, Grade 2 (Heinemann)</p> <p>PAUSD transitioned to common core literacy materials with a comprehensive approach to aligning writing and reading curriculum to Common Core State Standards (CCSS). With AB1246 teachers provided insights into curricular materials that were aligned to CCSS. The district followed the legislative opening to transition to instructional materials from Columbia University Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP), Lucy Calkin's Reading and Writing Units of Study. The TCRWP developed units of study in response to CCSS, and piloted them for 18 months to ensure alignment, and all curricular materials including lessons, rubrics and student checklists are aligned to CCSS. PAUSD provided materials and instructional resources for each student (leveled classroom readers and student writing materials) to give students appropriate reading and writing learning opportunities. In 2018-19, Units of Study in Phonics was added to K-2 classroom instructional materials to address the need for more specific phonics instruction while</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>0</p>

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
	complementing the Units of Study for Teaching Reading and Writing.		
Mathematics	Bridges Mathematics - 2017	Yes	0
Science	Full Option Science System (FOSS), Delta Education, Inc. – 2008	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Kdg - 5: TCI Social Studies Alive Reflections for California, Harcourt School Publishers (Gr K-3, 4 published 2016; Gr 5 published 2018) Board Adopted May 8, 2018	Yes	0

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities. EC Sec. 33126 (b)(9) Safe, orderly schools are the highest priority of the Palo Alto Unified School District. Schools maintain and enforce a policy of required registration and identification at the main office. All visitors must register and receive approval before visiting any classroom or activity during the school day. District personnel, contractors and maintenance crews are required to wear identification badges while working on any campus throughout the district. The District has established a Preventive Maintenance Team that visits each campus on an assigned schedule repairing and maintaining facilities in readiness conducive to teaching and learning. . In addition, the District provides a work order system for ongoing maintenance that tracks requests, supplies and assigned time spent on any routine repair. A Custodial Supervisor who monitors the cleaning of all sites visits both during the day as well as the evening, providing custodians with support and emphasizing the importance of providing and maintaining a clean facility for learning. Each school has a Safety Plan and clearly stated expectations for student behavior. Safety Plans are updated and reviewed annually. The District has a strictly enforced anti-discrimination policy that prohibits harassment of students or staff based upon race, gender, disability, religion or sexual orientation. The School Board maintains a zero tolerance policy for violent or threatening behaviors, and is committed to prevention of harmful behaviors. Students are provided with opportunities to build positive relationships to help create a more supportive school community. The Palo Verde Elementary School main campus was originally constructed in 1953. The buildings on campus have been renovated and added to over the years with a multi-purpose room added in 1955. The latest modernization occurring in 2004 as part of the Building for Excellence Program. This modernization program included seismic and ADA accessibility improvements, as well as updating the classroom environment. New technology upgrades included computer workstations and increased electrical capacity within the classrooms. Energy upgrades included new heating systems and lighting in the classrooms. The 2004 modernization included construction of a new library and classroom. The campus now has a new library facility as part of the Building for Excellence Program. The library facility has reading and resource areas for students, as well as new computer workstations. The library has a credentialed librarian assigned, with equipment, which provides for on line services, Internet and Intranet connections and a multimedia presentation station. The Multipurpose room is fifty-one years old, and is slated for reconstruction in the future. Modernization on campus in 2004 included a new playground equipment structure and the resurfacing of hard court and play surfaces. The buildings were also re-roofed and painted in 2004 as part of the renovation. The District staff has been worked with site personnel to identify additional needs at all of the campuses as input to the District’s Capital Improvement Plan. This plan detailed proposed repair/replace projects over the next twenty years with a priority for health and safety issues and begin to identify funding sources. As of October 2019 none of the emergency facility needs specified in Education Code Section 17592.72 (1. Gas leaks; 2. Non-functioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; 3. Electrical power failure; 4. Major sewer stoppage; 5. Major pest or vermin infestation; 6. Broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and pose a security risk; 7. Abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that poses an immediate threat to pupil or staff; and 8. Structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition) are required at this school site. A copy of the Interim Evaluation Instrument used to verify Education Code Section 17592.72 deficiencies is on file in the Maintenance Office for review. The Palo Verde Elementary School campus is safe, well maintained and clean, with multiple custodial staff assigned for 16 hours daily.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The overall rating

