

2019-20 School Accountability Report Card

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Buena High School, home of the Bulldogs. I feel privileged to serve as principal of one of the finest schools in our area. At Buena, our vision is to, "Empower all students to achieve their full potential in an academically-engaging environment. We inspire our students to be responsible and productive citizens in an evolving global society." This can be accomplished by working as a team: parents, staff, students, and community members. Together, we can train and inspire our students to become productive citizens with a desire for lifelong learning.

At Buena, we offer a rigorous curriculum based on Common Core State Standards that will prepare our students to be 21st century college and career ready. Additionally, we value our diverse population and celebrate the contributions of all. Because of this, we continue to enhance and build pathways that will complement the interests and talents of our students, such as classes in Career Technical Education, AVID, AP, Foreign Language, Metals, Woodwork, Journalism, Renaissance, Art, and so much more. Buena offers many opportunities for student and parent involvement, as well. Engagement in school delivers a sense of belonging by providing connectedness with the school and other students, parents, and teachers. Ways for students to get involved: over thirty clubs, sports, community involvement, targeted specialized classes, and many other opportunities. I encourage each and every student to participate in an extra-curricular activity which will help guarantee a feeling of community within Buena. Additionally, for parents, joining PTSA offers many ways to get involved; please consider contacting them for various opportunities that would not only benefit you, but will benefit the school and students as well. We also have our School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Committee that parents can be participants. Please consider joining one of these committees.

In the 2019-2020 school year, our in-person schooling was cut short due to a nationwide pandemic, COVID-19. Students switched to virtual learning using Edgenuity curriculum; as a result, the physical fitness testing and the Common Core SBAC testing in math, science, and language arts were cancelled. The previous year's data revealed that amongst the high schools in Ventura Unified School District, we did very well. We recognize more work needs to go into helping our students improve in math. Although we offered extra math tutoring at lunch, we were only able to offer it until March when the school closed to on campus learning. We will still use the detailed data results to drive our instruction in all areas of math, science, and English to help ensure higher scores over the years. For AP scores, there was a slightly lower than average pass rate from previous years, but considering the circumstances, the scores were better than expected.

This year, Buena's goals remain Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) that will focus on the whole child. Within MTSS, our efforts will be based on Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Data Driven Instruction, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL). UDL gives teachers the opportunity and skills to create lessons that will benefit all students reaching them in ways that will help improve their academic scores. Data Driven Instruction allows teachers to see where weaknesses occur, and then reteach or strengthen areas of concern. Our SEL goal is being met in many ways, but with an emphasis on Restorative Justice (RJ). RJ allows students to be heard, and allows them to make amends and restore any relationships that were damaged. In addition, SEL is focusing on self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

Every new school year offers an opportunity for success, including when we are in a distance learning setting. Rest assured that we are a staff dedicated to giving students what they need, while working with families, as we guide students through successfully navigating high school and beyond. We will continue with our uncompromising goal of providing students with a rigorous and meaningful education. Each of our teachers is committed to helping Buena students become successful 21st century learners. Our

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Ventura Unified
SCHOOL DISTRICT



administrative team, counselors, teachers, and entire staff are here to serve. We look forward to overcoming the challenges that this new and different school year will bring and look forward to celebrating all of successes that occur.

Sincerely,
Bobbi Powers

District Vision Statement

In the Ventura Unified School District all students will receive an exemplary and balanced education fostering a lifelong passion for learning and engagement. We demand excellence of ourselves because our supportive community has entrusted us with their children.

District Mission Statement

The Ventura Unified School District will educate all students in safe, healthy, and high performing schools. We will inspire all students to excel academically, honor the unique qualities and diverse backgrounds of all students, build supportive relationships, guide all students to reach their full potential, motivate all students to successfully pursue their chosen life path, and engage all students to become responsible and contributing members of society.

DISTRICT & SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Ventura Unified School District

Ventura Unified School District is the third largest district in the county and located on the California coastline, 63 miles northwest of Los Angeles. More than 16,800 students in grades transitional kindergarten through twelve receive a rigorous, standards-based curriculum from dedicated and highly qualified professionals. The district is comprised of 17 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, and 5 high schools.

