

Westside Academy

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

School Name	Westside Academy
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City, State, Zip	Lancaster, CA 93536
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School Website	
County-District-School (CDS) Code	19-65102-0120899

2023-24 District Contact Information

District Name	Westside Union Elementary School District
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Superintendent	Regina Rossall
Email Address	r.rossall@westside.k12.ca.us
District Website	www.westside.k12.ca.us

2023-24 School Description and Mission Statement

Westside Academy is small school comprised of a computer lab, an indoor P.E. room, a lunch room, and an office that doubles as an additional student area. Outdoor P.E. is conducted in an area on the Joe Walker Middle School Campus. Classes are conducted in two sessions daily. The morning session runs from 7:30-11:00AM and the afternoon session runs from 11:00AM-2:30PM.

Westside Academy is a small school that currently services students in grades 6-8. Our staff consists of online teachers in the four core academic areas of language arts, math, science and history. Our onsite staff consists of an “in class” principal, instructional aides, and various support staff provided through Joe Walker Middle School. We operate in a self-contained environment with a maximum adult/student ratio of 2 adults per 25 students. All curriculum is delivered virtually in our computer lab. All lessons can be accessed at home or from any location with internet access. Our facilities include an office that also doubles as an additional student area, a computer lab, a lunch room, and an indoor P.E. room. A promotion ceremony is held each year for our outgoing 8th grade students.

The mission of Westside Academy is to provide a small, individualized, and alternative educational setting that promotes academic excellence through virtual learning that fully integrates the Common Core State Standards within a nurturing and safe environment that respects the backgrounds and unique needs of all students. Student success is measured using multiple sources of data to determine student growth and areas of need.

About this School

2022-23 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
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2022-23 Student Enrollment by Student Group

Student Group

Percent of Total Enrollment

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
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 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
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						

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		
Misassignments		
Vacant Positions		
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments		

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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		
Local Assignment Options		
Total Out-of-Field Teachers		

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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)		
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)		

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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

Year and month in which the data were collected		November 2015	
Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption ?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	TK Houghton Mifflin Splash (2012)	Yes	0
	K-5 Houghton Mifflin, Houghton Mifflin Reading (2003)		

	6-8 McDougal Littell, Language of Literatue (2003) 7-8 CA Gateways (2010)		
Mathematics	TK Piloting My Math, McGraw Hill (2015) K-5 My Math, McGraw Hill (2015) 6-8 Go Math, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2015)	Yes	0
Science	K-6 Pearson Scott Foresman, Scott Foresman California Science (2007) 7-8 Glencoe McGraw-Hill, Glencoe Focus On Series (2007) PEAK K12 Aventa by GetFueled (Supplemental Materials)	Yes	0
History-Social Science	K-5 Harcourt School Publishers; Reflections, California Series (2006) 6-8 McDougal Littell California Middle School Social Studies Series (2006) PEAK K12 Aventa by GetFueled (Supplemental Materials)	Yes	0
Foreign Language			N/A
Health			N/A
Visual and Performing Arts			N/A
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Westside Academy is small school comprised of a computer lab, an indoor P.E. room, a lunch room, and an office that doubles as an additional student area. Outdoor P.E. is conducted in an area on the Joe Walker Middle School Campus.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report

11/4/2021

System Inspected	Rate Good	Rate Fair	Rate Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces			X	D-10: 1 damaged tile D-11: missing 1 ceiling tile blinds bad
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains				
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			

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 2021-22	School 2022-23	District 2021-22	District 2022-23	State 2021-22	State 2022-23
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)						
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)						

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
All Students					
Female					
Male					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Black or African American					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
Two or More Races					
White					
English Learners					
Foster Youth					
Homeless					
Military					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged					
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Students with Disabilities					

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.

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All Students					
Female					
Male					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Black or African American					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
Two or More Races					
White					
English Learners					
Foster Youth					
Homeless					
Military					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged					
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Students with Disabilities					

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 (grades 5, 8 and high school)						

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					
Female					
Male					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Black or African American					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
Two or More Races					
White					
English Learners					
Foster Youth					
Homeless					
Military					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged					
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
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: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
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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

Parents can be involved in their child's education by directly working with them at home on their online curriculum. At the beginning of the year, an open house is held in the evening that is open to anyone who would like to attend. Parents can visit the lab and see examples of projects that have been done in the past, and view a PowerPoint presentation that explains how the virtual program works. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents and log into the program to show their parents what they do on a daily basis. Additionally, we allow parent "walk-ins" outside of school hours to further serve the needs of the students. Parents can also become involved in extra-curricular sports at the students' home school as long as the student meets the grade and merit requirements and is legally allowed to be on the campus. Parents have the opportunity to converse with the principal via phone or email as needed if they are physically unable to come to school.