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 2019

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Fair	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Fair	Palo Verde: Gate at rear entrance does not close; held together by lock and chain
Overall Rating	Good	

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	78	82	82	82	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	85	87	83	82	38	39

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

Note: ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

**CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	204	202	99.02	0.98	81.68
Male	105	104	99.05	0.95	80.77
Female	99	98	98.99	1.01	82.65
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	88	88	100.00	0.00	88.64
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	15	15	100.00	0.00	60.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	71	69	97.18	2.82	84.06
Two or More Races	28	28	100.00	0.00	71.43
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	14	14	100.00	0.00	57.14
English Learners	37	37	100.00	0.00	78.38
Students with Disabilities	27	26	96.30	3.70	53.85
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth					
Homeless					

Note: ELA test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

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

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	204	202	99.02	0.98	87.13
Male	105	104	99.05	0.95	88.46
Female	99	98	98.99	1.01	85.71

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	88	88	100.00	0.00	95.45
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	15	15	100.00	0.00	53.33
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	71	69	97.18	2.82	86.96
Two or More Races	28	28	100.00	0.00	85.71
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	14	14	100.00	0.00	50.00
English Learners	37	37	100.00	0.00	86.49
Students with Disabilities	27	26	96.30	3.70	61.54
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth					
Homeless					

Note: Mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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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 Grades Five, Eight, and Ten Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	27.8	27.8	37.5

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.

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019-20)

Palo Verde parents dedicate thousands of hours per year to helping our school community. How that looks for each parent varies tremendously. We encourage families to become involved at school in ways that work best for their schedule, skillset, and interests.

Every day, parent (and grandparent) volunteers can be seen assisting in classrooms, the playground, the library, the garden, with Walking Club, through fundraising, chaperoning field trips, and by providing assistance to teachers. Many provide enrichment activities by sharing cultural traditions or professional expertise. They plan and carry out a host of school activities, such as the Book Fair, Noon Art, Noon Games, STEAM Night, Art and Music Night, Project Cornerstone ABC Readers, International Fair, as well as other functions.

Many parents belong to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which coordinates volunteer activities benefiting school children under the guidelines of the National, State, and Local PTA. The PTA produces and distributes our school newsletter. Parents also serve on various district and community committees, such as the District English Language Advisory Council. Every school year, four parents serve on Palo Verde's School Site Council, an elected group that helps develop the school plan and yearly goals.

State Priority: School Climate

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

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

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School 2016-17	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2016-17	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2016-17	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	1.0	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Palo Verde School prides itself on being a campus that promotes safety, respect, and responsibility. Specific guidelines are provided to students during the first week of school and in the Palo Verde Handbook. Students and their parents read and sign the School and Playground Expectations for Behavior contract at the start of the year. The principal speaks to all classes at the beginning of each school year about behavior expectations and safety. Teachers also lead these discussions with their students and review them as needed. School-wide behavior expectations are also reinforced during assemblies, held every other Friday. Teachers supervise during recess and at least six-noon adults supervise the yard during lunch.

The school has four entrances. For safety, two of those entrances are locked overnight on weeknights, but all are open by 7:00 each school day and on the weekends. Fifteen minutes after the start of the day, three of the four entrances are locked, ensuring all visitors must enter campus at the office. All visitors on campus must first sign in at the office, then wear a visitor badge while on campus and sign out before they leave. A large sign placed daily at the campus entrance reminds visitors of the check-in requirement.

Around campus, red lines are painted to help students know which areas are accessible to them during the school day. While class is in session, K-2 students use restrooms and go to the office in pairs.

In conjunction with the City of Palo Alto, our third-grade students participate in an annual bicycle safety program. This effort is staffed by parent volunteers, who teach key skills about bike and traffic safety. The lessons culminate with a Bike Rodeo. This collaborative learning event and celebration is brought on by bicycle professionals, the Palo Alto Police and Fire Department, and community and parent volunteers.

Emergency preparedness is a priority at Palo Verde. Site leadership works closely with district management to ensure that our safety practices are aligned and current. Staff training for First Aid and CPR are offered on a regular basis.