Buena High School

Buena High School serves students in grades nine through twelve following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, 1,866 students were enrolled, including 12.2% in special education, 9.4% qualifying for English Language Learner support, 1.3% homeless, 0.5% foster youth, and 54.8% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

Student Enrollment by Student Group and Grade Level 2019-20			
Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Black or African American	1.1%	Grade 9	538
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.3%	Grade 10	474
Asian	3.0%	Grade 11	459
Filipino	1.0%	Grade 12	395
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	54.1%		
White	37.2%		
Two or More Races	2.9%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	54.8%		
English Learners	9.4%		
Students with Disabilities	12.2%		
Homeless	1.3%		
Foster Youth	0.5%		
		Total Enrollment	1,866

It is the mission of our school community to maintain a safe environment where students are prepared for life, college, and career endeavors through education. Buena High School's dedicated staff puts students first, striving to personally connect students to career and academic achievement.

LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)

As part of the Local Control Funding Formula, school districts are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

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

- Degree to which teachers are appropriated assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- School facilities are maintained in good repair

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 alternative 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 sequences or programs of student.

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education

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

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5)

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates

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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their child's learning environment either by volunteering for or participating in a decision-making group, or simply attending school events. Parents stay informed on upcoming events and school activities through ParentSquare, school newsletters, the school website (bilingual), the school marquee, Parent Connect, and phone calls. Contact the PTO coordinator at (805)

289-1826 for more information on how to become involved in your student's learning environment.

- Opportunities to Volunteer
- Chaperone School Activities
- Help with PTO-sponsored Events

Committees

- School Site Council
- English Learner Advisory Council
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Booster Clubs

School Activities

- Art Night
- Back to School Night
- College Nights
- Dia de los Muertos
- Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
- School Showcase
- Science Night
- Student Recognition Events
- Student Performances
- Student Orientation
- Sports Events

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Physical Fitness

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

California Physical Fitness Test Results 2019-20			
Grade Level	% of Standards Met:		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
Ninth	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data as the 2019-2020 data are not available.

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019-2020 school year.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

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

performance tasks, and CAAs test items are aligned with alternative achievement standards which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

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

SCHOOL FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Buena High School's original facilities were built in 1961; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff.

2020-21 Planned Campus Improvements:

- Restroom repairs and upgrades
- Installation of perimeter fencing
- Installation of a pedestrian shelter

Campus Supervision

School administration and teaching staff place a high priority on providing adequate adult supervision on campus before, during, and after school. As students arrive on campus each morning, campus supervisors and administrators patrol the campus, entrance areas, and designated common areas. The resource officer, campus supervisors and administrators monitor lunch time activity in the cafeteria and common student activity areas. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, the resource officer, campus supervisors and administrators monitor student behavior and ensure students either leave campus or travel to after-school activities in a safe and orderly manner. To enhance two-way routine communication and facilitate an immediate response to urgent situations, campus supervisors, administrators, nurse's office, school office, guidance office, attendance office, and cafeteria possess hand-held radios while on campus.

Buena High School is a closed campus. During school hours, all visitors must sign in at the school's office and wear identification badges while on school grounds. Unscheduled visitors are not allowed on campus.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in Science						
All Students						
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	Buena		VUSD		CA	
	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
Science (Grades 5, 8, & 10)	36	N/A	39	N/A	30	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students in Grade Eleven						
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	Buena		VUSD		CA	
	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
English-Language Arts/Literacy	54	N/A	55	N/A	48	N/A
Mathematics	33	N/A	44	N/A	37	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

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.

Campus Description	
Year Built	1961
Acreage	43.6
Bldg. Square Footage	196815
	Quantity
# of Permanent Classrooms	75
# Portable Buildings	13
# of Restrooms (student use)	6 sets
Cafeteria	1
Career Center (with 40 computers)	1
Computer Lab	2
Gym	1
Library (39 computers)	1
Sports Stadium	1
Staff Work Room	1
Student Fitness Room	1
Swimming Pool	1
Teacher Work Room	1
Weight Room	1

CAASPP Test Results in ELA & Mathematics by Student Group (Grade 11)										
2019-20										
	English Language Arts/Literacy					Mathematics				
	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students Tested	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

School Site Safety Plan

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Buena High School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, dress code policy, and bully prevention policy. The school's most recent school safety plan was reviewed and updated in October 2020. All school staff are provided a copy of the safety plan within seven days after it is approved by the School Site Council and was reviewed in November 2020.

