

# IDEA Academy @Cottonwood

## 2022-2023 School Accountability Report Card (Published During the 2023-2024 School Year)

### General Information about the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

#### SARC Overview



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

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

#### DataQuest



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

#### California School Dashboard



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

#### 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 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.

## 2023-24 School Contact Information

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>School Name</b>                       | IDEA Academy @Cottonwood  |
| <b>Street</b>                            | 2740 W Avenue P-8   |
| <b>City, State, Zip</b>                  | Palmdale, CA 93551  |
| <b>Phone Number</b>                      | (661) 267-2825  |
| <b>Principal</b>                         | Thomas Morreale   |
| <b>Email Address</b>                     | t.morreale@westside.k12.ca.us   |
| <b>School Website</b>                    | <a href="https://www.westside.k12.ca.us/cw">https://www.westside.k12.ca.us/cw</a> |
| <b>County-District-School (CDS) Code</b> | 19-65102-6109664  |

## 2023-24 District Contact Information

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>District Name</b>    | Westside Union Elementary School District                          |
| <b>Phone Number</b>     | (661) 722-0716   |
| <b>Superintendent</b>   | Regina Rossall   |
| <b>Email Address</b>    | r.rossall@westside.k12.ca.us                                       |
| <b>District Website</b> | <a href="http://www.westside.k12.ca.us">www.westside.k12.ca.us</a> |

## 2023-24 School Description and Mission Statement

### School Description

The IDEA Academy @Cottonwood is an elementary STEAM (science, technology, engineering, and art) academy and a school of choice in the Westside Union School District for Universal Pre-Kindergarten - 6th grades. Our school, located at Avenue P-8 and Hubbard Street in Palmdale, currently serves 580 students in grades UPK-6 in both general and special education. The IDEA Academy's rigorous academic programs equip students with 21st century skills through hands-on, real world application and creative problem solving with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) engineering; a 1:1 technology program; and access to robotics, music, drama, art, as well as a campus makerspace for exploration and projects. Our school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). School wide certification in Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) and designation as an AVID Showcase school promote college and career readiness and supports all students in building academic proficiency. In addition to using AVID's critical reading and writing strategies to support standards-based learning, students explore college and career pathways through guidance lessons, career presentations from members of the community, and an arts partnership with the local community college. The IDEA Academy also provides a safe learning environment for students with positive behavior interventions and supports that foster school connectedness through school wide morning meetings, student leadership and mentorship groups, and social skills instruction. Our school campus has a makerspace, engineering lab and flexible use multipurpose spaces for STEAM learning. The school community is supported by a strong Parent Teacher Association, School Site Council, and English Language Advisory Committee. All students participate in our Dress for Success uniform dress code.

### Mission Statement:

The IDEA Academy @Cottonwood is a caring, safe, and collaborative community focused on standards based learning through innovation, design, engineering, and the arts. We develop critical thinkers and exceptional citizens ready to make a positive impact in their community and the world.

Our vision for the IDEA Academy @Cottonwood is defined by the following school wide learner outcomes:

We are Innovators. At the IDEA Academy, we strive for success through our CODE.  
Confidence

## 2023-24 School Description and Mission Statement

Optimism  
Determination  
Enthusiasm

We have a school wide commitment to these Positive Behavior Expectations:

1. Be safe
2. Be respectful.
3. Be responsible.
4. Be prepared.

## About this School

### 2022-23 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

| Grade Level             | Number of Students |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Kindergarten            | 93                 |
| Grade 1                 | 78                 |
| Grade 2                 | 79                 |
| Grade 3                 | 87                 |
| Grade 4                 | 88                 |
| Grade 5                 | 91                 |
| Grade 6                 | 59                 |
| <b>Total Enrollment</b> | <b>575</b>         |

## 2022-23 Student Enrollment by Student Group

| Student Group                       | Percent of Total Enrollment |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Female                              | 48.2%                       |
| Male                                | 51.8%                       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native    | 0.3%                        |
| Asian                               | 2.4%                        |
| Black or African American           | 9.6%                        |
| Filipino                            | 2.3%                        |
| Hispanic or Latino                  | 61.7%                       |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0.5%                        |
| Two or More Races                   | 8.5%                        |
| White                               | 14.1%                       |
| English Learners                    | 9.9%                        |
| Foster Youth                        | 1%                          |
| Homeless                            | 6.8%                        |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged     | 59.1%                       |
| Students with Disabilities          | 5%                          |

