

# 2021-22 School Accountability Report Card

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

One of seventeen elementary schools in the Ventura Unified School District, Sunset School K-8 has the distinction of being among the newest and most modern. Sunset School K-8 opened for student use on July 29, 2000. The new facility includes air conditioning, telephones, and internet access for each classroom. Sunset School students and staff enjoy our 9.5-acre campus, which has twenty classrooms, a multipurpose room, a kitchen, a media/library center, an administration office, and spacious playground facilities.

In an effort to serve our community, Sunset School K-8 offers an educational plan that includes a 6th, 7th and 8th grade program aligned to middle school state standards. Located among the foothills of the lower Ojai Valley, Sunset School K-8 is blessed with panoramic views of oak-covered hills. Graceful red-tail hawks can often be seen soaring overhead through beautiful blue skies. The natural beauty surrounding our campus enhances a unique learning environment. A talented staff, involved parents, and industrious students create a comfortable atmosphere at Sunset School K-8 that is challenging yet friendly.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for every student to master high academic standards. Positive child-centered classroom environments actively engage student thinking, encourage student responsibility, and promote student success. We are dedicated to providing a safe and caring environment where every student is a "Learner and a Leader." Sunset School K-8 parents and staff work together to meet individual needs and facilitate the development of each student to their fullest potential.

A shared commitment to safety, courtesy, and learning makes Sunset School K-8 a special place for learners and leaders of all ages. We welcome active parent and community participation. I invite you to visit our beautiful campus and experience it for yourself. In 2017 Sunset was named a CA Gold Ribbon School and a Title I Academic Achievement Award School. In 2018, Sunset School K-8 was named a Green Ribbon School for Excellence in Environmental Practices.

### 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 16,000 students in grades transitional

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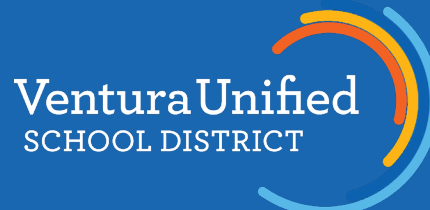
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kindergarten through twelve receive a rigorous, standards-based curriculum from dedicated and highly qualified professionals. The district is comprised of 17 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, and 5 high schools.

## Sunset School K-8

Sunset School TK-8 serves students in grades kindergarten through eight following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, 340 students were enrolled, including 8.8% in special education, 17.9% qualifying for English Language Learner support, 1.5% foster youth, 2.6% homeless, and 65.9% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

Student Enrollment by Student Group and Grade Level 2021-22			
Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Female	51.8%	Kindergarten	38
Male	48.2%	Grade 1	38
Non-Binary	0.0%	Grade 2	49
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.3%	Grade 3	39
Asian	0.6%	Grade 4	43
Black or African American	0.3%	Grade 5	43
Filipino	0.9%	Grade 6	35
Hispanic or Latino	45.9%	Grade 7	25
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	Grade 8	27
Two or More Races	2.4%		
White	49.7%		
English Learners	17.9%		
Foster Youth	1.5%		
Homeless	2.6%		
Migrant	0.0%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	65.9%		
Students with Disabilities	8.8%		
			Total Enrollment 340

Sunset School K-8 implements rigorous and prescriptive changes to its instructional format. The kindergarten program is structured to accommodate an extended instructional day which concludes at 12:55 p.m. rather than 11:30 a.m. as in previous years.

Educational programs follow state and district adopted curricula and are tailored to meet the needs of Sunset School's ever-changing community. All students in grades K-8 receive one hour of targeted intervention five days a week as part of the school's Universal Access time. Every staff member is dedicated to providing a safe and comprehensive educational experience.

Sunset School K-8 actively seeks out and promotes students academic success through its Renaissance program. Renaissance is a national program of academic awards and incentives. Some components include "The Wall of Fame," "Principal's Recess," and monthly perfect attendance awards.

A multi-tiered system of support is in place at Sunset to assist students with both academic and social emotional success. All of the staff, certificated, and classified, are trained in and implement school-wide language which encourages consistency, high student expectations and self-awareness. All grade

levels on campus receive explicit teaching on growth mindset, "Bucket-Filling versus Bucket'Dipping" and Zones of Regulation.

All students participate in universal access time. One hour per day students receive targeted intervention or opportunities for acceleration based on data. Staff meet weekly to address the needs of students in groups.