Campus culture promotes a secure learning environment. All persons are to be treated with dignity and respect. The district, schools, students, parents/guardians and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect and safe, harmonious relations that support dignity and equality. Bullying and harassment are not tolerated. The school district has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to address incidents of bullying and harassment when they occur. Students and their parents receive information annually regarding district policies concerning anti-bullying and harassment.

Facilities Inspections

The district's maintenance department inspects Buena High School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c)(1). Buena High School uses a school site inspection survey to identify unsafe or hazardous conditions and facility improvement needs. The most recent school inspection took place on September 30, 2020. During fiscal year 2019-20, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

Facilities Maintenance

District maintenance and site custodial staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good condition are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used by school and district staff to communicate non-routine maintenance requests. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Every morning before school begins, the assistant principal and the lead day custodian inspect facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. One day custodian and six evening custodians are assigned to Buena High School. The day custodian is responsible for:

- Restrooms
- Cafeteria Setup/Cleanup
- General Cleaning & Custodial Functions

Restrooms are checked throughout the day for cleanliness and subsequently cleaned as needed. The evening custodians are responsible for:

- Classrooms
- Restrooms
- Office Areas
- Library
- Cafeteria
- Locker Rooms
- Gyms
- Routine Maintenance

The assistant principal communicates with the lead day custodian daily concerning maintenance and school safety issues.

School Facility Good Repair Status			
Item Inspected	Repair Status		
Inspection Date:	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned		
September 30, 2020	Good	Fair	Poor
Systems	✓		
Interior Surfaces		✓	
Cleanliness	✓		
Electrical	✓		
Restrooms/Fountains	✓		
Safety	✓		
Structural	✓		
External	✓		
Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status			
	Exemplary	Good	Fair
Overall Summary		✓	

Percentage Description Rating:

Good: The school is maintained in good repair with a number of non-critical deficiencies noted. These deficiencies are isolated, and/or resulting from minor wear and tear, and/or in the process of being mitigated.

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

Dropouts & Graduation Rates

Buena High School's teachers and administrative staff practice the early identification of and intervention on behalf of students who exhibit warning signs and/or behavioral traits that may lead to dropping out of school. Intervention strategies used to promote attendance and reduce dropout rates include monitoring credit completion rates, Naviance, BARK, APEX Adult Education, afterschool tutoring, peer tutoring, parent conferences, SAP counselor, independent study, concurrent enrollment in adult school, Student Success Teams, full-time after school tutoring, and referral to a continuation high school. Understanding that the needs of each student are different, administrators, counselors, and teaching staff continue their efforts to discover successful solutions to help students complete their high school program.

Students must accumulate 230 course credits to receive a high school diploma from Buena High School. Alternative methods of acquiring a diploma are available through the continuation school, college and career readiness (incoming 9th graders), community college, and adult school for those

students who have been unsuccessful in a high school environment or have exhausted their opportunities to remain at Buena High School.

In the following Dropout & Graduation Rates table, 2018-19 data are most current information available since state certification/release dates for dropout data occur too late for inclusion in this report. Detailed information about dropout rates and graduation rates can be found on the DataQuest web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Dropout and Graduation Rates (Four-Year Cohort Rate)			
	Buena		
	16-17	17-18	18-19
Dropout Rate (%)	3	2.1	2.9
Graduation Rate (%)	95.5	97.3	93.4
VUSD			
Dropout Rate (%)	6.2	4.4	6.8
Graduation Rate (%)	89.9	91.1	89.1
CA			
Dropout Rate (%)	9.1	9.6	9
Graduation Rate (%)	82.7	83.0	84.5

Note: For the formula to calculate the 2017-18 & 2018-19 adjusted cohort graduation rate, see the 2018-19 Data Element Definitions document located on the SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

Suspensions and Expulsions

	Buena			VUSD			CA		
	17-18	18-19	19-20	17-18	18-19	19-20	17-18	18-19	19-20
Suspensions (%)	4.80%	4.70%	2.52%	3.00%	2.70%	2.53%	3.50%	3.60%	
Expulsions (%)	0.15%	0.10%	0.00%	0.15%	0.05%	0.10%	0.08%	0.09%	

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

Discipline & Climate for Learning

Buena High School's discipline policies are based upon a schoolwide positive behavior management plan, which is used as a guide to develop school rules, develop behavior management programs, promote responsibility, promote respect, and minimize classroom disruptions. Teachers clearly identify and explain behavior expectations to their students and discuss consequences for poor or disruptive behavior in the classroom. Administrators lead assemblies and visit classrooms to reinforce the importance of following school rules and making responsible, respectful behavior choices. Buena High School follows the Restorative Justice guidelines for success which are posted in each classroom and are based on CHAMPS. CHAMPS is a positive behavior support program focused on improving classroom behavior, establishing clear behavior expectations, reducing misbehavior, motivating students to put forth their best effort, increasing academic engagement, and teaching students to behave respectfully and to value diversity.