### 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

## 2020-21 Teacher Preparation and Placement

| Authorization/Assignment   | School Number | School Percent | District Number | District Percent | State Number | State Percent |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)</b> | 17.00         | 80.95          | 293.50          | 82.05            | 228366.10    | 83.12         |
| <b>Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned</b>   | 2.00          | 9.52           | 17.20           | 4.82             | 4205.90      | 1.53          |
| <b>Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)</b>                      | 0.00          | 0.00           | 13.90           | 3.89             | 11216.70     | 4.08          |
| <b>Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)</b>                         | 1.00          | 4.76           | 6.80            | 1.93             | 12115.80     | 4.41          |
| <b>Unknown</b>   | 1.00          | 4.76           | 26.10           | 7.30             | 18854.30     | 6.86          |
| <b>Total Teaching Positions</b>  | 21.00         | 100.00         | 357.70          | 100.00           | 274759.10    | 100.00        |

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 based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

## 2021-22 Teacher Preparation and Placement

| Authorization/Assignment   | School Number | School Percent | District Number | District Percent | State Number | State Percent |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)</b> | 16.00         | 84.21          | 290.50          | 80.73            | 234405.20    | 84.00         |
| <b>Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned</b>   | 2.00          | 10.53          | 21.10           | 5.89             | 4853.00      | 1.74          |
| <b>Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)</b>                      | 1.00          | 5.26           | 13.10           | 3.65             | 12001.50     | 4.30          |
| <b>Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)</b>                         | 0.00          | 0.00           | 7.70            | 2.16             | 11953.10     | 4.28          |
| <b>Unknown</b>   | 0.00          | 0.00           | 27.10           | 7.55             | 15831.90     | 5.67          |
| <b>Total Teaching Positions</b>  | 19.00         | 100.00         | 359.90          | 100.00           | 279044.80    | 100.00        |

The CDE published the first year of available teacher data for the 2020-21 SARC in June 2022, and the CDE published the second year of data for the 2021-22 SARC in June 2023. The EC Section 33126(b)(5) requires the most recent three years of teacher data to be requested in the SARC, as data is available. The teacher data for the 2022-23 SARC will not be available prior to February 1, 2024, and therefore is not included in the template.

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 based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

## Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (considered “ineffective” under ESSA)

| Authorization/Assignment                                     | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Permits and Waivers  | 0.00    | 1.00    |
| Misassignments   | 0.00    | 0.00    |
| Vacant Positions   | 0.00    | 0.00    |
| <b>Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments</b> | 0.00    | 1.00    |

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## 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 | 1.00    | 0.00    |
| Local Assignment Options                               | 0.00    | 0.00    |
| <b>Total Out-of-Field Teachers</b>                     | 1.00    | 0.00    |

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## Class Assignments

| Indicator  | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|--|---------|---------|
| <b>Misassignments for English Learners</b><br>(a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)              | 0       | 0       |
| <b>No credential, permit or authorization to teach</b><br>(a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach) | 9.5     | 0       |

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

## 2023-24 Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

Westside Union School District provides all students with textbooks and other instructional materials to support the district’s adopted curricular programs. Funding is provided by the state for the acquisition of textbooks and instructional materials that are aligned with State Board adopted content standards in Reading/Language Arts/English Language Development, Mathematics, History/Social Science, and Science. The following are the instructional programs currently adopted by our district:

| Year and month in which the data were collected |  | October 2023     |                              |
|---|--|------------------|------------------------------|
| Subject   | Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption | From Most Recent | Percent Students Lacking Own |

