



**California Department of Education
School Accountability Report Card
California Montessori Project – Elk Grove Campus
Reported Using Data from the 2016-2017 School 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 Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

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

DataQuest

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., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

About This School

About California Montessori Project – Elk Grove Campus

Kathleen Merz, CMP – Elk Grove Principal



The California Montessori Project—Elk Grove Campus, is a Montessori public charter school offering kindergarten through eighth grade education under a charter authorized by the Elk Grove Unified School District. CMP is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the American Montessori Society (AMS). CMP's program quality is sustained by supporting its California credentialed and Montessori trained faculty with continued professional development and quality Montessori materials in low student/teacher ratio classrooms.

CMP encourages its students to make Safe, Respectful, and Responsible choices for themselves and empower others to do so as well. CMP students utilize individualized work plans to allow them to work at their own level and pace. Cooperation and positive peer relationships are supported through daily Class Meetings. CMP has a strong school community with a high level of family involvement. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, participate in field trips, and help organize special events and fundraisers. There are many opportunities for families to be involved as a community and get to know one another. Among such events are the Walk-a-Thon, Science Fair, Art Walk, Harvest Festival, World Faire, Harvest Luncheons, Wax Museum, Ice Cream Socials, and class performances.



Gary Bowman, CMP Network Superintendent/Executive Director

The current Executive Director/Superintendent of California Montessori Project is Gary S. Bowman, an educator with 30 years of extensive experience as teacher, administrator, school board member and consultant within the domains of traditional, charter and private schools. Mr. Bowman received his Masters of Science in Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Dominican College of San Rafael, CA, and Administrative Services Credential (Levels One and Two) in association with coursework completed at St. Mary's College (Moraga, CA) and Chico State University.

Mr. Bowman has earned statewide recognition for his work with Native-American students and families, receiving awards at the Governor's Mansion and at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab. He has presented numerous workshops for CSDC (Charter School Development Center), CCSA (California Charter Schools Association) and AMS (American Montessori Society).

In addition to an extensive teaching career, he has served as a site and/or District administrator in Mendocino, Humboldt and Nevada Counties, as well as Yuba County, where he served as District Superintendent for Camptonville USD. Mr. Bowman was recently elected to serve as a Board Member for the American Montessori Society.

Contact Information (School Year 2017-2018)

California Montessori Project (CMP) is a charter public school network in the greater Sacramento area. CMP-Elk Grove continues to thrive as part of the CMP network, but also as a unique campus within the Elk Grove Unified School District.

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Superintendent/Executive Director - Gary Bowman

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County-District-School (CDS) Code: 34-67314-0111732

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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2016-2017)

The Mission of the California Montessori Project is to offer a quality, tuition-free Montessori Education that challenges our students to reach their full potential

California Montessori Project (CMP) is a public charter school network (K-8) serving over 2500 students on seven campuses located throughout the greater Sacramento area. Previously sponsored by the Wheatland School District from 2001 through 2006, CMP currently operates under four charter authorizers: Buckeye Union, Elk Grove Unified, Sacramento City Unified and San Juan Unified School Districts. CMP campuses are located in Shingle Springs, Elk Grove, Sacramento, Fair Oaks, Orangevale and Carmichael.

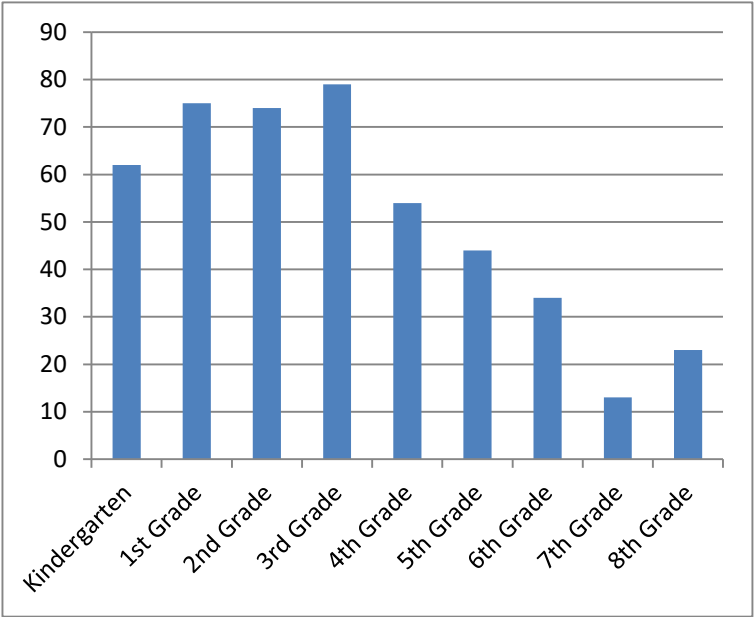
The Montessori philosophy states that a child has an innate desire to learn and produce purposeful, meaningful work. Dr. Maria Montessori believed that the role of an adult in a child's education is to provide an appropriate environment, complete with tools and methods, to facilitate the child's own discovery of knowledge and skills at the time when it has the most impact for him/her individual. This system has a foundation based on trust and respect of the individual, and a belief that children will soar beyond traditional expectations.