## 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 appropriately 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 in the classroom, 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, and the "Monday Message". Contact the school office at (805) 649-6600 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

Opportunities to Volunteer

- Art Trek Volunteer
- Battle of the Books

### California Physical Fitness Test Results

2021-22

	% of Students Tested				
	Aerobic Capacity	Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Flexibility
Grade Level					
Fifth	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Seventh	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Due to changes to the 2021-22 Physical Fitness Test administration, only participation results are required for these five fitness areas.

Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in Science

All Students

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards

	Sunset		VUSD		CA	
	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22
Science (Grades 5, 8, & 10)	19.4	35.29	30.74	32.31	28.72	29.47

Note: For any 2020-2021 data cells with N/T values indicate that this school did not test students using the CAASPP for Science.

- Classroom Helper
- PTA Functions and Fundraisers
- Library Assistance
- Universal Access Assistance
- Chaperone Field Trips

#### Committees

- School Site Council
- English Learner Advisory Council
- Parent Teacher Association
- Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council

#### School Activities

- Accelerated Reader Recognition Program
- Art Trek
- Back to School Night
- Battle of the Books Team
- Community Service
- Cross Country Team
- Fall Fiesta Night
- Family Fun Festival
- Field Trips/Assemblies
- Fun Friday
- Garden Program
- Grade Level Student Performances
- Open House
- Outdoor School
- Student Council (ASB)
- 8th Grade Promotion
- Intramural Sports Programs

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, Sunset School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in fifth grade. The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the FITNESSGRAM®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting life-long habits of regular physical activity.

The FITNESSGRAM® has six parts, though California currently requires five parts be completed annually, that show a level of fitness that offer a degree of defense against diseases that come from inactivity. The test results can be used by students, teachers, and parents. Comparative District and State results can be found at the CDE's website [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/).

## 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

### CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group (Grades 5, 8, & High School)

2021-22					
	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students Tested	70	68	97.14	2.86	35.29
Female	43	42	97.67	2.33	26.19
Male	27	26	96.3	3.7	50
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	26	26	100	0	23.08
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	39	37	94.87	5.13	43.24
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	46	45	97.83	2.17	26.67
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--

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.

### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics in Grades 3-8 and Grade 11

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards

	Sunset		VUSD		CA	
	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22
English-Language Arts/Literacy	N/A	47	N/A	47	N/A	47
Mathematics	N/A	32	N/A	35	N/A	33

Note: The 2020-2021 data cells have N/A values because these data are not comparable to other year data due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020-2021 school year. Where the CAASPP assessments in ELA and/or mathematics is not the most viable option, the LEAs were allowed to administer local assessments. Therefore, the 2020-2021 data between school years for the school, district, state are not an accurate comparison. As such, it is inappropriate to compare results of the 2020-2021 school year to other school years.

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.

ELA & Mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAAA.

The "Percent Met and 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 CAA's divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA & Mathematics by Student Group (Grades 3-8 & High School)

2021-22										
	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	213	207	97.18	2.82	46.86	213	207	97.18	2.82	32.37
Female	122	120	98.36	1.64	45.83	122	120	98.36	1.64	30
Male	91	87	95.6	4.4	48.28	91	87	95.6	4.4	35.63
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	97	97	100	0	43.3	97	97	100	0	22.68
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	106	100	94.34	5.66	52	106	100	94.34	5.66	42
English Learners	29	29	100	0	6.9	29	29	100	0	0
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	144	141	97.92	2.08	39.01	144	141	97.92	2.08	23.4
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	22	20	90.91	9.09	15	22	20	90.91	9.09	5

Note: N/T values indicate this school did not test students using the CAASPP for ELA.

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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/](http://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. Sunset School's original facilities were built in 2000; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff.

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. During the 2021-22 school year, the following campus repair or improvements projects were completed:

- Repaint doors and repaint campus exterior
- Level concrete where needed throughout the campus

Every morning before school begins, the day custodian inspects facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. One day custodian and one evening custodian are assigned to Sunset School. The day custodian is responsible for:

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

Campus Description	
Year Built	2000
Acreage	9.5
Bldg. Square Footage	31611
	Quantity
# of Permanent Classrooms	20
# of Portable Classrooms	0
# of Restrooms (student use)	3 sets
Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room	1
Library	1
Computer Lab	1
Staff Lounge	1
Teacher Work Room	1

Restrooms are checked three times a day for cleanliness and subsequently cleaned as needed. The evening custodians are responsible for:

- Classrooms
- Restrooms
- Routine Maintenance

The principal communicates with custodial staff daily concerning maintenance and school safety issues.