|   |   | Adoption ? | Assigned Copy |
|---|---|------------|---------------|
| <b>Reading/Language Arts</b>                      | UPK Teaching Strategies, The Creative Curriculum (2020)<br>K-5 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Journeys CA (2017)<br>6-8 McGraw-Hill Education, Study Sync CA (2017) | Yes        | 0             |
| <b>Mathematics</b>                                | UPK Teaching Strategies - The Creative Curriculum (2020)<br>K-8 Imagine Learning, Illustrative Mathematics (2021)   | Yes        | 0             |
| <b>Science</b>                                    | K-5 Savvas Realize, California Elevate Science, 2020<br>6-8 Amplify Science California, 2020  | Yes        | 0             |
| <b>History-Social Science</b>                     | K-5 Pearson, My World California (2019)<br>6-8 Teachers' Curriculum Institute, History Alive! (2017)  | Yes        | 0             |
| <b>Foreign Language</b>                           | N/A   |            | N/A           |
| <b>Health</b>                                     | N/A   |            | N/A           |
| <b>Visual and Performing Arts</b>                 | N/A   |            | N/A           |
| <b>Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)</b> | N/A   | N/A        | N/A           |

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

At Cottonwood Elementary every effort is made to insure a safe and secure campus. Our campus is a secure campus to insure the safety of our students. Adult aides are employed to supervise students before school, at recess, and during lunch. Cottonwood aides, teachers, and administrators are trained in CPR and/or First Aid. Fire and/or earthquake drills are conducted monthly. Our nurse's office is equipped with emergency supplies.

Our campus is completely fenced, with one main entrance and a secondary entrance that is only open at specific times in the morning and afternoon. Staff is assigned supervision of the grounds and gates when our students arrive and leave school.

Cottonwood has an administration building, a cafeteria/auditorium, a library, a reading lab, a computer lab and a band-room as well as 37 classrooms, 3 restrooms complexes and 3 sets of drinking fountains. The Kindergarten play area is individually fenced and it is not part of the main playground. The main playground provides tetherball, handball, basketball, and other games. The large grass field provides ample space for soccer, football, kickball and baseball. Eight concentrated photovoltaic solar panels were installed on the South East corner of our property in 2013.

**Year and month of the most recent FIT report**

9/27/2023

| System Inspected                                     | Rate Good | Rate Fair | Rate Poor | Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned  |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| <b>Systems:</b><br>Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer |           |           |           |  |
| <b>Interior:</b><br>Interior Surfaces                | X         |           |           | Building E Cafeteria: Custodian room missing several floor tiles.<br>F 1: Ceiling tiles stained (2), hump in middle of room cracking floor tile. |

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

|   |   |  |  |   |
|---|---|--|--|---|
|   |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Cleanliness:</b><br>Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation           | X |  |  |   |
| <b>Electrical</b>   | X |  |  |   |
| <b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b><br>Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains                    | X |  |  |   |
| <b>Safety:</b><br>Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials                            |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Structural:</b><br>Structural Damage, Roofs                                | X |  |  | F 1: Ceiling tiles stained (2), hump in middle of room cracking floor tile. |
| <b>External:</b><br>Playground/School Grounds, Windows/<br>Doors/Gates/Fences | X |  |  | Playground upper: Slide is cracked.   |

## Overall Facility Rate

| Exemplary | Good | Fair | Poor |
|-----------|------|------|------|
|           | X    |      |      |

## B. Pupil Outcomes

### State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

#### Statewide Assessments

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

The CAASPP System encompasses the following assessments and student participation requirements:

1. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for ELA** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
2. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for mathematics** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
3. **California Science Test (CAST) and CAAs for Science** in grades five, eight, and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve).

#### College and Career Ready

The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study.



## Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard on CAASPP

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA and mathematics for all students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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

| Subject  | School<br>2021-22 | School<br>2022-23 | District<br>2021-22 | District<br>2022-23 | State<br>2021-22 | State<br>2022-23 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>English Language Arts/Literacy</b><br>(grades 3-8 and 11) | 50                | 54                | 44                  | 45                  | 47               | 46               |
| <b>Mathematics</b><br>(grades 3-8 and 11)                    | 38                | 41                | 28                  | 30                  | 33               | 34               |