2022-23 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students				
Female				
Male				
Non-Binary				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Black or African American				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
Two or More Races				
White				
English Learners				
Foster Youth				
Homeless				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Students with Disabilities				

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									
Expulsions									

2022-23 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students		
Female		
Male		
Non-Binary		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Filipino		
Hispanic or Latino		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
Two or More Races		
White		
English Learners		
Foster Youth		
Homeless		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged		
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services		
Students with Disabilities		

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. The elements of this plan include disaster preparedness and procedures. The Emergency Preparedness Plan is reviewed with the staff and students yearly. 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.

2020-21 Secondary 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 classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-22 Students	Number of Classes with 23-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
English Language Arts				
Mathematics				
Science				
Social Science				

2021-22 Secondary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

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English Language Arts				
Mathematics				
Science				
Social Science				

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
Pupils to Academic Counselor	

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
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

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
School Site	\$7,088	\$1,789	\$5,299	\$99,149
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,299	
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	0.0	43.2
State	N/A	N/A		
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-4.3	41.3

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Types of Services Funded

School psychologists, nurses, middle school counselors and specialists in Speech/Language/Hearing and adaptive physical education are available to provide a wide variety of support services for students.

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

An extended school year program is available for those students with disabilities who qualify.

Additional support services are available for English Learners. These services are also available for students participate in our Home School program.

190 students received Supplemental Educational Services, additional academic instruction designed to increase the academic achievement of students in schools that have not met State targets for increasing student achievement (adequate yearly progress) for three or more years. SES was provided in the form of after school tutoring.

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
Beginning Teacher Salary		
Mid-Range Teacher Salary		
Highest Teacher Salary		
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)		
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		
Average Principal Salary (High)		
Superintendent Salary		
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries		
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries		

Professional Development

Professional Development

Westside Union School District offers professional development and training opportunities to teachers, administrators, and para-educators.

The goal of professional development is to provide staff members the support that they need to meet the educational needs of the diverse student population in Westside. To that end, we identified four major areas of instructional focus for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years:

- use of instructional strategies that promote active, meaningful student engagement for all learners
- effective first instruction using district-adopted materials
- utilization of learning objectives to promote student achievement
- effective use of data to guide and inform instruction

Our areas of instructional focus for the 2014-2015 school year are:

- critical reading and writing in and across all content areas
- Inquiry grounded in evidence from text and other sources
- Rigor and real-world application in all content areas
- Integration of technology by teachers and students through lesson presentations and student products

Professional learning activities at the site and district levels target these areas of focus.

Teachers participate annually in three districtwide grade level (at the elementary level) or department (at the middle school level) meetings during which they are provided the opportunity to share best practices with colleagues from other school sites.

Over the past three years more than 200 teachers and instructional administrators have attended a three-day AVID Summer Institute. There are AVID-trained teachers at each of the district's twelve sites. AVID's kindergarten through higher education system brings research-based curriculum and strategies to students each day that develop critical thinking, literacy, and math skills across all content areas.

During the spring and fall of 2014 all Kindergarten – 6th grade teachers and their site administrators received Number Talks training from Math Solutions, designed to strengthen students accuracy, efficiency, and flexibility with mental math and computation strategies.

Teachers and administrators at six sites continued their professional learning and coaching around direct explicit instruction

Professional Development

with the TESS Consulting Group.

Instructional administrators meet monthly to share best practices related to areas of instructional focus and leadership for meaningful change in educational systems.

There are two programs offered to assist new and experienced teachers. The Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program (BTSA)/Induction, a state-mandated program, pairs beginning teachers with an experienced teacher while in the process of completing credential requirements. The Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program is designed to improve the education of students by providing opportunities for additional training for all teachers. Westside teachers utilize these programs with the goal of accomplishing the highest level of success for our students.

Professional Qualifications of Teachers

District Board Policy (BP4000) and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended require that teachers in Westside Union School District be highly qualified and dedicated to the education and welfare of students. To be designated highly qualified, a teacher must have the proper credential for the class he/she is teaching and in addition, he/she must meet the subject-matter competency requirements of NCLB as determined by the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing. All Westside teachers meet the ESEA highly qualified teacher requirements. All are authorized to teach English Learners in California.

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

Subject	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement			