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Arvin Union Elementary District



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I. Data and Access

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 this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g. Academic Performance Index [API], Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP], test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

II. About This School

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

Known as the “Garden in the Sun,” Arvin is located just 18 miles from Bakersfield in the San Joaquin Valley. Nationally known as a rich agricultural area, Arvin offers a warm climate and a friendly small town atmosphere. Established in 1951, Sierra Vista Elementary School is one of four schools in the Arvin Union School District.

The list below identifies learning opportunities for students. These opportunites include, but are not limited to:

- Gate Enrichment classes
- Dual Immersion Program (Spanish/English)
- Arvin Advantage Afterschool Program
- Weekend and Afterschool Programs
- Summerschool
- Parent Education Classes
- English Language Development Curriculum (for English Learners)

In addition to high academic standards, the use of educational technology to enhance curriculum is prevalent across the school. Each teacher has a laptop computer, an LCD projector and a SMART board in the classroom. Used together, these tools provide a dynamic learning environment bringing audio-visual stimuli into every lesson. Computers are available for student use in a variety of locations across campus.

Teachers meet every other week during “Professional Learning Committee” meetings during which teachers focus on the continued academic growth of all students.

Working together with all stakeholders, Sierra Vista Elementary School proudly builds upon the academic and social potential of every student.

Our goal is for all students to develop grade level or above grade level skills in reading, writing, and math, and to be nationally competitive.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parental involvement.

Contact Person:	Contact Phone No.
Laurie Bowden-Principal	661-854-6560

Sierra Vista Elementary School is aware of the positive correlation between parent and community involvement and the success of students. Parents and community members are encouraged to join the teachers and district administrators in the activities, programs, and organizations that support its students, such as: School Site Council, English Language Advisory Council (ELAC), and Parent Workshops. Parents also volunteer in classrooms and for school activities.
The school also benefits from community partnerships, including the Lions Club and other local businesses for donations

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2011-12)

This table displays the number of students enrolled in each grade level at the school.

Grade Level	Number of Students
Transitional Kindergarten	
Kindergarten	112
Grade 1	109
Grade 2	94
Grade 3	91
Grade 4	113
Grade 5	122
Grade 6	78
Total Enrollment	742

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2011-12)

This table displays the percent of students enrolled at the school who are identified as being in a particular group.

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.3	White	2.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3	Two or More Races	0.00
Asian	0.1	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	97.7
Filipino	0	English Learners	85.3
Hispanic or Latino	96.4	Students with Disabilities	11.1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

This table displays, by grade level, the average class size and the number of classrooms that fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom).

	2009-10				2010-11				2011-12			
Grade Level	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	23		5		25.6		5		28		4	
1	18	6			18.2	6			21.6	5		
2	19	6			15.9	8			23.5	1	3	
3	24		5		24.4		5		18.2	5		
4	31		3	1	31.5		3	1	28.3		4	
5	30		4		30		4		30.5		4	
6	29		4		28		4		26		3	
K-3												
3-4												
4-8												
Other												

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

Sierra Vista Elementary School's Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was last revised in February, 2012, by school administrators and staff representatives, to ensure the protection of students and staff, the school and school property, and to establish a climate that is conducive to learning. All staff members and parents have access to the plan and annually review the school site safety policies. Key elements of the safety plan include: developing consistency in behavior expectations, site safety and maintenance, and training in disaster response.

The school is in compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to hazardous materials and state earthquake standards. Fire drills are held once a month while earthquake drills are held quarterly. In the event of an emergency, the school's Disaster Preparedness Plan has clearly defined procedures to accommodate crisis situations, and emergency supplies are available.

Students are supervised throughout the day by classified employees and teachers. There is a designated area for student drop-off and pick-up in front of the school and at the kindergarten, first grade, and back cafeteria gates. Visitors register at the office and receive identification badges that must be displayed at all times

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays the rate of suspensions and expulsions (the total number of incidents divided by the total enrollment) at the school and district levels for the most recent three-year period.

Rate	School			District		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Suspensions	8.04	4.32		22.76	13.24	
Expulsions	0	0		0.15	0.15	

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement (School Year 2012-13)

This section provides information about the condition of the school's grounds, buildings, and restrooms based on the most recent data available, and a description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements.

Sierra Vista Elementary School consists of 34 classrooms, a library, two computer labs, a multipurpose room/cafeteria, a staff room, two playgrounds, and an administrative office. The facility strongly supports teaching and learning through its ample classroom and playground space.

The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. A summary of these standards is available at the school office or district office. Site administration works daily with the custodial staff of two to implement cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. At the time of publication, 100% of the restrooms were fully functional.

School Facility Good Repair Status. (School Year 2012-13)

This table displays the results of the most recently completed school site inspection to determine the school facility's good repair status.

Inspected On:	Repair Status				
System Inspected	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	—	✓	—	—	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	—	✓	—	—	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	—	✓	—	—	
Electrical: Electrical	—	—	✓	—	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	—	✓	—	—	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	—	✓	—	—	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	—	✓	—	—	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	—	✓	—	—	
Overall Rating	—	✓	—	—	

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

This table displays the number of teachers assigned to the school with a full credential, without a full credential, and those teaching outside of their subject area of competence. Detailed information about teacher qualifications can be found on the CDE DataQuest Web page at http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/.

Teachers	School			District
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12
Teachers with Full Credential	43	41	40	155
Teachers without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	N/A

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (teachers assigned without proper legal authorization) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Note: Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Indicator	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2011-12)

This table displays the percent of classes in core academic subjects taught by Highly Qualified Teachers as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in a school, in all schools in the district, in high-poverty schools in the district, and in low-poverty schools in the district. 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 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program. More information on teacher qualifications required under the ESEA can be found on the CDE Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100	0
All Schools in District	100	0
High-Poverty Schools in District	100	0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	0	0

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2011-12)

This table displays, in units of full-time equivalents (FTE), the number of academic counselors and other support staff who are assigned to the school and the average number of students per academic counselor. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

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

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

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

Arvin Union School District held a Public Hearing on September 13, 2011, and determined that each school within the district had sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, or science lab equipment pursuant to the settlement of Williams vs. the State of California. All students, including English Language Learners (ELL), are given their own individual standards-aligned textbooks to instructional materials, or both, in core subjects for use in the classroom and to take home. Textbooks and supplementary materials are adopted according to a cycle developed by the California Department of Education, making the textbooks used in the school the most current available.

Arvin Union School District staff members are actively involved in the selection process of materials and textbooks. The selection process involves teachers, administrators, district support personnel, and parents. The district follows the State of California's Textbook Adoption Cycle.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2012-13)

This table displays information about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school; whether the textbooks and instructional materials are from the most recent adoption (yes/no); and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent students lacking own assigned copy
Reading/Language Arts	McGraw Hill/2010	Yes	0 %
Mathematics	Harcourt Brace/2009	Yes	0 %
Science	Pearson Scott Foresman/2008	Yes	0 %
History-Social Science	K-5 -Pearson Scott Foresman/2006 6 - Pearson Prentice Hall/2006	Yes	0 %
Foreign Language	N/A	N/A	0 %
Health	N/A	N/A	0 %
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	0 %
Visual and Performing Arts	N/A	N/A	0 %

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

This table displays a comparison of the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and a comparison of the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding school expenditures can be found on the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/ and teacher salaries can be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental / Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic/ Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	$4,887.28	$1,451.72	$3,435.56	$60,920.00
District	N/A	N/A	$5,101.44	$60,920.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-32.66	
State	N/A	N/A	$5,455.00	$65,598.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-37.02	-7.13

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2011-12)

This section provides information about the programs and supplemental services (e.g., information about supplemental educational services related to the school's federal Program Improvement status) that are provided at the school through either categorical funds or other sources.

In addition to general state funding, Arvin Union School District receives state and federal funding for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- Special Education Master Plan
- Instructional Materials
- Home-to-School Transportation
- Class Size Reduction
- Economic Impact Aid (EIA)
- Gifted and Talented Pupils
- Peer Assistance and Review (PAR)
- Healthy Start
- School Improvement Program (SIP)
- Staff Development
- Federal, ECIA/ESEA/IASA
- Federal, Special Education, Discretionary Grants

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

This table displays district salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size. The table also displays teacher and administrative salaries as a percent of a district's budget, and compares these figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Detailed information regarding salaries may be found on the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	$41,846	$40,962
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	$62,153	$63,212
Highest Teacher Salary	$76,618	$80,545
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	$94,551	$102,057
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	$98,113	$106,108
Average Principal Salary (High)		$110,838
Superintendent Salary	$117,835	$152,557
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	36	40
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4	6

IX. Student Performance

Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs); the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The assessments under the STAR program show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and nine through eleven. The CAPA includes ELA and mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations. The CMA is an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for grades three through nine, mathematics for grades three through seven and Algebra I and science in grades five, eight, and ten. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results Web site at http://star.cde.ca.gov. Program information regarding the STAR Program can be found in the Explaining 2009 STAR Program Summary Results to the Public guide at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/pkt5intrpts09.pdf. 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. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the percent of students achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards).

Subject	School			District			State		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
English-Language Arts	32	33	30	34	37	37	52	54	56
Mathematics	47	44	39	46	45	43	48	50	51
Science	18	26	23	34	31	32	54	57	60
History-Social Science	0	0	0	28	27	23	44	48	49

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

This table displays the percent of students, by group, achieving at the Proficient or Advanced level (meeting or exceeding the state standards) for the most recent testing period.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA	37	43	32	23
All Students at the School	30	39	23	0
Male	27	36	25	0
Female	34	43	22	0
Black or African American	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	0	0	0	0
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	30	40	23	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	31	46	0	0
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	31	41	23	0
English Learners	21	34	11	0
Students with Disabilities	16	22	0	0
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	24	51	26	0

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2011-12)

The California Physical Fitness Test is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. Detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state levels, may be found on the CDE Physical Fitness Testing Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/. 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. In no case shall any group score be reported that would deliberately or inadvertently make public the score or performance of any individual student.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	20.5	13.9	9.8
7	0	0	0
9	0	0	0

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. Detailed information about the API can be found at the CDE Academic Performance Index (API) Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/.

Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools API ranks. The statewide API rank ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state. The similar schools API rank reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2009	2010	2011
Statewide	1	1	1
Similar Schools	3	6	3

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

Group	Actual API Change		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
All Students at the School	58	-2	-31
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	57	-1	-31
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White			
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	61	-3	-29
English Learners	54	-3	-23
Students with Disabilities			

Note: 'N/D' means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. 'B' means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. 'C' means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group - 2012 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2012 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2012 Growth API					
	# of Students	School	# of Students	LEA	# of Students	State
All Students at the School	453	674	2,223	706	4,664,264	788
Black or African American	1		5		313,201	710
American Indian or Alaska Native			3		31,606	742
Asian	1		6		404,670	905
Filipino			2		124,824	869
Hispanic or Latino	439	674	2,145	704	2,425,230	740
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					26,563	775
White	12	677	62	712	1,221,860	853
Two or More Races					88,428	849
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	437	676	2,083	703	2,779,680	737
English Learners	394	669	1,856	692	1,530,297	716
Students with Disabilities	51	548	254	579	530,935	607

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:
• Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
• Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
• API as an additional indicator
• Graduation rate (for secondary schools)
Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2011-12)

This table displays an indication of whether the school and the district made AYP overall and whether the school and the district met each of the six AYP criteria described above.

AYP Criteria	School	District
Overall	No	No
Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	No	No
Percent Proficient - Mathematics	No	No
API	No	No
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2012-13)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. Detailed information about PI identification can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	1999-2000	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement	Year 5	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	4
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	100

XII. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

Staff members build teaching skills and concepts by participating in many conferences and workshops throughout the year. The district offers two staff development days annually where teachers are offered a variety of professional growth opportunities in curriculum, teaching strategies, and methodologies. For 2011-12, training was on classroom management, analyzing state mandated testing results, higher level questioning strategies, and language arts curriculum