## 2022-23 CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

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 Student Groups                                | CAASPP Total Enrollment | CAASPP Number Tested | CAASPP Percent Tested | CAASPP Percent Not Tested | CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>All Students</b>                                  | 333                     | 331                  | 99.40                 | 0.60                      | 53.94                          |
| <b>Female</b>  | 153                     | 152                  | 99.35                 | 0.65                      | 54.61                          |
| <b>Male</b>  | 180                     | 179                  | 99.44                 | 0.56                      | 53.37                          |
| <b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>              | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Asian</b>   | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Black or African American</b>                     | 25                      | 25                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 44.00                          |
| <b>Filipino</b>                                      | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Hispanic or Latino</b>                            | 208                     | 206                  | 99.04                 | 0.96                      | 54.15                          |
| <b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>           | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Two or More Races</b>                             | 34                      | 34                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 55.88                          |
| <b>White</b>   | 45                      | 45                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 53.33                          |
| <b>English Learners</b>                              | 39                      | 39                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 23.08                          |
| <b>Foster Youth</b>                                  | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Homeless</b>                                      | 19                      | 19                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 52.63                          |
| <b>Military</b>                                      | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>               | 204                     | 202                  | 99.02                 | 0.98                      | 51.49                          |
| <b>Students Receiving Migrant Education Services</b> | 0                       | 0                    | 0                     | 0                         | 0                              |
| <b>Students with Disabilities</b>                    | 17                      | 17                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 25.00                          |

## 2022-23 CAASPP Test Results in Math by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Math by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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

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.

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 Student Groups                                | CAASPP Total Enrollment | CAASPP Number Tested | CAASPP Percent Tested | CAASPP Percent Not Tested | CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>All Students</b>                                  | 333                     | 330                  | 99.10                 | 0.90                      | 40.91                          |
| <b>Female</b>  | 153                     | 151                  | 98.69                 | 1.31                      | 33.11                          |
| <b>Male</b>  | 180                     | 179                  | 99.44                 | 0.56                      | 47.49                          |
| <b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>              | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Asian</b>   | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Black or African American</b>                     | 25                      | 25                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 28.00                          |
| <b>Filipino</b>                                      | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Hispanic or Latino</b>                            | 208                     | 205                  | 98.56                 | 1.44                      | 39.02                          |
| <b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>           | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Two or More Races</b>                             | 34                      | 34                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 50.00                          |
| <b>White</b>   | 45                      | 45                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 51.11                          |
| <b>English Learners</b>                              | 39                      | 39                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 12.82                          |
| <b>Foster Youth</b>                                  | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Homeless</b>                                      | 19                      | 19                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 21.05                          |
| <b>Military</b>                                      | --                      | --                   | --                    | --                        | --                             |
| <b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>               | 204                     | 201                  | 98.53                 | 1.47                      | 34.33                          |
| <b>Students Receiving Migrant Education Services</b> | 0                       | 0                    | 0                     | 0                         | 0                              |
| <b>Students with Disabilities</b>                    | 17                      | 17                   | 100.00                | 0.00                      | 29.41                          |

## CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

This table displays the percentage of all students grades five, eight, and High School meeting or exceeding the State Standard.

Science test results include the CAST 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 CAST 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.

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.

| Subject                                  | School 2021-22 | School 2022-23 | District 2021-22 | District 2022-23 | State 2021-22 | State 2022-23 |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Science<br>(grades 5, 8 and high school) | 41.43          | 39.36          | 26.64            | 28.72            | 29.47         | 30.29         |

## 2022-23 CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Science by student group for students grades five, eight, and High School. 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.

| Student Group                                 | Total Enrollment | Number Tested | Percent Tested | Percent Not Tested | Percent Met or Exceeded |
|---|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| All Students                                  | 95               | 94            | 98.95          | 1.05               | 39.36                   |
| Female  | 52               | 51            | 98.08          | 1.92               | 43.14                   |
| Male  | 43               | 43            | 100.00         | 0.00               | 34.88                   |
| American Indian or Alaska Native              | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |
| Asian   | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |
| Black or African American                     | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |
| Filipino                                      | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |
| Hispanic or Latino                            | 64               | 63            | 98.44          | 1.56               | 36.51                   |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander           | 0                | 0             | 0              | 0                  | 0                       |
| Two or More Races                             | 11               | 11            | 100.00         | 0.00               | 63.64                   |
| White   | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |
| English Learners                              | 11               | 11            | 100.00         | 0.00               | 0.00                    |
| Foster Youth                                  | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |
| Homeless                                      | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |
| Military                                      | 0                | 0             | 0              | 0                  | 0                       |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged               | 59               | 58            | 98.31          | 1.69               | 27.59                   |
| Students Receiving Migrant Education Services | 0                | 0             | 0              | 0                  | 0                       |
| Students with Disabilities                    | --               | --            | --             | --                 | --                      |

## B. Pupil Outcomes

### 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.

#### 2022-23 California Physical Fitness Test Results

This table displays the percentage of students participating in each of the five fitness components of the California Physical Fitness Test Results. The administration of the PFT during 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, 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.

| Grade Level | Component 1:<br>Aerobic Capacity | Component 2:<br>Abdominal<br>Strength and<br>Endurance | Component 3:<br>Trunk Extensor<br>and Strength and<br>Flexibility | Component 4:<br>Upper Body<br>Strength and<br>Endurance | Component 5:<br>Flexibility |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Grade 5     | 91                               | 95   | 97  | 96  | 100                         |

## 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 regarding the school district and at each school site.

#### 2023-24 Opportunities for Parental Involvement

The IDEA Academy @Cottonwood has many opportunities for parents to become a more integral part of their children's education. An annual Back to School night in August and Community Open House in the spring are hosted to provide parents with opportunities to learn more about their children's classroom expectations and school work. Parents can be classroom volunteers and assist in the classroom on a scheduled basis, or they can assist as a room parent, helping for special events or occasions. Parents are encouraged to participate on the School Site Council, Safety and English Learners Advisory Committee. Throughout the year, parents also have opportunities to participate in a Cultural Literacy Program and AVID College and Career Days. The PTA also provides extracurricular opportunities for the students and any parent is welcome to participate.

At the district levels, parents can serve as volunteers and participants in many capacities including the DELAC Committee, WAVE Foundation, focus groups and the Superintendent's Advisory Council. These committees/groups meet regularly to focus on issues of interest to parents at the district level.

## 2022-23 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

| Student Group                                 | Cumulative Enrollment | Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment | Chronic Absenteeism Count | Chronic Absenteeism Rate |
|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| All Students                                  | 636                   | 624                                     | 134                       | 21.5                     |
| Female  | 309                   | 303                                     | 63                        | 20.8                     |
| Male  | 327                   | 321                                     | 71                        | 22.1                     |
| Non-Binary                                    | 0                     | 0                                       | 0                         | 0.0                      |
| American Indian or Alaska Native              | 2                     | 2                                       | 2                         | 100.0                    |
| Asian   | 14                    | 14                                      | 3                         | 21.4                     |
| Black or African American                     | 63                    | 61                                      | 19                        | 31.1                     |
| Filipino                                      | 13                    | 13                                      | 2                         | 15.4                     |
| Hispanic or Latino                            | 390                   | 383                                     | 83                        | 21.7                     |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander           | 3                     | 3                                       | 0                         | 0.0                      |
| Two or More Races                             | 60                    | 57                                      | 16                        | 28.1                     |
| White   | 91                    | 91                                      | 9                         | 9.9                      |
| English Learners                              | 74                    | 74                                      | 14                        | 18.9                     |
| Foster Youth                                  | 8                     | 8                                       | 1                         | 12.5                     |
| Homeless                                      | 42                    | 41                                      | 7                         | 17.1                     |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged               | 377                   | 371                                     | 94                        | 25.3                     |
| Students Receiving Migrant Education Services | 0                     | 0                                       | 0                         | 0.0                      |
| Students with Disabilities                    | 45                    | 44                                      | 10                        | 22.7                     |

### C. Engagement

#### 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

This table displays suspensions and expulsions data.