California Montessori Project offers an environment which has the tools, programs, resources, and support to enable students to become educated to high academic standards, and to develop themselves to their fullest capacity as competent, happy, productive individuals, family members, employers/employees, and contributors to a better society and a peaceful world. This is achieved through a strong commitment from the parents, teachers, school leaders, community groups, legislators and, most importantly, the individual child. CMP is grounded in a philosophy of trust in individuals to seek their greatest potential.

CMP holds that an educated person is well-rounded and balanced. The CMP student shall become a collaborative member of a community, motivated to set and achieve high goals. CMP encourages students to demonstrate empathy towards others through respectful and productive communications. The student is guided to view him/herself as a global citizen who is empowered, and responsible, for making positive changes in the world within the immediate environment. The CMP student develops personal habits leading to a healthy lifestyle which includes leisure, work, family, exercise, nutrition and community.

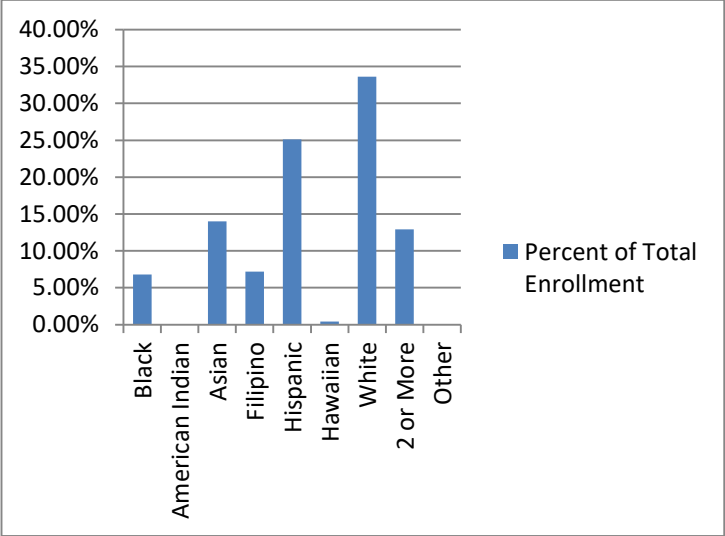
Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-2017)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	62
Grade 1	75
Grade 2	74
Grade 3	79
Grade 4	54
Grade 5	44
Grade 6	34
Grade 7	13
Grade 8	23
Total Enrollment	458

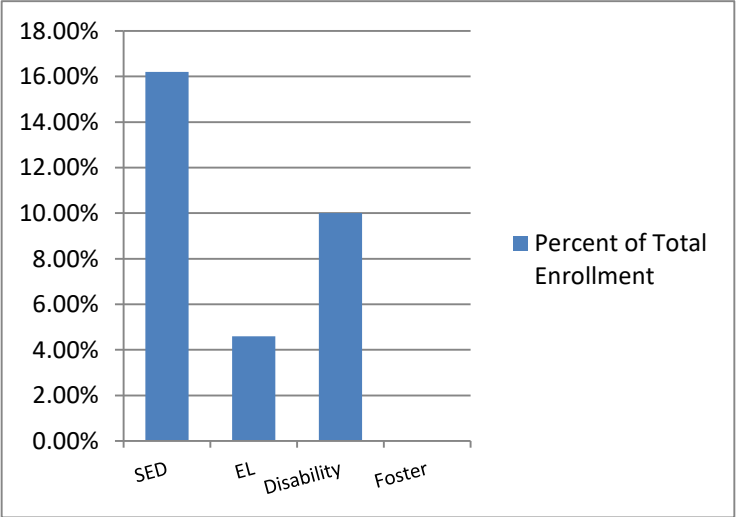


Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2016-2017)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	6.8 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0 %
Asian	14.0%
Filipino	7.2%
Hispanic or Latino	25.1 %
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4%
White	33.6 %
Two or More Races	12.9 %
Other	0.0 %



Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	16.2 %
English Learners	4.6 %
Students with Disabilities	10.0 %
Foster Youth	0.0 %



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	Charter School			Authorizing District
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18
With Full Credential	20	23	22	3105
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	17
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
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 2017-18)

CMP utilizes the American Montessori Society's recommended materials list when selecting Montessori instructional materials. For all other curricular and supplemental materials and programs, the process is to gather input from a variety of stakeholders to present to the administrative leadership team for determining implementation.