### School Site Safety Plan

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Sunset 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, updated and shared with school staff in November 2022.

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 Sunset School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c) (1). Sunset 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 August 23, 2022. During fiscal year 2021-22, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

### 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, the principal, assigned teachers, and campus safety assistants are strategically located at designated entrance areas, in the breakfast area and on the playground. During recess, assigned teachers and campus safety assistants supervise playground activity. The principal, campus safety assistants, and parent volunteers monitor lunch time activity in the cafeteria and on the playground. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, the principal and teachers monitor student behavior to ensure a safe and orderly departure.

Sunset 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.

School Facility Good Repair Status				
Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Inspection Date: August 23, 2022	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems	✓			
Interior Surfaces		✓		Health Office - VCT flooring has buckled under the sink cabinet; Classroom 18 - Ceiling tiles missing and falling at northeast corner above computer desks
Cleanliness	✓			
Electrical	✓			Classroom 6 - Broken electrical outlet cover plate on the south wall; Classroom 9 - Damaged VCT tile at the west wall
Restrooms/Fountains	✓			Classroom 9 - The sink P trap drain is leaking; Classroom 10 - Sink faucet is leaking from the handle when turned on; Building B Boy's West RR, Building B East Boy's RR, Building B East Girl's RR - ADA toilet is not secured to the floor and poses a hazard to handicapped persons use
Safety	✓			
Structural	✓			Building B East Boy's RR - The concrete in front of the door is damaged and creates a trip hazard
External	✓			Kindergarten Play Area - Large crack in play area rubber fall structure
Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status				
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary		✓		

*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.*



Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group (2021-22)				
Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	352	346	127	36.7
Female	179	177	57	32.2
Male	173	169	70	41.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	0	0
Asian	4	3	0	0
Black or African American	1	1	1	100
Filipino	3	3	1	33.3
Hispanic or Latino	157	157	59	37.6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
Two or More Races	9	9	1	11.1
White	177	172	65	37.8
English Learners	64	63	23	36.5
Foster Youth	5	5	0	0
Homeless	9	9	6	66.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	236	234	94	40.2
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Students with Disabilities	42	42	20	47.6

Suspensions and Expulsions									
	Sunset			VUSD			CA		
	19-20	20-21	21-22	19-20	20-21	21-22	19-20	20-21	21-22
Suspensions	0.29%	0.29%	1.70%	2.54%	0.17%	2.74%	0.00%	0.20%	3.17%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%

The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to other 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 other school years.

Data collected during the 2020-2021 school year may not be comparable to earlier years of this collection due to differences in learning mode instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

### Discipline & Climate for Learning

Sunset School's discipline policies are based upon a schoolwide discipline plan, which is used as a guide to develop school rules, develop behavior management programs, promote responsibility, promote respect, and minimize classroom disruptions. Sunset School uses "Lesson One" and C.H.A.M.P.S. as schoolwide systems for behavior and to encourage a positive school culture. Teachers clearly identify and explain behavior expectations to their students and discuss consequences for poor or disruptive behavior in the classroom. Sunset School employs a progressive approach in managing students who make poor choices in behavior, do not follow school rules, or are disruptive in the classroom.

Sunset School participates in the After School Education & Safety (ASES) program which provides opportunities for students, such as after school academic interventions and enrichment.

### Class Size

The Class Size Distribution tables in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes at the elementary level by grade level, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-20 students, 21-32 students, and 33 or more students. At the middle school level it

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes*		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	18.0	2		
1	20.0	2		
2	19.0	2		
3	23.0		2	
4	27.0		1	
5	29.0		2	
K	21.0	1	1	
1	22.0		1	
2	20.0	2		
3	20.0	1	1	
4	22.0			1
5	29.0		1	
K	19.0	2		
1	25.0		2	
2	18.0	2		
3	19.0	2		
4	40.0	1		1
5	21.0	1	1	

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

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

illustrates the distribution of class sizes by core subject, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-20 students, 21-32 students, and 33 or more students.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
2019-20				
Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes*		
		1-22	23-32	33+
English	59			1
Math	30		2	
Science	30		2	
Social Science	30		2	
2020-21				
English	55		2	
Math	28		2	
Science	28		2	
Social Science	28		1	
2021-22				
English	55			1
Math	28		2	
Science	28		2	
Social Science	28		2	

### Chronic Absenteeism

The chart in this report identifies the chronic absenteeism rates by student group for Sunset School for the 2021-22 school year. A "chronic absentee" has been defined in EC Section 60901(c)(1) as "a pupil who is absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular day schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays."