| Rate        | School 2020-21 | School 2021-22 | School 2022-23 | District 2020-21 | District 2021-22 | District 2022-23 | State 2020-21 | State 2021-22 | State 2022-23 |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Suspensions | 0.00           | 2.78           | 5.97           | 0.02             | 3.36             | 4.11             | 0.20          | 3.17          | 3.60          |
| Expulsions  | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.02             | 0.00          | 0.07          | 0.08          |

## 2022-23 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

| Student Group                                 | Suspensions Rate | Expulsions Rate |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| All Students                                  | 5.97             | 0               |
| Female  | 3.24             | 0               |
| Male  | 8.56             | 0               |
| Non-Binary                                    |                  |                 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native              | 0                | 0               |
| Asian   | 7.14             | 0               |
| Black or African American                     | 6.35             | 0               |
| Filipino                                      | 0                | 0               |
| Hispanic or Latino                            | 5.9              | 0               |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander           | 0                | 0               |
| Two or More Races                             | 10               | 0               |
| White   | 3.3              | 0               |
| English Learners                              | 5.41             | 0               |
| Foster Youth                                  | 0                | 0               |
| Homeless                                      | 7.14             | 0               |
| Socioeconomically Disadvantaged               | 6.9              | 0               |
| Students Receiving Migrant Education Services | 0                | 0               |
| Students with Disabilities                    | 2.22             | 0               |

## 2023-24 School Safety Plan

In compliance with Senate Bill 187 and Education Code 35294.6 each Westside School has developed a comprehensive safety plan. These plans are updated annually and approved by the school board by March 1 each year. The elements of this plan include disaster preparedness and procedures. Routine emergency preparedness drills are conducted monthly to ensure the safety and well being of students and staff in the event that there is a need for such an evacuation.

### D. Other SARC Information Information Required in the SARC

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

## 2020-21 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2020-21 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled “Number of Classes” indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The “Other” category is for multi-grade level classes.

| Grade Level | Average Class Size | Number of Classes with 1-20 Students | Number of Classes with 21-32 Students | Number of Classes with 33+ Students |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| K           | 26                 | 1                                    | 2                                     |                                     |
| 1           | 22                 | 1                                    | 2                                     |                                     |
| 2           | 27                 |                                      | 3                                     |                                     |
| 3           | 26                 | 1                                    | 2                                     |                                     |
| 4           | 27                 |                                      | 2                                     |                                     |
| 5           | 32                 |                                      | 2                                     |                                     |
| 6           | 34                 |                                      |                                       | 1                                   |
| Other       | 25                 | 1                                    | 3                                     |                                     |

## 2021-22 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2021-22 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled “Number of Classes” indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The “Other” category is for multi-grade level classes.

| Grade Level | Average Class Size | Number of Classes with 1-20 Students | Number of Classes with 21-32 Students | Number of Classes with 33+ Students |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| K           | 25                 |                                      | 3                                     |                                     |
| 1           | 30                 |                                      | 2                                     |                                     |
| 2           | 30                 |                                      | 2                                     |                                     |
| 3           | 25                 |                                      | 3                                     |                                     |
| 4           | 27                 |                                      | 3                                     |                                     |
| 5           | 29                 |                                      | 2                                     |                                     |
| 6           | 26                 |                                      | 2                                     |                                     |
| Other       | 26                 |                                      | 2                                     |                                     |

## 2022-23 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2022-23 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled “Number of Classes” indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The “Other” category is for multi-grade level classes.

| Grade Level | Average Class Size | Number of Classes with 1-20 Students | Number of Classes with 21-32 Students | Number of Classes with 33+ Students |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|



## 2022-23 Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor

This table displays the ratio of pupils to Academic Counselor. 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.

| Title                               | Ratio  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Pupils to Academic Counselor</b> | 638.89 |

## 2022-23 Student Support Services Staff

This table displays the number of FTE support staff assigned to this school. 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.

| Title  | Number of FTE Assigned to School |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)</b> | 0.9                              |
| <b>Library Media Teacher (Librarian)</b>                             |                                  |
| <b>Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)</b>               |                                  |
| <b>Psychologist</b>  | 0.7                              |
| <b>Social Worker</b>   |                                  |
| <b>Nurse</b>   | 0.3                              |
| <b>Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist</b>                            |                                  |
| <b>Resource Specialist (non-teaching)</b>                            |                                  |
| <b>Other</b>   | 1.8                              |