We have a comprehensive disaster plan in place and have measures in place to effectively respond during an emergency. Earthquake, fire, and lockdown drills are scheduled and practiced. Equipment and supplies are stored on campus so that access to these resources are available at all times.

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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
K	109	3		1	19	6			113	3		1
1	21	1	2		21	2	4		22		3	
2	22		3		23		6		22		3	
3	67		3	1	23		6		65	1	2	1
4	27		4	1	28		4	1	27		4	1
5	21	2	5		28	5	6	1	17	5	3	
Other**												

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

** "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

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

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	.0

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

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	.8
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	.5
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	2.7

*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 2017-18)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$12,094.49	\$1,324.09	\$10,770.40	\$117,178.95

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
District	N/A	N/A	\$12,255.33	\$109,894.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-4.5	1.7
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,031.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	68.8	29.1

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

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2018-19)

The district relies on federal categorical funding under Title I, Title II, and Title III of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The use of categorical funds is to assist districts in closing the educational gap of special populations and providing resources, professional development, and materials to improve instruction. One way these funds are used is to employ reading specialists, instructional aides, primary language tutors, and English learner specialists. Funds are also used to support district-wide professional development in curriculum and English learner support. Supplementary services, such as after-school tutoring for students, a summer bridge course for rising ninth-graders, and engagement opportunities for parents, also draw from these funds.

For a more detailed analysis of services funded, refer to the LCAP Addendum for 2018-19
<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/local-control-and-accountability-plan-lcap>.

In addition, each year each school develops a School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). The California Department of Education describes the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) as the “plan of action to improve student academic performance by coordinating all educational services and resources.” Each school’s SPSA document is developed by reviewing site-specific student achievement data and developing an improvement process.

The School Site Council (SSC) is the decision-making body responsible for establishing the goals, with input from the staff and the parent community, delineated in the SPSA. The SSC reviews, modifies, and monitors implementation of the plan and establishes a budget for proposed expenditures to support the specified goals. SPSAs are reported to the PAUSD Board annually and available through the following link:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/pausd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BCMTFT68A305>.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$65,093	\$51,374
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$103,621	\$80,151
Highest Teacher Salary	\$131,343	\$100,143
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$166,806	\$126,896
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$176,596	\$133,668
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$185,917	\$143,746
Superintendent Salary	\$297,950	\$245,810

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	39%	35%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	5%

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	14	14	13

Professional Learning in the Palo Alto Unified School District is guided by our vision:

Professional Learning is a comprehensive, sustained and intensive approach to improving teachers', principals' and support staffs' effectiveness in raising student achievement. In order to provide all students the highest-quality learning environment in every Palo Alto school, all certificated and classified staff must be continuously engaged in Professional Learning.

Each year teacher and special education aides attend three dedicated professional learning days, and elementary teachers have an additional three partial days. In 2017-18 and 2018-19 grade level or course-alike teams were provided with one release day to focus on professional learning. Teachers new to the district attend one full day of professional learning each fall in their first two years in the district. Four of our elementary schools are provided an additional five days for in-depth professional learning focused on literacy.

Professional learning is informed by PAUSD's goals which include high quality teaching and learning; equity and excellence; and wellness and safety. Workshops on these topics, and multimedia and technology are offered throughout the year, at the District and school sites. Reading specialists, special education teachers, school psychologists, speech therapists, EL teachers, and other non-classroom personnel are included and also receive additional training in their areas of expertise. Instructional coaches work with individual teachers, teams and entire departments or staffs to support continuous growth and implementation of new strategies or curriculum. New teachers to PAUSD, including those who qualify for our Induction Program, attend workshops focused on equity, curriculum, instruction, assessment, and meeting the needs of all students. In addition, Induction participants receive one-to-one coaching in support of their long-term goals and immediate needs. Our non-instructional support staff also have opportunities to attend workshops related to district goals that pertain to their roles.

Professional learning is delivered in a variety of ways. PAUSD holds after school workshops, conducts blended workshops that combine online and in-person time, offers instructional coaching and in-depth summer institutes. In addition to coaching support, we ensure our administrators develop expertise in our focus areas so they are able to provide leadership and support at their sites.