## 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 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years, the teachers at Sunset School had the opportunity to participate in districtwide staff development training focused on:

2020-21 Trainings:

- Behavior Team's Role during Distance Learning (Special Education)
- Canvas Basics & Gradebook
- Distance Learning Plans
- Elementary Resource
- English Learner Support and Review and ELPAC
- Facilitated Canvas Course Customization Support (Special Education)
- GATE Icons
- Google Basics
- Grade Level Meetings with District Lesson Builders
- Paraeducator Role during Distance Learning

- Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
- Screen Casting with Screencastify
- Souday Reading
- Video Conferencing
- Utilizing Behavioral Strategies from the Family Guide to Distance Learning
- Zoom and Google Meet Videoconferencing

#### 2021-22 Trainings:

- Bridges Math Intervention
- Benchmark & Math Expressions
- Implicit Bias
- Number Corner Refresher (Kinder)
- NGSS Curriculum Training
- Canvas

#### 2022-23 Trainings:

- Active Assailant
- Behavior Management Strategies
- Bully Prevention
- CHAMPS Overview
- Digital Creations for the Classroom - Using • Google Apps and Extensions to Enhance Student Engagement
- Digital Platforms (Let's Take a Tech Trip)
- Ellevation Training
- ELPAC Strategies
- Ethnic and Social Justice Studies
- Expanded Learning Training
- Indian Ed Curriculum Training
- Inspire Science
- Leader in Me Training
- Lexia English
- Mandated Reporter
- Multi-Disciplinary Training for Supporting Multilingual Learners with Disabilities
- Scholastic Curriculum Training (TK)
- SIRAS and Case Management
- Social and Emotional Learning: Community Circles
- Social Studies Training
- SPARK Training
- Trauma Informed Practices
- Suicide Prevention

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 2021-22 school year, Sunset School's staff development activities concentrated on:

- Ellevation Data Program for ELL Students
- English Language Development Strategies
- Intervention Curriculum Training
- MAP Assessment Tool
- ParentSquare Home-to-School Communication
- Second Step SEL Curriculum
- SEL Programs: Lesson One, CHAMPS, Zones of Regulation, Growth Mindset
- Website Training

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.

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			
2016	Yes	Benchmark Education Company: <i>Benchmark Advanced</i>	0%
2018	Yes	Houghton Mifflin/Scholastic: <i>Big Day</i>	0%
2017	Yes	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <i>The Real Book</i>	0%
2017	Yes	McGraw Hill Education: <i>StudySync</i>	0%
2019	Yes	Houghton Mifflin: <i>Read 180</i>	0%
Math			
2017	Yes	Houghton Mifflin: <i>Math Expressions</i>	0%
2018	Yes	Houghton Mifflin/Scholastic: <i>Big Day</i>	0%
2016	Yes	McGraw Hill Education: <i>California Math, Course 1, 2 &amp; 3 - Volumes 1 &amp; 2</i>	0%
2016	Yes	CPM: Core Connections, Course 1, 2 & 3	0%
Science			
2021	Yes	McGraw Hill: California Inspire Science	0%
2018	Yes	Houghton Mifflin/Scholastic: <i>Big Day</i>	0%
2020	Yes	McGraw Hill: California Inspire Science (Grades 6-8)	0%
Social Science			
2007	Yes	Pearson-Scott Foresman: <i>History Social Science for California</i>	0%
2007	Yes	Glencoe/McGraw Hill: <i>Discovering Our Past, Ancient Civilization</i>	0%
2007	Yes	Glencoe/McGraw Hill: <i>Discovering Our Past, Medieval and Early Modern Times</i>	0%
2007	Yes	Glencoe/McGraw Hill: <i>Discovering Our Past, The American Journey to WWI</i>	0%
2018	Yes	Houghton Mifflin/Scholastic: <i>Big Day</i>	0%

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 History-Social Science curriculum in the 2022-23 school year with adoption and implementation anticipated for the 2022-2023 school year. Currently, supplemental bridge materials are being used to support the implementation of the new History-Social Science state framework.