## Fiscal Year 2021-22 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

This table displays the 2021-22 expenditures per pupil and average teacher salary for this school. Cells with N/A values do not require data.

| Level  | Total Expenditures Per Pupil | Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted) | Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted) | Average Teacher Salary |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>School Site</b>                                   | \$13,835                     | \$4,074                             | \$9,760                               | \$78,045               |
| <b>District</b>                                      | N/A                          | N/A                                 | \$9,760                               | \$83,100               |
| <b>Percent Difference - School Site and District</b> | N/A                          | N/A                                 | 0.0                                   | -3.1                   |
| <b>State</b>   | N/A                          | N/A                                 | \$7,607                               | \$89,574               |
| <b>Percent Difference - School Site and State</b>    | N/A                          | N/A                                 | 38.7                                  | -11.2                  |

## Fiscal Year 2022-23 Types of Services Funded

A range of academic and social emotional support services exist for Westside students, many of which are unique to individual school sites and are tailored to meet the needs of the members of each school community. These supports are provided by counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, physical education teachers, a community liaison, attendance liaisons, and/or behavior specialists.

Student Study and Child Study Teams assist students experiencing academic and/or social emotional challenges, those with special needs, and with assessing eligibility for placement in special classes and/or recommending specialized services. Special services and classes are offered for students with learning disabilities as well as other students with exceptional needs.

A team of 13 counselors provides a range of services for Westside students. Programs are developed and provided based on student data, such as referrals for threatening or self-harm, grades, and attendance. The counseling program was developed using the Multi-Tiered Multi-Domain System of Support Framework (MTMDSS), which includes the components of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) model. All students receive Tier 1 lessons that focus on social/emotional development, attendance, and college and career readiness. Examples of counseling Tier 2 support may include instruction for smaller student groups addressing strong-willed behaviors or coping skills for students exhibiting challenges due to trauma or anxiety. Counselors are also involved in community outreach and service clubs, such as Student Ambassadors or Kindness Clubs. School counselors are assisted by a cadre of Campus Climate Assistants incorporating social-emotional support and structure for students during recess and/or lunch. Supplemental services may also include referrals to School-Based Mental Health Services.

The behavior specialists provide student and staff guidance for students needing intensive behavior intervention.

Several programs, designed to build students' emotional intelligence and capacity and to promote positive and proactive social decision making, reduce bullying, and build an inclusive culture continue to be implemented districtwide. These programs include BoysTown, Leadership Development through Physical Education for students, and Capturing Kids Hearts.

The NWEA Map Growth assessment system has been actively used across the district since the spring of 2018. NWEA Map Growth is a computer adaptive, standards-based diagnostic assessment designed to measure student achievement in the moment and growth over time. Teachers use this data to design instructional experiences to accelerate areas of academic strength for children. NWEA data informs district, site, and grade level Professional Learning Communities, yearlong planning, classroom instruction, and all tiered systems of support and intervention.

Additional academic interventions may also include:

- Academic tutoring, either before or after school
- Learning Lab support during lunch hours.
- Classroom aides leveraged for small group instruction.

Each school site has at least one bilingual assistant to support continual communication with parents of English learners as well as provide supplemental classroom instruction. The bilingual assistants encourage parent participation in advisory groups and also continue to run parent outreach programs to support literacy, such as the Latino Literacy Project.

A team of attendance liaisons and a community liaison address attendance barriers for students with chronic absences. Supplemental school supplies for home use and backpacks are provided as needed to foster youth or students experiencing homelessness and financial hardship.