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Kindergarten-3rd Grade Primary Phonics, Modern Curriculum Press Great Source Education Press: Working Words in Spelling Albanesi Language Curriculum 4th Grade -8th Grade Great Source Education Press: Working Words in Spelling Prentice Hall: Prentice Hall Literature, Timeless Voices, Timeless, Themes Silver Level Year B Individual novels for literature studies Wordly Wise Albanesi Language Curriculum	0 %
Mathematics	Kindergarten-3rd Grade Albanesi Math Curriculum Otter Creek Institute: Mastering Math Facts, Black Line Masters 4th Grade-6th Grade Go Math 6 th – Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt Albanesi Math Curriculum Otter Creek Institute: Mastering Math Facts, Black Line Masters 7th Grade-8th Grade 7 th - Go Math 8 th – Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt	0 %
Science	7th Grade-8th Grade Prentice Hall: Science Explorer – Cycle A Life Science, Cycle B Physical Science Pearson Prentice Hall, Life Science	0 %
History-Social Science	4th Grade-5th Grade Houghton Mifflin: Oh California Teacher's Curriculum Institute: Social Studies Alive! – America's Past 6th Grade Teacher's Curriculum Institute: History Alive! – Ancient Civilizations 7th Grade-8th Grade Teacher's Curriculum Institute: History Alive! – Cycle A Medieval World, Cycle B The United States Through Industrialization	0 %
Foreign Language	Kindergarten - 8th Grade Rosetta Stone	0 %

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

The CMP—Elk Grove Campus is comprised of two sites. The original facility located on Elk Grove Blvd is a former public school campus leased through the Cosumnes Community Services District. The facility houses an office and four traditional classrooms. This site serves students in Kindergarten thru 2nd grade. The school grounds include a spacious field, a playground, and a large asphalt play area with a basketball court. Our second facility is located just 2.2 miles from the original site on Bradshaw Road. Ten acres of land houses school offices, 14 classrooms, and a large multipurpose room. This site serves students in Kindergarten thru 8th grade. The school grounds include a separate Kindergarten play area, a large asphalt play area, and a large play field.

Custodial and maintenance services are provided in the late afternoon and evening through contractual services and parent volunteers.

B. PupilOutcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

- **Statewide assessments** (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with significant cognitive disabilities); and

CAASPP Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students

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.

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8)	50%	55%	52%	54%	48%	48%
Mathematics (grades 3-8)	30%	30%	42%	44%	36%	37%

CAASPP Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	234	224	96%	55%
Male	116	109	94%	54%
Female	118	115	98%	56%
Black or African American	14	13	93%	38%
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	31	31	100%	68%
Filipino	14	14	100%	50%
Hispanic or Latino	62	59	95%	42%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	78	74	95%	62%
Two or More Races	35	33	94%	58%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	44	40	91%	36%
English Learners	17	17	100%	53%
Students with Disabilities	35	25	71%	17%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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 (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	234	219	94%	30%
Male	116	107	92%	39%
Female	118	112	95%	21%
Black or African American	14	13	93%	23%
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	31	31	100%	52%
Filipino	14	14	100%	29%
Hispanic or Latino	62	56	90%	18%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	78	73	94%	32%
Two or More Races	35	32	91%	29%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	44	39	89%	--
English Learners	17	17	100%	35%
Students with Disabilities	35	22	63%	--
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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.

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CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Subject	Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5 and 8)	63.0%	74.0%	63.0%	63.0%	56.0%	54.0%

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five and eight.

Note: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

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 area of physical education

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	10%	15%	38%
7	15%	31%	46%

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 2017-18)

Parents play an active role in the California Montessori Project. Parents are invited to volunteer 40 hours with one enrolled child, or 70 hours for two or more children. Many of the parents and other family members exceed this amount, as they assist in the classrooms, chaperone students on fieldtrips, provide additional supervision during morning drop off and afternoon pick-up times, and organize special school events and fundraisers. Parents are also involved in many leadership roles, including service on the Campus Advisory Council, Gardening Committee, Fundraising Committee, and the CMP Governing Board.