On October 11, 2022, 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 #22-40 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 2022-23 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.

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "Ineffective" under ESSA) / Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22
Permits and Waivers	0	
Misassignments	0	
Vacant Positions	0	
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0	

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-Field" under ESSA) / Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0	
Local Assignment Options	0	
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0	

Class Assignments / Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0	
No credential, permit or authorization to teacher (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0	

Note: For more information, refer to the Updated Teacher Equity Definitions web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/teacherequitydefinitions.asp>

School Year 2020-21						
Teacher Preparation and Placement / Authorization/Assignment	School #	School %	District #	District %	State #	State %
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	14	97.1	526.1	80.91	228366.1	83.12
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0	0	9	1.4	4205.9	1.53
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0	20.1	3.09	11216.7	4.08
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0	0	65.1	10.03	12115.8	4.41
Unknown	0.4	2.83	29.7	4.57	18854.3	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	14.5	100	650.2	100	274759.1	100

School Year 2021-22						
Teacher Preparation and Placement / Authorization/Assignment	School #	School %	District #	District %	State #	State %
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)						
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned						
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)						
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)						
Unknown						
Total Teaching Positions						

Note: The data in this table is based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status. 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. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned to based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

### Counseling & Support Staff

Sunset 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 Sunset 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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff 2021-22		
	No. of Staff	FTE*
Academic Counselor	1	0.5
Health Technician	1	0.4
Psychologist	1	0.3
School Nurse	As needed	

\*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 Preparation and Credentials

The charts below identify the number of teachers at Sunset School, Ventura Unified School District and the State who are 1) fully credentialed; 2) intern credential holders who are properly assigned; 3) teachers without credentials and misassignments; and 4) credentialed teachers who are assigned out-of-field under ESSA.

The charts also report Sunset School information related to 1) the number of teachers on permits and waivers; 2) the number misassigned; 3) the number of vacant positions; 4) the number of credentialed teachers authorized on a permit or waiver; 5) the number of local assignment options; 6) the percent of misassignments for English Learners; and 7) the percent with no credential, permit or authorization to teach.

Note: The 2021-22 teacher information will be updated once CDE releases the information for this school year.

## 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: 2020-21 salary comparison data was the most recent data available at the time this report was published.)

### Expenditures Per Student

For the 2020-21 school year, Ventura Unified School District spent an average of \$12,634 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2020-21 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/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/) and [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/](http://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.)

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teachers Salaries 2020-21					
Dollars Spent Per Student					
Expenditures Per Pupil	Lemon Grove	VUSD	% Difference - School and District	State Average for Districts of Same Size and Type	% Difference - School and State
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	625	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted (Supplemental)	341	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted (Basic)	284	157	181.5%	6,593	4.3%
Average Teacher Salary	191	77,987	N/A	88,358	N/A

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 2020-21 school year, the district received categorical, special education, and support programs funds for:

- After School Education and Safety (ASES)
- Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
- COVID Relief Funding
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Education Protection Account
- Indian Education
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Other Federal Funds
- Other State: Locally Defined
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Special Education
- State COVID Relief Funding
- State Lottery
- Strong Workforce Program
- Title I, II, III, IV

### Teacher and Administrative Salaries 2020-21

	VUSD	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	48,017	54,370
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	69,145	82,680
Highest Teacher Salary	95,772	106,610
Average Principal Salaries:		
Elementary School	117,729	135,282
Middle School	123,578	141,243
High School	132,064	152,955
Superintendent Salary	228,637	264,366
Percentage of Budget For:		
Teacher Salaries	30.35	33.09
Administrative Salaries	4.93	5.03

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

## SARC DATA

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 Sunset 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) [www.caschooldashboard.org/](http://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.

### Internet

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 may 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.

### Disclosure

The statistical information disclosed in this report is obtained from the California Department of Education and the Ventura Unified School District. At the time of publication, this report met all SARC-related state and federal requirements, using the most current data available. Data to prepare the instructional materials sections and the school facilities section was acquired in December 2022.