## Fiscal Year 2021-22 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

This table displays the 2021-22 Teacher and Administrative salaries. For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certification Salaries & Benefits web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

| Category   | District Amount | State Average for Districts in Same Category |
|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>Beginning Teacher Salary</b>                      | \$54,418        | \$54,215                                     |
| <b>Mid-Range Teacher Salary</b>                      | \$86,877        | \$86,843                                     |
| <b>Highest Teacher Salary</b>                        | \$112,455       | \$111,440                                    |
| <b>Average Principal Salary (Elementary)</b>         | \$138,550       | \$140,851                                    |
| <b>Average Principal Salary (Middle)</b>             | \$130,909       | \$147,065                                    |
| <b>Average Principal Salary (High)</b>               | \$0             | \$142,189                                    |
| <b>Superintendent Salary</b>                         | \$286,959       | \$252,466                                    |
| <b>Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries</b>        | 31.59%          | 33.16%                                       |
| <b>Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries</b> | 5.74%           | 5.15%  |

## Professional Development

Westside continues to annually sponsor supplemental professional development for certificated staff during Westside Institute offerings. The 2022-2023 Westside Institute summer provided two full days of facilitated collaboration for approximately 100 teachers. Grade level teams identified essential classroom routines, shared activities to build classroom relationships, analyzed district assessment data for incoming students, reviewed best practices for designated and integrated EL instruction, and established year-long pacing plans. Over the winter break, Westside Institute sessions included a one day Thinking Maps foundations training as well as a comprehensive two day thinking maps writing training. Approximately 60 teachers attend the winter training sessions annually.

Professional development addressing reading achievement continues to be a central focus for the 22-23 school year. To date, nearly 200 certificated members, including teachers, site administrators, and educational services directors, have completed an Online Elementary Reading Academy (OERA) hosted by the Consortium on Reading Excellence in Education. This series, which is offered annually each summer, provides certificated staff with best practices and evidence-based strategies to use during first instruction as well as targeted intervention.

The Westside Union School District New Teacher Support (NTS) team offers programs to clear both the administrative and teaching credentials for new hires. The robust program for teachers consists of weekly meetings with a full-time release mentor. Each new teacher is provided with at least one hour of support per week. This includes support in the classroom, lesson planning, and working towards the achievement of an individualized goal based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) that pre-assessments showed as an area of growth for the candidate. Each candidate works in collaboration with their mentor to set and work towards achieving this goal throughout the year. In addition, the NTS program offers candidates support in the form of professional development. Regularly occurring sessions include training on addressing the unique needs of student groups such as English Learners, using data to drive instruction, standards-based grading, the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) process, and classroom management.

The District's administrative program pairs new administrators with highly qualified coaches. These pairs meet for a total of at least 40 hours a year to work towards mastery of three self-developed goals based on the California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (CPSEL). Additionally, candidates work with their coaches to complete at least 20 hours of professional development designed to further develop high standards of practice.

Annually, professional development on suicide prevention to both certificated and classified staff members is conducted. Professional development is also provided to certificated staff on topics such as human trafficking, the impact of trauma, and the tiered supports embedded in the comprehensive counseling program.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) professional development is also provided annually across the District. Professional development is tailored to the specific needs of the students on campus, and focuses on intentional strategies to

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support Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading (WICOR). Strategies embedded during instruction support increased access to the core content and student engagement. Professional development is conducted at school sites and at AVID Summer Institute.

English Language Development (ELD) is a component of the Structured English Immersion program provided for English Learners. All certificated staff receive training on English Language Development, both integrated and designated. Professional development for certificated staff also includes work in the English Language Development standards, strategies to support English Learners, progress monitoring of English Learners, and targeted support for English Learners in all content areas.

Leadership development Through Physical Education (LDTPE) is a supplemental curriculum to enhance current elementary physical education programming by teaching, developing, and practicing key Social Emotional Learning (SEL) skills. All PE teachers have participated in two full days of training, which include curriculum concepts, language, and skills and activities with a particular focus on building a positive and cohesive community of learners. This training focused on the implementation of techniques that build positive adult to student and student to student relationships resulting in atmospheres where all students can heal from elevated emotional stressors and embrace SEL skills to engage in learning. Additionally, all PE teachers received two personalized coaching sessions to better support the integrations of SEL into daily instruction. Additional layered work tailored to the needs of the school sites may also include work in social-emotional learning programs such as Leadership Development Through Physical Education, Boys Town, Where Everyone Belongs, and Capturing Kids Hearts.

This table displays the number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement.

| Subject  | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement</b> | 60      | 75      |         |