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

	CMP-Elk Grove			Elk Grove Unified School District			California		
Rate	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions	1.8%	2.8%	3.0%	4.8%	4.3%	4.7%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

School Safety Plan

California Montessori Project has a Site Safety Operations Plan that includes a Comprehensive Safety Plan and a Site Emergency Response Plan. The Site Safety Operation Plan is reviewed every year with the site safety committee at each campus and approved by the CMP Governing Board annually.

The CMP school-wide Safety Plan was submitted and approved as part of the 2014 Charter Renewal in February 2014. Key elements of the plan include monthly drills and crisis intervention plans.

D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2017-2018)

Indicator	CMP-EG	EGUSD
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	N/A	2009-2010
Year in Program Improvement	N/A	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	12
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	92.3%

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

In the Montessori methodology, classrooms are structured into multi-age groupings. Multi-age spans in classrooms are based on the philosophy of the family unit. Just like in a family environment where younger members learn from the experience of the older ones, children in a multi-age group setting learn from each other. Children develop the skills to negotiate, cooperate, and accept ideas other than their own. Since all children are at different stages in their learning and development, negative competition between children is practically non-existent. Younger students benefit by having mentors and role models, and learning from peers as well as adults. The older, more advanced student gains confidence and leadership skills. By mentoring the younger peer, the older student reinforces his/her own academic knowledge. CMP continues to maintain a low student/teacher ratio by keeping small class sizes. Instructional assistants, Montessori specialists, parent volunteers, and other program specialists further reduce the student-to-adult ratio.

	2014-15				2015-16				2016-17			
Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	13	3	13	3	13	3	13	3	20	2	1	
1	13	7	13	7	13	7	13	7				
2	8	9	8	9	8	9	8	9				
3	7	9	7	9	7	9	7	9				
1,2,3									20	4	7	
4	11	4	11	4	11	4	11	4				
5	6	4	6	4	6	4	6	4				
6	9	4	9	4	9	4	9	4				
4,5,6									22		6	

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

One of the goals of the California Montessori Project is for all Teachers to have both their Montessori and California teaching credentials. When a Teacher has only one of these credentials, he/she will enroll in an approved program to obtain the other. In many situations, a co-Teacher and/or Teaching Assistant is also teaching in the classroom. CMP Teaching Assistants have knowledge and/or background in early childhood education as well as previous successful experience working with children. These staff

	2014-15				2015-16				2016-17			
Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
English	17	2		2	17	2		2	18	4		
Mathematics	9	4		4	9	4		4	18	2		
Science	17	2		2	17	2		2	18	2		
Social Science	17	2		2	17	2		2	18	2		

positions are supervised by the Lead Teacher.

* 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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-2017)

Number of FTE* Assigned to School	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0
Library Media Teacher (librarian)	0.0
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0.0
Psychologist	1.0
Social Worker	0.0
Nurse	0.0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.0
Other	1.0
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	0.0

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

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

Expenditures Per Pupil and Charter School Teacher Salaries (2015-2016)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental/Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic/Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
CMP – Elk Grove	\$9,322	\$1,747	\$7,574	\$45,738
EGUSD	N/A	N/A	\$6,376	\$76,341
Percent Difference – CMP-Elk Grove and EGUSD	N/A	N/A	19%	-40%
State	N/A	N/A	\$6,574	\$74,194
Percent Difference – CMP-Elk Grove and State	N/A	N/A	15%	-38%

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2016-2017)

California Montessori Project-Elk Grove received Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds, Federal Local Assistance funds for Special Education through the Yuba County Office of Education Local Plan Area (YCOE SELPA) and Class Size Reduction (CSR) monies.

Professional Development

CMP is committed to highly trained teachers and dedicates significant resources toward ongoing professional development. Each year, CMP reserves several non-instructional service days for focused staff training and professional growth to include such topics as: Response to Intervention, Special Education, Montessori curriculum development, academic planning and other areas of educational specialty. CMP also offers twice monthly Early Release/Professional Development opportunities that directly enhance teaching practices in line with the school's mission and vision. CMP offers teacher induction support for newly credentialed teachers as well as tuition assistance for approved outside professional development events and activities.

Finally, CMP provides both tuition assistance and compensation incentives to teachers pursuing cross certification in Montessori education through accredited training centers. This additional level of teacher preparation consists of a rigorous course of study combined with practical classroom experience. In combination with CMP's entire professional development program, we are confident that the result is highly-trained teachers who are ready to lead our students into the 21st century.