During the 2019-20 school year, Buena High School's staff were trained through the Ventura County Office of Education on the Restorative Justice program, and began the work of implementing the program schoolwide.

Class Size

The Average Class Size and Distribution table in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes by subject area, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-22 students, 23-32 students, and 33 or more students. Calculations exclude classrooms of 50 or more students.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
2017-18				
Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes*		
		1-22	23-32	33+
English	25	27	5	44
Math	28	13	18	24
Science	28	11	15	23
Social Science	27	13	14	23
2018-19				
English	26	27	14	33
Math	27	17	15	27
Science	27	14	14	21
Social Science	28	14	11	24
2019-20				
English	28	21	13	38
Math	28	13	16	30
Science	27	11	16	22
Social Science	29	11	14	25

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Staff Development

All professional development activities at Ventura Unified School District are aligned to the California State Standards. Staff development concentrations are selected and identified based on State Standards implementation, the new science standards, teacher surveys, and district initiatives. Findings from formative assessment results indicate that reading, writing, and mathematics are the primary focus areas.

During the 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 school years, the teachers at Buena High School had the opportunity to participate in districtwide staff development training focused on:

- 2018-19 and 2019-20 Trainings:
- History-Social Science Adoption Implementation Training
 - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
 - MVP Math 3 Training
 - Next Generation Science Standards Pilot/Adoption Training
 - School Safety
 - Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - Special Education
 - SSAFE Secondary Math Grant – Cohort 1
 - SSAFE Secondary Math Grant – Cohort 2
 - Strategies for Formative Assessments
 - Technology Training
 - Universal Design for Learning

- 2020-21 Trainings:
- Behavior Team's Role during Distance Learning (Special Education)
 - Canvas Basics & Gradebook
 - Canvas Course Management 101 – By Site-Based Canvas Leads
 - Discovery Education Earth Science
 - Distance Learning Plans
 - ELA Course Build Peer Review and Support
 - English Learner Support and Review and ELPAC
 - Facilitated Canvas Course Customization Support (Special Education)
 - Google Basics
 - History-Social Studies and Elective Course Build Peer Review and Support
 - Math Course Build Peer Review and Support
 - Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
 - Science Course Build Peer Review and Support
 - Screen Casting with Screencastify
 - Video Conferencing
 - What Works for Canvas Building 1 & 2
 - Utilizing Behavioral Strategies from the Family Guide to Distance Learning
 - Zoom and Google Meet Videoconferencing

Professional Development Days Three-Year Trend		
2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
2	2	3

Supplemental site-based training takes place during faculty, grade level, and department meetings. The principal identifies teacher training needs based upon parent survey results, teacher input, teacher evaluations, and the Healthy Kids Survey. During the 2019-20 school year, Buena High School's staff development activities concentrated on:

- Classroom Management
- Google Suite
- Mindfulness
- Restorative Justice
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Technology Training
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

The district also offers supplemental professional development to follow up and support year-round and ongoing programs centered around reading, writing, and math and tied to either specific strategies to improve student learning or district-adopted curriculum materials. Supplemental professional development is offered throughout the school year on early student release days, after school, on designated staff development days, and during substitute release time. Teacher Content Specialist Teams work with school site administrators and teaching staff to provide support and training to ensure the successful implementation of the Common Core Standards.

The Ventura County Teacher Induction Consortium is a two-year, individualized, job-embedded system of mentoring, support and professional learning that begins in the teacher's first year of teaching for newly credentialed teachers in California. The program is accredited by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and is administered by the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE), Educator Support and Effectiveness (ESE) department, in coordination with a consortium of 18 school districts, local charter schools, private schools, and 5 university partners.

Staff members are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. New teachers, experienced teachers, mentor/teacher leaders, administrators, and support staff are encouraged to participate in workshops sponsored by the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools as well as the Ventura Unified School District. Profession and subject specific offerings are consistent with the California Content Standards. Classified support staff may receive job-related training from district representatives; training activities and workshops are designed to enhance and extend job performance.

Instructional Materials

All textbooks used in the core curriculum are aligned to the California State Standards. Instructional materials for K-8 are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education, and instructional materials for 9-12 are aligned to state standards and approved by the district's board of education.

Ventura Unified School District is currently piloting new Science textbooks and anticipates adopting new curriculum by the 2021-22 school year. In order to meet State requirements, the current textbooks are being supplemented with NGSS-aligned bridge supplemental materials.

On September 22, 2020, the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Education adopted Resolution #20-24 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 (1) that textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English Learners, in the district

to the extent that each pupil, including English Learners, has a standards-aligned textbook and/or instructional materials to use in class and to take home, which may include materials in a digital format but shall not include photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage, (2) that all students who are enrolled in the same course within the district have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials from the same adoption cycle, (3) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English Learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in math, science, history-social science, and English/Language Arts, including the English Language Development component of an adopted program, 4) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and 5) sufficient laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive.

In addition to core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARCs the sufficiency of instructional materials used for their visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2020-21 school year, Ventura Unified School District provided each student, including English Learners, enrolled in a visual/performing arts class with a textbook or instructional materials to use in class and to take home. These materials complied with the state's content standards and curriculum frameworks.

COLLEGE PREPARATIONS & CAREER READINESS

Advanced Placement

Buena High School offers advanced placement courses for those students seeking to qualify for college credit. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors achieving a score of three, four, or five on the final AP exams qualify for college credit at most of the nation's colleges.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses		
2019-20		
	No. of AP Courses Offered*	% of Students in AP Courses
Art	2	N/A
English	4	N/A
Foreign Language	3	N/A
Math	5	N/A
Science	5	N/A
Social Science	5	N/A
Totals	23	18.4%

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

* Where there are student course enrollments of at least one student.

Textbooks			
Year Adopted	From Most Recent State Adoption?	Publisher and Series	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts			
2015	*	McGraw Hill: <i>StudySync</i>	0%
2016	*	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <i>Read 180/System 44</i>	0%
1991	*	Prentice Hall: <i>Prose Style</i>	0%
1997	*	McGraw-Hill: <i>McGraw-Hill Reader</i>	0%
Math			
2005	*	O'Reilly: <i>Head First Java</i>	0%
2008	*	McDougal Little: <i>Precalculus with Limits: A Graphing Approach</i>	0%
2008	*	Brooks/Cole Calculus: <i>Early Transcendental</i>	0%
2000	*	Thomson Learning: <i>Century 21 Accounting</i>	0%
2007	*	Glencoe: <i>Mathematics with Business Applications</i>	0%
2015	*	W.H. Freeman & Company: <i>The Practice of Statistics for the AP Exam</i>	0%
2016	*	Mathematics Vision Project (MVP)	0%
2012	*	McGraw-Hill: <i>Integrated Math 1</i>	0%
Science			
2006	*	Glencoe: <i>BSCS Biology - A Molecular Approach</i>	0%
2006	*	Pearson Prentice Hall: <i>Earth Science</i>	0%
2008	*	Glencoe McGraw Hill: <i>Biology</i>	0%
2008	*	Pearson Prentice Hall: <i>Chemistry</i>	0%
2007	*	Pearson Prentice Hall: <i>Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology</i>	0%
2008	*	Pearson Prentice Hall: <i>AP Edition Biology</i>	0%
2007	*	Houghton Mifflin: <i>Chemistry</i>	0%
2004	*	Pearson Prentice Hall: <i>Engineering Our Digital Future</i>	0%
2008	*	McGraw-Hill: <i>Marine Biology</i>	0%
2002	*	Prentice Hall: <i>Conceptual Physics</i>	0%
2005	*	Pearson Prentice Hall: <i>Physics</i>	0%
2007	*	Pearson Benjamin Cummings: <i>Human Anatomy and Physiology</i>	0%
2015	*	W.H. Freeman & Company: <i>Environmental Science for AP</i>	0%
2017	*	Cengage Learning: <i>AP Chemistry</i>	0%
2006	*	W.H. Freeman & Company: <i>Chemistry in the Community</i>	0%
Social Science			
2019	*	McGraw-Hill: <i>World History, Culture and Geography</i>	0%
2019	*	Cengage Learning: <i>Western Civilization</i>	0%
2015	*	Cengage Learning: <i>The American Pageant</i>	0%
2019	*	McGraw-Hill: <i>Principles of American Democracy</i>	0%
2002	*	McGraw-Hill: <i>AP Economics Principles, Problems and Policy</i>	0%
2019	*	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <i>American History: Reconstruction to the Present</i>	0%
2018	*	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <i>Economics</i>	0%
2015	*	W. W. Norton & Company: <i>American Politics Today</i>	0%
2002	*	Thomson Learning: <i>Introduction to Criminal Justice</i>	0%
2000	*	National Textbook Company: <i>Psychology and You</i>	0%
2001	*	National Textbook Company: <i>Sociology and You</i>	0%
2013	*	Academic Innovations: <i>Career Choices and Changes</i>	0%
Foreign Language			
	*	TPRA (Teaching Proficiency through Reading & Storytelling)	0%
Health			
2009	*	Holt, Rinehart & Winston: <i>Lifetime Health</i>	0%

College Preparation Courses

Students are encouraged to take required courses if they plan on attending a four-year college or university. The following table illustrates the proportion of courses taken and successfully completed in relation to the number of course enrollments (sum of total enrollment in all classes).

Admission Requirements for California Public Universities

University of California

Admission requirements for the University of California (UC) follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state's high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work. For general admission requirements please visit the UC website at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/general.html.

California State University

Admission requirements for the California State University (CSU) use three factors to determine eligibility. They are specific high school courses; grades in specified courses, and test scores; and graduation from high school. Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses utilize local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For general admissions requirements, please visit the CSU website at www.calstate.edu/admission/.

Enrollment in and Completion of UC/CSU-Required Courses

	%
2019-20 Students Enrolled in UC/CSU Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	94.53
2018-19 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	84.46

* Data not available at the time of this report.

Workforce Preparation

Students in grades nine through twelve receive counseling from school personnel regarding career paths and courses of study. During their freshman year, students meet with the counselor to discuss their four-year academic plan and are introduced to Buena High School's technical and career education programs; the counselor meets at least twice a year with each student to follow up on their progress in meeting graduation requirements and career objectives. All career and technical education (CTE) courses comply with state-adopted content standards and are integrated into the student's four-year academic plan as elective courses. Buena High School offers many programs that promote leadership, develop job-related skills, provide on-the-job experience, and increase interest in school:

- Work Experience
- Career Education Center (CEC)
- Workability
- Career Pathways
- Job Shadowing
- Career-related Field Trips

Career Pathway Sequences

- Cabinet Making & Wood Products
- Design Visual & Media Arts
- Film-Making
- Food/Hospitality
- Hospitality & Food Service
- Law Careers Pathway
- Marine Science
- Stagecraft
- Welding Technology
- Vehicle Maintenance Service & Repair

On-Campus Career Education Center Courses

- Auto Shop
- Cabinet Making Technology
- Graphics
- Machine Tool Technology
- Web Design

On-Campus Career Technical Courses

- Auto Mechanics
- Fashion Textiles & Apparel
- Machine Tool Operations/Machine Shop
- Professional Theater/Play Production
- Set Design & Construction
- Three-dimensional Design
- Vehicle Maintenance Service & Repair
- Video Production
- Web Site Development
- Woodworking

Individual student assessment of work readiness skills takes place through end-of-course exams, completion of course-required projects, on-the-job observation, and classroom observation.

Work experience students are partnered with local community organizations and local employers that provide on-the-job training and mentoring for students 16 years of age or older. Work experience students receive guidance and supervision designed to ensure maximum educational benefit from part-time job placement. Workability provides work experience opportunities outside the school day that meet the students' interests and aptitudes while providing real-world job experience prior to graduation. The program is available to all students with disabilities who have an Individualized Education Plan.

Career Education Center (CEC) Programs are offered in partnership with the Ventura County Office of Education. A variety of career technical education courses are available on and off campus to help prepare high school students (16 years and older) for entry-level employment, upgrading current job skills, or obtaining more advanced levels of education.

The CTE table below shows the total number of students participating in the district's CTE courses and career education center programs and program completion rates. For more information on career technical programs, CEC, workability, partnership academies, and work experience, contact the counselor or visit the state's career technical website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/>.

Career Technical Education Program Participation 2019-20

Total Number of Students Participating in CTE Programs	28.0%
Percentage of Students Completing a CTE Program and Earning a High School Diploma	6.0%
Percentage of CTE Courses Sequenced or Articulated Between the School and Institutions of Postsecondary Education	40.0%

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Teacher Assignment

During the 2019-20 school year, Buena High School had 77 teachers who met all credential requirements in accordance with state guidelines. The chart below identifies the number of teachers at both the school and district who are 1) fully credentialed; 2) without full credentials; 3) teaching outside subject area of competence; 4) misassignments for English learners; 5) total teacher misassignments; and 6) vacant teacher positions. The term "misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

Teacher Credentials and Assignments

	Buena		
	18-19	19-20	20-21
Total Teachers	85	79	78
Teachers with Full Credential	79	77	73
Teachers without Full Credential	6	2	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area (with full credential)	15	12	11
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Teacher Vacancies	0	0	0
	VUSD		
	18-19	19-20	20-21
Total Teachers	721	713	694
Teachers with Full Credential	690	678	664
Teachers without Full Credential	31	35	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area (with full credential)	105	89	89
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	1	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	1	2	0
Teacher Vacancies	3	4	3

*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.*

Counseling & Support Staff

Buena High School provides professional, highly qualified staff that provide additional services and support centered on the whole student academically, physically, and mentally. The Counseling and Support Services table in this report illustrates the availability of non-instructional support staff to Buena High School's students.

Full-time equivalent (FTE) is a standard measurement used to identify an employee's regular work load on a weekly basis. For example, an FTE of 1.0 designates a full-time position and the employee is on campus and available all day every day of the week; an FTE of 0.5 indicates that the staff member is available and on campus a portion (50%) of the week.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

Salary & Budget Comparison

State law requires comparative salary and budget information to be reported to the general public. For comparison purposes, the State Department of Education has provided average salary data from school districts having similar average daily attendance throughout the state. (Note: 2018-19 salary comparison data was the most recent data available at the time this report was published.)

Expenditures Per Student

For the 2018-19 school year, Ventura Unified School District spent an average of \$11,502 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2018-19 audited financial statements and in accordance with calculations defined in Education Code §41372). The table in this report 1) compares the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) and restricted (supplemental) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and 2) compares the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding expenditures and salaries can be found at the CDE web site at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/ and www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/. (The figures shown in the following table reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.)

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff 2019-20		
	No. of Staff	FTE*
Academic Counselor	6	6.0
Campus Security Officers	5	4.5
Health Technician/Psych Support	1	1.0
Occupational Therapist	1	0.2
Psychologist	2	1.9
School Nurse	1	0.8
School Resource Officer	1	1.0
Speech & Language Pathologist	3	1.5
Student Assistant Program Counselor	1	1.0
College & Career Counselor	1	1.0
Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor		311

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

Teacher and Administrative Salaries 2018-19		
	VUSD	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	47,778	52,484
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	68,801	81,939
Highest Teacher Salary	95,296	102,383
Average Principal Salaries:		
Elementary School	117,542	129,392
Middle School	120,713	136,831
High School	135,503	147,493
Superintendent Salary	227,500	254,706
Percentage of Budget For:		
Teacher Salaries	32	34
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/>.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teachers Salaries 2018-19					
Dollars Spent Per Student					
Expenditures Per Pupil	Buena	VUSD	% Difference - School and District	State Average for Districts of Same Size and Type	% Difference - School and State
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	8,210	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted (Supplemental)	1,566	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted (Basic)	6,644	6,501	102.2%	13,080	50.8%
Average Teacher Salary	71,196	77,464	91.9%	81,939	86.9%

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

In addition to general fund state funding, Ventura Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2018-19 school year, the district received categorical, special education, and support programs funds for:

- After School Education and Safety (ASES)
- California Career Pathways Trust
- Classified School Employee Professional Development Block Grant
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Education Protection Account

- Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations
- Indian Education
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Low-Performing Students Block Grant
- Medi-Cal Billing Option
- On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Other State: Locally Defined
- Special Education
- State Lottery
- Title I, II, III, IV
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education

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DataQuest

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

California School Dashboard

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.

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